

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

Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 10am

Minutes

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bell (Chair, London Borough of Ealing), Tatler (London Borough of Brent) and Henson (London Borough of Harrow).

ALSO PRESENT: Niall Bolger (Chief Executive, London Borough of Hounslow), Richard Brown (Centre for London), John Cox, (member of the public) Andrew Dakers (CEO West London Business), Amar Dave (Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment – Brent), Paul Najsarek (Chief Executive – Ealing), Linda Zimmerman (Democratic Services – Ealing), John Hooton (Chief Executive - London Borough of Barnet), Andrew Barry-Pursell, David Frances, Luke Ward (West London Alliance), Paul Walker (Corporate Director- Harrow).

Presentations by: Ben Rogers and Richard Brown from the Centre for London.

1. Apologies for Absence and Welcome

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cornelius (Barnet), Councillor Thomas (Barnet), Councillor Cowan (Hammersmith and Fulham), Councillor Fennimore (Hammersmith and Fulham), Councillor Curran (Hounslow) and Councillor Rajawat (London Borough of Hounslow)

John Dickie, Director of Strategy and Policy – London First welcomed WLEPB members to their offices.

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 27 February 2019 be agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of this Committee.

6. External Speaker- Centre for London

Resolved:

That the Board:

- i. notes the interesting and informative presentation from Ben Rogers and Richard Brown from the Centre for London.
- ii. Identifies the following themes:
 - Long term thoughts for London and new model of growth
 - Technology and climate emergency sub groups
 - Inclusivity as new models emerge
 - Skills
 - In work progression – individual learning accounts
 - Mismatch on skills agenda
 - Forensic analysis and;
- iii. requests that the West London Growth Directors Board consider how to deliver the themes identified in this discussion, reporting back to the WLEPB in due course and consulting the centre for London as appropriate.
- iv. requests that the slides from the presentation be circulated to members.

7. West London Vision For Growth

Resolved:

That the Board:

- I. notes the approach to building on the Vision for Growth, including potential for alignment with the Local Industrial Strategy (para 2.6 of the report) that is being developed by the GLA; list of stakeholders being consulted (section 4 of the report); and emerging themes (section 5 of the report).
- II. notes the timeline for development set out in section six of the report; the draft vision document to be considered by the WLEPB in September and the publication of the final strategy in early 2020.

8. Strategic Investment Pool 2019/20

Resolved

That the Board:

- i. notes that the City of London Corporation (CoLC), in coordination with London Councils, has announced the launch of a second year's round of Strategic Infrastructure Pool (SIP) funding for 2019/20, worth c.£40m across London.
- ii. notes that the final deadline for bids is 4 September 2019 following a period of bid development throughout June and July 2019.
- iii. identifies the following themes of particular interest to be developed in further detail by officers:
 - Skills
 - Digital
 - WLO

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- Town centres and inform bids submitted as part of the current round of SIP funding.
- iv. agrees to delegate to West London Growth Directors Board, following email confirmation from the members of the WLEPB, the further development of SIP bids over Summer 2019, and for the final bids to be submitted by the WLA Director following approval by West London Chief Executives Board.

9. West London Orbital Progress and Next Steps

Resolved:

That the Board:

- i. notes progress in development of the strategic outline business case for the WLO.
- ii. notes that the final decision on starting the next phase of work on the project business case, focussing on detailed feasibility, would be published soon.
- iii. notes the informative contribution of John Cox, member of the public.

10. Inward Investment Update

Resolved

That the Board:

- i. notes the main body of the report setting out progress delivering the scheme over the last six months, and appendix one of the report, which sets out the key outputs of the Growth Summit that took place in October 2018.
- ii. requests a review of KPIs and governance arrangements for Capital West London to achieve an understanding of the added value gained by Capital West London.

11. WLEPB Work Programme, June 2019

Resolved:

That the Board:

- i. agrees the work programme as attached to the agenda.
- ii. notes that the date for the meeting in September 2019 would be confirmed with members to accommodate Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor of London for Transport and Deputy Chair of Transport for London who has been invited to speak at the September WLEPB meeting.
- iii. agrees that Nick Hurd, Minister for London, be invited to the November WLEPB meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved:

- i. That the next meeting of the West London Economic Prosperity Board will be held in September 2019 – date to be confirmed – venue – Board Room, London First, Middlesex House, 34-42 Cleveland Street, London, W1 4JE.
- ii. Dates of WLEPB meetings for the remainder of this municipal year:
 - September 2019– date/ time to be confirmed
 - 20 November 2019 at 10am
 - 26 February 2020 at 10am

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Councillor Julian Bell, Chair (London Borough of Ealing)

The meeting concluded at 12noon.

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