



Executive Board – 11 September 2019

## Minutes for the Midlands Engine Extraordinary 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, Programme Director
Cllr Philip Atkins (PA)	West Midlands Councils. Leader, Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Simon Geraghty (SG)	West Midlands Councils. Leader, Worcestershire County Council
Andy Street (AS)	West Midlands Councils. Mayor, WMCA
Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	East Midlands Councils. Leader, Lincolnshire County Council
Prof Alec Cameron (AC)	Midlands Innovation Universities, Chair
Maria Machancoses (MM)	Midlands Connect Programme Director
Rowena Limb (RL)	Cities and Local Growth Unit, HMG Regional Director
Simon Hall (SH)	Department for International Trade, HMG Regional Director
Richard Blackmore (RB)	CBI, East Midlands Regional Director
Helen Turner (HT)	Midlands Innovation Universities, Director
Gary Woodman (GW)	West Midlands LEPs. Chief Executive, Worcestershire LEP
Neil Rami (NR)	West Midlands Growth Company, Chief Executive
Iain Gillespie (IG)	Midlands Innovation Universities. Pro-Vice Chancellor Research and Enterprise, University of Leicester
Jo Dilly (JD)	Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire, Managing Director.
John Sinnott (JS)	Leicestershire County Council, Chief Executive
Jenny Kenning (JK)	Midlands Enterprise Universities, Director

### Observers:

Anthony Everitt (AE)	Midlands Engine Interim Programme Manager
Nick King (NK)	ME Consultant
Dominic Murphey (DM)	Hanover PR
Dan Gilbert (DG)	Hanover PR

### Guests:

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Alex Gardiner (AG)	Metro Dynamics, Associate Director

### Apologies:

Cllr Ian Ward (IW)	West Midland Councils. Leader, Birmingham City Council
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
Mark Stansfield (MS)	West Midlands LEPs. Chair Worcestershire LEP
Prof Edward Peck (EP)	Midlands Enterprise Universities. Vice Chancellor, Nottingham Trent University
Deborah Cadman (DC)	West Midlands Councils - Combined Authority, Chief Executive
Professor Iain Gillespie (IG)	Chair Midlands Engine Innovation and Enterprise Group
Angela Joyce (AJ)	Chair Midlands Engine Skills Group
Ruth Carver (RC)	East Midlands LEPs. Chief Executive, Greater Lincolnshire LEP
Ian Curryer (IC)	Midlands Engine AB and Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council

<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction &amp; apologies</b>
	<p>The Chairman welcomed members to the Midlands Engine Executive Board, with particular welcome to members of the Operating Board.</p> <p>1.1 There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies noted above.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of minutes</b>
	<p>2.1 Approval of the Minutes</p> <p>The Board approved the minutes from the meeting held 17 June 2019 without amendment.</p> <p>2.1 Matters arising</p> <p>None recorded.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Chairs Opening Remarks</b>
	<p>The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and welcomed Operating Board Members who had been invited to join this Executive Board meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed since the last meeting of this Board that James Brokenshire MP has since stepped down in his role as Midlands Engine Champion and he noted he had extended thanks on behalf of the Board and Midlands Engine Partnership, referencing the significant support provided by James Brokenshire in this important role. The Chairman confirmed to the Board that the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick (Secretary of State for Housing, Local Government and Communities) had been confirmed as the Midlands Engine Champion and commented on looking forward to working closely with Robert as the partnership moves forward.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Strategy Refresh</b>
	<p>The Chairman invited RG to present an update on the Midlands Engine Strategy Refresh and to provide an overview of progress over the summer in gathering input from across the partnership to shape the forthcoming strategy refresh. RG presented a summary of the emerging priorities for the partnership including four key areas of focus on which partners were generally agreed it made sense to act together regionally to address. RG responded to questions and points of clarity raised by the Board and gave an overview of next steps. It was agreed that the next iteration of the document would be shared with the Board for their feedback, prior to lodging an updated document, incorporating Board feedback, with the government.</p>

	<p>Members of the Board provided feedback and commented on the importance of presenting government with both a strong evidence base and compelling narrative around additionality brought by the partnership, opportunities for tackling productivity and the unique offer of the Midlands Engine partnership.</p> <p>Members noted the progress since the last meeting of this Board and acknowledged the significant work undertaken by partners in helping to shape the emerging strategy planning.</p>
5.	<p><b>U.K.- China Regional Leaders Summit</b></p>
	<p>The Chair invited AM to provide an update on plans for the China Regional Leaders Summit, currently scheduled to take place in the week commencing Monday 17 February.</p> <p>Members commented on the significance of this as an opportunity for building even stronger links with China, culturally, economically and socially.</p> <p>Members noted the initial progress, agreed the proposed governance arrangements which AM put forward including Steering Group ToR and requested that an update report be brought back to this Board following the event in February.</p>
6.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>
	<p>The Chair requested that NR provide a brief update on the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>NR reported that a global viewing audience of 3-4 billion is expected. The focus of this opportunity will be on maximising the legacy of the games in terms of trade, tourism and investment.</p>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p>
	<p>The next meeting of the Executive Board scheduled for 26 February 2020.</p>