

## Minutes of the Strategic Investment Panel

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 3.30-4.30  
No Location (Conference Call)

### SIP Members:

- Alan Denby, Business Lead, LEP Management Team
- Amanda Ratsey, Business Lead, LEP Management Team
- Barbara Shaw, Chair Place Leadership Group, LEP Board Member
- David Bird, Chairman of the SIP
- Keri Denton, People Lead LEP Management Team
- Stephen Criddle, Chair People Leadership Group, LEP Board Member
- Richard Stevens, Business Leadership Group, LEP Board Member

### In attendance:

- Ed Cross, LEP PMO (Minutes)
- Eifion Jones, Head of Strategy & Operations
- Helena Davidson, Communications Manager, HotSW LEP
- Ian Harrison, Independent Transport Assessor
- Rob Hensley, HotSW LEP Place Secretariat/Somerset County Council
- Steve Murphy, SCC Accountable Body representative

<p><b>1. <u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b> Chris Garcia, Mark King, Paul Hickson, Sally Edgington</p> <p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> AD -&gt; Eginswell Station KD -&gt; Marsh Barton Station SC -&gt; South Devon College</p> <p><b>3. <u>Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> July SIP</u></b> Minutes were approved with the following action carried forward: <b>Action:</b> Send SIP comparison of Business and People Group template produced by JE.</p> <p><b>4. <u>Investment Programme Business Cases and Project Changes</u></b> <b>4.1. Growing Places Fund</b> No change</p>	<p><b>MS</b></p>
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<p><b>4.2. Growth Deal</b></p> <p><b>4.2.1. Variation – UGF Yeovil Innovation Centre</b></p> <p>SH outlined reasons for the 20% increase in cost to project, requesting a variation in allocated funding.</p> <p><b><u>Decision: SIP agreed in principle to the variation, but only on the condition that appropriate measures were taken to investigate the justification behind the increase in costs.</u></b></p> <p><b>4.3. Special Projects Fund</b></p> <p>No change</p> <p><b>5. Investment Programme Delivery</b></p> <p><b>5.1. Investment Programme Report</b></p> <p>MS reported that Tiverton Urban Extension and first Growth Deal 3 projects are proceeding as planned. LogasNET entry for the first enterprise zone report has been submitted. Claims for Q1 17/18 have now been paid and the programme summary now reflects this.</p> <p>MS also asked SIP to decide whether DC Homes could give Western Power Distribution (WPD) access to a small patch of land for a required substation, necessary for the operation of the site.</p> <p><b><u>Decision: SIP agreed that the requirement of WPD and DC Homes needed to be reviewed by Ashfords Lawyers before a decision could be taken on the use of the land. The proposal in principle however seemed sound.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Check if WPD will pay for the land, or at a minimum, fund the costs of changes to any paperwork.</p> <p><b>5.2. Amber Project Review</b></p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Take off Tiverton Urban Extension from document</p> <p><b>5.3. 4G Mobile Update</b></p> <p>Noted progress</p> <p><b>5.4. Marsh Barton/Edginswell Update</b></p> <p>IH updated on the status of the new stations fund which Government announced on the 28<sup>th</sup> July had been unsuccessful for both Marsh Barton and Edginswell. Government has however indicated they would be willing to discuss potential options going forward, and both Devon County and Torbay Council are looking to take up this offer, although no timescale has been given as things currently stand.</p> <p>Devon and Torbay Councils are now exploring alternative options to fill the</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
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<p>funding gap.</p> <p><b><u>Decision: SIP agreed to keep both projects as RED and split each project in agenda items going forward, given the different statuses of each scheme. SIP also requested each local body provided their Plan B proposal along with a gantt chart to show the impact on funding timeframes.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Split two projects in future agendas and set up SIP conference call between LTB &amp; LEP Board</p> <p><b>5.5. SCC Update</b></p> <p>No change</p> <p><b>6. <u>Strategic Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p><b>6.1. Productivity Plan White Paper</b></p> <p>EJ reported that the revised plan is set to go to board on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>6.2. ESIF Update</b></p> <p>EJ reported that 5 ERDF calls were now live with 3 rural programme calls ongoing. DEFRA has shown little appetite to flex calls but are set to launch a £30m broadband call which Local Authorities will be able to apply for.</p> <p><b>6.3. ESF Update</b></p> <p>EJ reported that there was no significant update on the £20m coming back. However, a plan is being devised to resolve and unblock the issues being experienced.</p> <p><b>7. <u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>8. <u>Date of next meeting- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017</u></b></p>	<p><b>MS</b></p>
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