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MINUTES OF BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BOARD MEETING -

The minutes of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board (EPB) meeting held on Wednesday 2 May 2018 at the Committee Room 2, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

EPB members present:

Councillors Simon Blackburn, Leader Blackpool Council, David Henderson, Leader Wyre Council, Susan Fazackerley MBE, Leader Fylde Council

Chief Executive Officers: Neil Jack, Blackpool Council, Garry Payne, Wyre Council

Co-opted private sector representatives: Neil Farley (Fylde), Martin Long (Blackpool), Peter Worthington (Wyre)

Paul Walker, Director Development Services Fylde Council (substitute for Allan Oldfield)

Other councillors present:

None.

Others present:

Marianne Hesketh, Services Director Performance and Innovation, Wyre Council

Nick Gerrard, Growth and Prosperity Programme Director, Blackpool Council

Rob Green, Head of Enterprise Zones, Blackpool Council

Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services and Councillor Development Officer, Wyre Council

Katharine McDonnell, Senior Democratic Services, Fylde Council – observer

Steve Smith, Blackpool Enterprise Zone Delivery Manager, Blackpool Council - observer

No members of the public or press attending the meeting.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Simon Blackburn was elected Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES

Allan Oldfield, CEO Fylde Council.

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor David Henderson was elected vice chairman and then chaired the meeting as Councillor Blackburn had been delayed and did not join the meeting until agenda item 7.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5 ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BOARD (EPB) ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Service Director Performance and Innovation for Wyre Council submitted a reporting asking the EPB to:

1. Note the principle member from each constituent authority and the named substitute from each authority in accordance with procedure rules 4.1 and 4.2 at appendix 1 of the report.
2. Agree the three co-opted members, on the basis of one from each constituent authority in accordance with procedure rule 4.5, and their term of office.
3. Agree the host authority for servicing the Board in accordance with procedure rule 8.1.
4. Agree the lead authority for undertaking economic functions on behalf of the Board in accordance with procedure rule 8.2.
5. Agree dates and venues for future EPB meetings in 2018/ 2019 and the rota for servicing the Board in accordance with procedure rule 8.1.

Decisions Taken

1. The Leaders of each council were confirmed as the principal members and the substitute members to represent each authority in the absence of the principal members were named as:

Blackpool – Councillor Mark Smith

Fylde – Councillor Roger Small

Wyre – Councillor Alan Vincent

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2. The three co-opted members, one from each constituent authority, were confirmed in accordance with procedure rule 4.5 as:

Blackpool – Martin Long
Fylde – Neil Farley
Wyre – Peter Worthington

and their term of office was agreed as three years.

3. It was agreed that Wyre Council be the host authority servicing the EPB in accordance with procedure rule 8.1.

4. It was agreed that Blackpool Council be the lead authority for undertaking economic functions on behalf of the Board in accordance with procedure rule 8.2.

5. The dates and times of future meetings in 2018/ 2019 were agreed as:

17 July 2018 at 2.00pm
13 November 2018 at 2.00pm
5 February 2019 at 2.00pm

Alternative venues at the Enterprise Zones were suggested to host future meetings and it was agreed that relevant contact details would be shared with Wyre Council's Democratic Services to allow other arrangements to be made where possible.

The future EPB hosting and rota for servicing the Board was agreed as follows:

2018/ 2019 – Wyre Council
2019/ 2020 – Fylde Council
2020/ 2021 – Blackpool Council

6 ENTERPRISE ZONE GOVERNANCE

Blackpool Council's Growth and Prosperity Programme Direction submitted a report proposing amendments to the governance arrangements for Blackpool Airport and Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zones (EZ) originally agreed in the Memoranda of

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Understanding signed on 9 November 2016 by each Local Authority, the LEP and then the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Decisions Taken

The EPB noted that the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board replaced the now dissolved Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Development Company as the Enterprise Zone Programme Board.

The EPB approved the dissolution of the Blackpool Airport and Hillhouse Enterprise Zone Project Board and agreed that its functions and representation be distributed between the Enterprise Zone Programme Board and the individual Blackpool Airport and Hillhouse EZ Project Teams subject to agreement with the LEP EZ Governance Committee.

7 DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE INVESTMENT MARKETING SERVICES

As agreed the Joint EZ Project Board, Ian Whittaker, Head of Partnerships (North), Investment Services Team gave a presentation to the Board.

The EPB discussed the information presented and agreed that the marketing of the two EZ's and promotion of tourism and leisure were key elements that could benefit greatly from the support of the Department for International Trade. The region's proximity to Manchester, one of the most successful areas in terms of inward investment was also flagged as a potential marketing asset.

8 TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND

The EPB discussed the submission of a bid for funding under the Transforming Cities Fund for potential extensions of the light rail/ tram system and agreed that the Growth and Prosperity Programme Director, Blackpool Council take the lead in consulting with Lancashire County Council (LCC) on a Fylde Coast funding bid linked, if possible with LCC.

9 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The EPB agreed that, if discussions of the reports submitted under items 10 and 11 of the agenda were to involve the disclosure of "exempt information", as defined in Schedule 12A

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of the Local Government Act 1972 the following resolution would be applied:

“That the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst the remaining agenda item(s) is/ are considered, on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of information as defined in category 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12(a) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 and, that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information”.

10 BLACKPOOL AIRPORT EZ PROGRESS REPORT

Blackpool Council’s Head of Enterprise Zones submitted a progress report to update the EPB on Blackpool Airport EZ.

Decision Taken

The Board considered and noted the progress report and noted that the report would be used to update the LEP EZ Governance Committee on 16 May.

11 HILLHOUSE TECHNOLOGY EZ PROGRESS REPORT

Blackpool Council’s Head of Enterprise Zones submitted a progress report to update the EPB on Hillhouse Technology EZ.

Decision Taken

The Board considered and noted the progress report and noted that the report would be used to update the LEP EZ Governance Committee on 16 May.

The meeting started at 10.12am and finished at 11.44am

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