

West London Economic Prosperity Board
Held in the Board Room, London First, Middlesex House, 34-42 Cleveland Street,
London, W1 4JE.

Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 10am _

Minutes

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bell (Chair, London Borough of Ealing), Thomas (London Borough of Barnet), Tatler (London Borough of Brent) and Fennimore (London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham)

ALSO PRESENT: Amar Dave (Brent), Karen Galey (Hammersmith and Fulham), Paul Najsarek (Ealing), Cath Shaw (Barnet), David Francis, Fin Kelly and Luke Ward (West London Alliance), Linda Zimmerman (Democratic Services – Ealing)

John Cox, (member of the public), addressed the board on item 11 West London Orbital Progress

1. Apologies for Absence and Welcome

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cowan (Hammersmith and Fulham), Henson (Harrow), Curran (Hounslow) and Councillor Rajawat (Hounslow)

2. Urgent Matters

There were none.

3. Matters to be considered in private

There were none.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the West London Economic Prosperity Board held on 18 September 2019 be agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

6. Winning in the New Economy

Resolved:

That the Board:

- i) noted the New Vision for Growth White Paper contained within Appendix One of this report and suggested the following be explored further:
 - maximising genuinely affordable homes, ensuring a tenure mix along with housing size.

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- Transport –step free access, walking and cycling matters, infrastructure that supported the Green agenda
 - Barriers to growth
- ii) noted the timeline for development set out in section three of this report.
 - iii) Recommended using available borough channels to engage with residents and business on the new strategy.
 - iv) thanked officers for their work so far in drafting the whitepaper and for the success of the consultation event in Hammersmith.
 - v) noted that the final iteration of the White Paper would be considered at the WLEPB meeting in February 2020.

7. Strategic Investment Pool Update

Resolved:

That the Board:

- i) noted that the City of London Corporation (CoLC), in coordination with London Councils published their package of recommended projects for SIP funding on 9 October 2019.
- ii) noted that bids covering Digital investment in 5G and West London Orbital were submitted by WLA boroughs have been recommended for either full or partial funding by the CoLC.
- iii) noted that recommended bids for funding are expected to be discussed by the City of London Corporation on 21 November 2019.
- iv) noted that a report providing a progress update on the first year's SIP projects (value £11.13m) is contained within the body of this report.
- v) requested to receive further information detailing how the digital information related to its boroughs.

8. Annual Report of the West London Skills and Employment Board

Resolved

That the Board:

- i) noted the review of the work of the West London Skills and Employment Board for 2019, set out in Appendix One of the report, setting out the main areas of practical delivery since activity was last reported as part of the broader West London Economic Prosperity Board annual review.
- ii) requested that the following be considered in the final skills report:
 - Badges for generic employability skills
 - Empowering people, who were receiving training, to sell their skills as transferable.
- iii) supported cross boundary working over S106 projects

9. Towards a West London Digital Strategy

Resolved:

That the Board:

- i) noted WLA is progressing towards a West London Digital Strategy.

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- ii) noted the following comments on emerging suggested high-level goals and priorities set out from section six of the report:
- Scope – clarity on what digital was focussing on; to consider including broader technology and science.
 - Consideration of how to address matters not within scope.
 - Within themes and priorities - to map what residents already had access to.
 - Looking at data in terms of data analytics and mining data.
 - Cashless – avoiding digital exclusion for those without bank accounts.

10. Industrial Strategy and Shared Prosperity Fund Update

Resolved

That the Board:

- i) noted the report, in Appendix one of the report, to London Councils Executive on 18 June 2019 providing an update on the development of the LIS and its links to wider devolution activity.

11. West London Orbital (WLO) Progress and Next Steps

That the Board:

- (i) noted progress in development of the business case for the WLO; and
- ii) requested that Leaders of the WLEPB Councils receive a short report detailing answers to questions raised including:
- Indicative scenarios of who would be using the WLO and the projected impact on surrounding roads
 - Timetabling
 - Signalling
 - Funding and construction of the line
- iii) noted the informative contribution of John Cox, member of the public (on the progress of West London Orbital)

12. WLEPB Work Programme

Resolved:

That the Board:

- i) agreed the work programme as attached to the agenda.
- ii) agreed to include 'Working Health Programme' to the Work Programme

13. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved:

The Board noted the date of WLEPB meeting for the remainder of this municipal year:

- 26 February 2020 at 10am

Councillor Julian Bell, Chair (London Borough of Ealing)

The meeting concluded at 11:55am.

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