



Executive Board – 22 November 2018

DRAFT Minutes for the Midlands Engine Executive Board

Attendees:

Name	Position
Sir John Peace (SJP)	Chairman of the Board.
Anthony May (AM)	Chair Midland Engine Operating Board. Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council.
Fiona Piercy (FP)	Midlands Engine Programme Director.
Professor Edward Peck (EP)	Midlands Enterprise Universities. Vice Chancellor, Nottingham Trent University.
Professor Paul Boyle (PB)	Midlands Innovation Universities. Vice Chancellor, University of Leicester.
Cllr Barry Lewis (BL)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Derbyshire County Council.
Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Lincolnshire County Council.
Cllr Nicholas Rushton (NR)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Leicestershire County Council.
Cllr Philip Atkins (PA)	West Midlands Councils. Leader, Staffordshire County Council.
Cllr Simon Geraghty (SG)	West Midlands Councils. Leader, Worcestershire County Council.
Mark Stansfeld (MS)	West Midlands LEPS. Chair, Worcestershire LEP.
Kevin Harris (KH)	East Midlands LEPS. Chair, Leicester and Leicestershire LEP.
Chris Henning (CH)	Corporate Director Nottingham City Council (For Ian Curryer, Chief Executive Nottingham City Council and Midlands Engine SRO).
Tony Bray (TB)	Assistant Director, HMG Cities and Local Growth (For Rowena Limb. Regional Director, HMG Cities and Local Growth Unit).
Maria Machancoses (MM)	Midlands Connect Programme Director.
Minutes:	Gayle Aughton, Midlands Engine, Senior Executive Officer. Aileen Guyatt, Midlands Engine, Executive Assistant.

Observers:

Natalie Gasson (NG)	Midlands Engine Strategic Lead, Cities and Local Growth
Simon Hall (SH)	HMG Regional Director, Department for International Trade.

Guests:

Name	Position
Ben Lucas (BL)	Metro Dynamics

Apologies:

Ian Curryer (IC)	Midlands Engine SRO and Chief Executive. Nottingham City Council.
Cllr Ian Ward (IW)	West Midland Councils. Leader, Birmingham City Council.
Rowena Limb (RL)	HMG Regional Director, Cities and Local Growth.
Cllr Jon Collins (JC)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Nottingham City Council.
Andy Street (AS)	West Midlands Councils. Mayor, WMCA.

Item	Narrative	Deadline
1	Introduction & apologies	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed members to the Midlands Engine Executive Board.</p> <p>1.1 Declarations of interest – none received.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies noted above.</p>	
2	Approval of minutes	
	<p>2.1 Approval of the Minutes</p> <p>The Board approved the Minutes from the meeting held 23 April 2018 without amendment.</p> <p>2.2 Matter arising</p> <p>None recorded.</p> <p>The Chair passed on the apologies from James Brokenshire MP, the Secretary of State and confirmed he will be invited to join the next meeting of this Board.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Kevin Harris to the Board who is nominated to replace Nick Pulley as representative to this Board from the East Midlands LEPs.</p> <p>The Chair reported a successful Party conference season with well attended Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect fringe events with numerous senior politicians visiting jointly branded Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect stand.</p> <p>Other updates included the recent budget announcements and the show of support for the partnership including funding for Toton (£2m) and DNRC (£70m).</p> <p>The Chair provided an update relating to Internationalisation activities including a recent successful mission to India and planned China mission to Zhejiang and Guizhou provinces with the aim of building on the MOU signed with Guizhou earlier this year.</p> <p>Members of the Board were reminded of some important opportunities coming up in the next year including the Midland Engine Strategy refresh and were thanked for their continued support and commitment to the shared ambition for economic growth and prosperity for all in the Midlands.</p>	
3	Accountable Body Report (EB 11.3)	
	<p>The Chair invited CH to provide members with an update on the current financial position.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the ongoing action to pursue outstanding contributions for local partner match funding and agreed that a letter</p>	

	<p>from the SRO and Chair of the Ops Board should be sent out to outstanding contributors.</p> <p>3.1 Action CH to draught a letter.</p>	November 2018
4	Midlands Engine Forward Plan (Presentation, slides attached)	
	<p>The Chairman invited FP to present an overview on the Midlands Engine Forward Plan.</p> <p>The Board provided the following comments:</p> <p>It was confirmed by March 2020 all Local Industrial Strategies will be written and no confirmation on Spending Review timelines have been released.</p> <p>The Chair re-iterated the need for the Midlands Engine strategy refresh to be developed in parallel with the Departmental Spending Review.</p> <p>LEPS representative agreed to share their progress on Local Industrial Strategies to help inform planning and suggested a joint East / West meeting to take forward and to feedback to this Board in June 2019.</p> <p>4.1 Action: Meeting of East and West LEPs Chair to meet and share Local Industrial Strategies</p>	By early Spring 2019
5	Proposal for a Midlands Engine Summit (Presentation, slides attached)	
	<p>The Chair invited BL to present the proposal for the Midlands Engine Summit.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the proposal and commented that this would be a good opportunity for us to reflect on our approach thus far and for senior leaders and politicians to input into the Midlands Engine strategy refresh.</p> <p>Action 5.1: FP to take forward the planning of a Midlands Engine Summit.</p>	
6	Midlands Engine Government KPI's (Presentation, slide attached)	
	<p>The Chair invited FP to present an update on the KPIs to the Board.</p> <p>Summary headlines to the Board show strong progress on the majority of the KPIs and that the organisation is on target to complete all commissioned contracts including:</p> <p>Mental Health Funding: procurement to commence January 2019.</p> <p>ESOL Funding: following successful procurement exercise contracts have been awarded and projects are now in delivery.</p>	

	<p>Midlands Engine Communications Campaign: following successful procurement exercise, contract awarded. Delivery early 2019.</p> <p>Midland Engine Economic Observatory: Following successful procurement exercised, contract awarded and scoping underway for Economic Review.</p> <p>Internationalisation strategy is in final draft and in the process of refinement for delivery.</p> <p>FP relayed that the economic target for the Midlands Engine remains ambitious and the need for focus to be those projects that will have most impact on helping the Midlands grow its GVA.</p> <p>The Board thanked FP for the presentation and was supportive of the approach to delivering the KPIs for the programme.</p>	
7	Any Other Business	
	No items of other business received.	
	Dates of next meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Board The Courtroom, Nottingham Trent University 18 February 2019 10:00 -12:30. Followed by lunch for 12:30 – 13:30.	

Action Log

Ref	Action	Owner	Progress
3.1	CH to draft a letter and AM to co-sign.	CH	
4.1	Meeting of East and West LEPs Chair to meet and share Local Industrial Strategies	Secretariat	
5.1	FP to take forward the planning of a Midlands Engine Summit.	FP	