

**GREATER BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

PUBLIC MINUTES

16 SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Councillor S McKiernan (Chairman): East Staffordshire Borough Council

Councillor M Hart (Vice Chairman): Wyre Forest District Council

Councillor M Wilcox: Lichfield District Council

Councillor S Sheshabhatte: Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner: Birmingham City Council

Guests: Henriette Breukelaar, Chief Executive - Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

David Furnage, Senior Policy Manager- Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

Satnam Rana-Grindley, Director of Marketing, Communications and External Affairs - Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

Officers: Jane Game, Democratic Services - Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Joseph Bright, Democratic Services - Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

The Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE GBSLEP JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee:

RESOLVED:

To unanimously appoint Councillor S McKiernan as Chairman and Councillor M Hart as Vice Chairman to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Thomas (Bromsgrove Borough Council) and Councillor Daniel Maycock (Tamworth Borough Council).

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary or conflicts of interest were received.

4. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

No questions or deputations were received.

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The Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee:

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes arising from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 17th December 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

6. GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LEP COMPANY INDUCTION

The Chief Executive (GBSLEP) presented a PowerPoint induction to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP, which briefed Members on the following areas:

- Introduction to LEP's
- LEP Structure
- Introduction to GBSLEP
- Mission and Vision
- GBSLEP's Role
- Strategic Economic Plan
- Delivery Plan 2022/23
- Funding Sources
- Achievements – Covid Responsiveness
- Achievements – Enterprise Zone
- Skills and Apprenticeships Hub
- Pillar / Sub Boards / Committees
- GBSLEP Integration

Having received Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Company Induction, the Joint Scrutiny Committee:

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RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Company Induction PowerPoint presentation as presented by the Chief Executive, GBSLEP.

7. Q3 DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING (FROM THE INQUORATE MEETING OF 25 MARCH 2022)

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee:

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the Q3 Delivery Plan Monitoring report for 2021/22.

8. SECTION 151 OFFICER OF THE ACCOUNTABLE BODY ADDRESSING LEP ASSURANCE SIGN OFF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR (FROM THE INQUORATE MEETING OF 25 MARCH 2022)

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee:

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the report of the Section 151 Officer of the accountable body addressing Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP assurance sign off arrangements for the 2020/21 financial year.

9. GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LEP DELIVERY PLAN 2022/23 UPDATE QUARTER 1 REPORT

The Senior Policy Manager (GBSLEP) presented a PowerPoint presentation and report to the Joint Scrutiny Committee. The areas addressed included:

- Skills Service
- Modern Services
- Life Sciences
- Creative Sector
- Food and Drink
- Placemaking
- Culture

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- Capital
- Enterprise Zone
- Conclusions

Members thanked the Senior Policy Manager for the detail and depth of information provided through the presentation. To capture further information relating to the above detailed GBSLEP activities, the Chief Executive (GBSLEP) invited the Joint Scrutiny Committee Members to attend the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Annual General Meeting scheduled for 17th November 2022.

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee:

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the performance against the 2022/23 Delivery Plan for the Quarter one delivery period up to end of June 2022, including the broader achievements attained.

**10. GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

The report before Members provided a draft Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2022/23 for Member's consideration. Members were invited to identify further matters for scrutiny through the course of the 2022/23 municipal year.

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee:

RESOLVED:

- (i) To schedule a further Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting for Friday, 3rd February 2023; and,
- (ii) To invite the Chief Executive (GBSLEP) to bring forward a detailed GBSLEP live programme update report for Member's attention to a future meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The meeting was not open to the public during discussion of the following item because the report contained exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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**12. GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LEP TRANSITION AND
INTEGRATION**