



Executive Board – February 26, 2020

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
Rachael Greenwood (RG)	Midlands Engine, Director
Bob Sleigh (BS)	West Midlands Councils, Deputy Mayor WMCA
Cllr Philip Atkins (PA)	West Midlands Councils. Leader, Staffordshire County Council
Prof Alec Cameron (AC)	Midlands Innovation Universities, Chair
Maria Machancoses (MM)	Midlands Connect Programme Director
Cllr Barry Lewis (BL)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Chris Poulter (CP)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Derby City Council
Cllr David Mellen (DM)	East Midlands Councils. Leader Nottingham City Council
Kevin Harris (KH)	East Midlands LEPS. Chair, Leicester and Leicestershire LEP
Prof Edward Peck (EP)	Midlands Enterprise Universities. Vice Chancellor, Nottingham Trent University
Nicki Jenkins (NJ)	Midlands Engine AB and Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council

Observers:

Anthony Everitt (AE)	Midlands Engine Interim Programme Manager
Simon Hall (SH)	Department for International Trade, HMG Regional Director
Nick King (NK)	ME Consultant
Rowena Limb (RL)	Cities and Local Growth Unit, HMG Regional Director
John Henderson (JH)	Chief Executive, Staffordshire County Council
Marian Sudbury (MS)	DIT Director for UK Regions

Apologies:

Cllr Ian Ward (IW)	West Midland Councils. Leader, Birmingham City Council
Mark Stansfield (MS)	West Midlands LEPS. Chair Worcestershire LEP
Ian Curryer (IC)	Midlands Engine AB and Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council
Andy Street (AS)	West Midlands Councils. Mayor, WMCA
Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Simon Geraghty (SG)	West Midlands Councils. Leader, Worcestershire County Council

Item	Narrative
1	Introduction & apologies
	<p>The Chairman welcomed members to the Midlands Engine Executive Board, and thanked General Sir Tim Timothy Granville-Chapman GBE, KCB for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>1.1 There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies noted above.</p>
2	Approval of minutes EB20.2.1
	<p>2.1 Approval of the Minutes.</p> <p>The Board approved the minutes from the meeting held 11 September without amendment.</p> <p>2.1 Matter arising.</p> <p>None recorded.</p>
3.	Chairs Opening Remarks
	<p>The Chairman welcomed John Henderson and Marian Sudbury to the meeting and provided members with an update on recent meetings and notes of support for the Regional Leaders Summit.</p>
4.	Finance Update EB2.20.2
	<p>The Chairman welcomed NJ to provide an update on the current financial position for the Midlands Engine.</p> <p>The Chairman alongside the members of the Board thanked Nottingham City Council for the Accountable Body support to the Midlands Engine Partnership to date.</p>
5.	Midlands Engine Communications and emerging new narrative EB2.20.3
	<p>RG was invited by the Chairman to present a paper to update members on Midlands Engine communications and the emerging new narrative for the Partnership.</p> <p>Active progress toward the development of a new narrative was discussed and members agreed to this was the right course of action and welcomed the opportunity to feed and provide comments.</p>
6.	Midlands Engine Economic Observatory update and IER EB20.4.4
	<p>Members noted the latest economic performance within the QEC and final draft of the IER and welcomed the opportunity to hold sub regional launch events for the IER.</p>
7.	AOB
	N/a
8.	Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Board scheduled for the 22 April 2020 is cancelled due to the business demands of partner organisations due to Covid-19. The next scheduled meeting 22 July, 2020 will be conducted virtually, as business need arises.