

12 November 2018 at Sandy Park Conference Centre, Exeter

Board Attendees:

Chris Evans - Assistant Director of Innovation, Impact & Business, University of Exeter (alternate for Prof. Sir Steve Smith)

David Bird – Regional Director, Santander Corporate & Commercial Banking

Cllr David Hall - Cabinet Member for Resources & Economic Development, Somerset County Council

Cllr David Thomas – Leader, Torbay Council

Dr Fiona McMillan OBE – Non-Exec Director EDF Energy

Helen Lacey - Managing Director, RedBerry Recruitment Ltd

Prof. Judith Petts CBE - Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive, University of Plymouth

Karl Tucker – Managing Director, Yeo Valley Farms Production Ltd

Melanie Squires MBE - SW Regional Director, NFU

Cllr Paul Diviani – Strategic Development, East Devon District Council

Richard Stevens – Managing Director, Plymouth City Bus Ltd

Cllr Rufus Gilbert -Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills, Devon County Council

Steve Hindley CBE DL - Chair HotSW LEP Board, Chair the Midas Group Ltd

Officers in attendance:

David Ralph – HotSW LEP Chief Executive Eifion Jones – HotSW LEP Chief Operating Officer

Others in attendance:

Helena Davison – HotSW LEP Comms Manager Janet Powell – HotSW LEP Executive Assistant (for mins)

Apologies:

Barbara Shaw -Chief Executive, Westward Housing Group (proxy vote to the Chair)

Diane Dimond – Principal, Petroc (proxy vote to the Chair)

Cllr Harvey Siggs – Leader, Mendip District Council (proxy vote to the Chair)

Martha Wilkinson – Chief Executive, Devon Community Foundation (proxy vote to the Chair)

Stuart Brocklehurst – Chief Executive, Applegate (proxy vote to the Chair)

Prof. Sir Steve Smith – Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive, University of Exeter

Tudor Evans – Leader, Plymouth City Council (proxy vote to the Chair)



| Agenda | Action |
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| 1. Welcome & Apologies | |
| Apologies as above. | |
| 2. Minutes of the last AGM 10 November 2017 | |
| No comment. | |
| 3. Chair's Report | |
| The Chair stated that great progress had been made this year and the LEP is reaching | |
| forward with plans for a Local Industrial Strategy to deliver the productivity boost that | |
| the HotSW LEP area needs. This will build upon the robust evidence base and the | |
| Productivity Strategy created with the LEP's partners in the Joint Committee. | |
| Following a nationwide LEP review, the role of LEPs in general have been | |
| strengthened by Government this year. | |
| Much of what has been achieved has resulted from the strong partnerships the LEP | |
| has created through the public and private sectors working together which has clearly | |
| impressed decision makers in Westminster and Whitehall and why the LEP has been | |
| awarded many new "designations" this year, based on past performance and potential. | |
| A key coup was being named as one of the six areas in the second wave of | |
| the Local Industrial Strategies, which will help the LEP get the investment and | |
| strategic support needed to generate transformational high value growth. | |
| The LEP's achievements are set out in the Annual Report which is on the LEP's | |
| website, published together with the progress report. | |
| 4. Adoption of Accounts | |
| These were ratified by the Board. NB: All monies flow via Devon/Somerset County Councils. | |
| 5. AOB | |
| None | |
| 6. Thanks, closed at 4.50pm | |