

## **Enterprise M3 Joint Leaders Board**

Notes of a meeting of the Joint Leaders Board held on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at  
Runnymede Borough Council

### **Present:**

Councillor Clive Sanders	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (Chair)
Colin Rowland	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Andrea Rich	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (Minutes)
Cllr Richard Millard	East Hants District Council
Sandy Hopkins	East Hants and Havant Borough Council
Kathy Slack	Enterprise M3
Dave Axam	Enterprise M3 Board Chair
Sally Agass	Enterprise M3
Gary Thompson	Enterprise M3
Cllr Paul Spooner	Guildford Borough Council
Cllr Matt Furniss	Guildford Borough Council
James Whiteman	Guildford Borough Council
Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Graham Peachy	Hampshire County Council
Daryl Phillips	Hart District Council
Paul Turrell	Runnymede Borough Council
Cllr Nick Prescott	Runnymede Borough Council
Rachel Raynaud	Runnymede Borough Council
John Rice	Runnymede Borough Council
Marcel Stuart	Runnymede Borough Council
Cllr Ken Muschamp	Rushmoor Borough Council
Karen Edwards	Rushmoor Borough Council
Cllr Tony Harman	Spelthorne Borough Council
Daniel Mouawad	Spelthorne Borough Council
Terry Collier	Spelthorne Borough Council
Cllr David Hodge	Surrey County Council
Cllr John Fury	Surrey County Council
John Tyley	Surrey County Council
Graham Cook	Surrey County Council
Graham Smith	Test Valley Borough Council
Cllr Julia Potts	Waverley Borough Council
Annie Righton	Waverley Borough Council
Cllr Caroline Horrill	Winchester City Council
Chas Bradfield	Winchester City Council
Cllr David Bittleston	Woking Borough Council
Ray Morgan	Woking Borough Council

### **Apologies were submitted from:**

Stuart Jarvis	Hampshire County Council
Cllr David Neighbour	Hart District Council
Katie Bailey	Hart District Council
Cllr David Clifford	Rushmoor Borough Council
Paul Shackley	Rushmoor Borough Council
Karen Wheelan	Surrey Heath Borough Council
Councillor Phil North	Test Valley Borough Council
Cllr Rob Humby	Winchester City Council

## **1 Introductions and apologies for Absence**

- 1.1 Cllr Clive Sanders welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

## **2 Welcome from Paul Turrell, Chief Executive – Runnymede Borough Council**

- 2.1 Paul Turrell welcomed the JLB to Runnymede Borough Council and gave an overview of the borough. He explained that Runnymede Council was a debt free authority which wished to grow and expand its services and therefore in due course embarked on an Investment Strategy with place shaping at its core. Key facts about Runnymede: the home of many international companies; 8 miles from Heathrow; and low unemployment. Key issues going forward are the congestion/expansion of Heathrow. John Rice provided the JLB with an explanation of its Investment Strategy and a video providing an illustration of the three phases of the Addlestone Civic Centre project in a completed state. Rachel Raynaud provided a presentation on Runnymede - a key driver of the EM3 LEP economy.
- 2.2 The Joint Leaders Board discussed the uniqueness of the Addlestone Civic Centre project which fitted in between larger towns. There were areas of good practice for other parts of the M3 area.

## **3 Minutes of the last Meeting**

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2018 were approved.

## **4 Report EM3 Performance 2017/18: Highlights and Successes, Opportunities to ask question on performance**

- 4.1 Katy Slack provided highlights on the Annual Report 2017/18.  
<https://www.enterprisem3.org.uk/node/1535>
- 4.1.1 Kathy explained that the Annual Report provides an explanation of what the LEP does and what has been delivered over the last financial year. Government recognise the strength of the LEP. The LEP AGM was well attended. Warren Rolls (Chair of the LEP Network) had attended and complimented the LEP on the scale of the delivery and amount of data which had been captured. Kathy explained that the Government requires evidence to support further funding. Data is key and will be pooled to make a more powerful story in presenting our case to Government.
- 4.1.2 The LEP is near to finalising the SEP and has had recent positive discussions with Government on the Local Industrial Strategy. This has enhanced the understanding of how much the LIS needs to link to funding going forward and the performance as a LEP. We are good at performing and want to assist under-performing LEPs where we can.

- 4.1.3 The Annual report was digitally focused and contained QR codes allowing all material to be available on line.
- 4.1.4 Kathy provided an overview of the outcome of the LEP assessment. Only four LEPs have gained two exceptional scores and we are therefore at the top of our game. Dave Axam reminded the LEP JLB of the need to be mindful of deliverability of schemes which are scheduled for through the Programme Management Board. Councils are encouraged to work with the LEP to ensure transparency and identify slippages. It is essential that LEP funding opportunities are maximised by directing money in the right places and that there is an awareness of schemes which may run over fiscal boundaries.

Dave Axam gave some expected headlines from the LEP Review.

- LEPs ensure clear statement of responsibility
  - Clear accountability and performance
  - Leadership organisational capability of LEP – Board membership particularly gender and diversity
  - Geography – overlap being an issue
  - Greater independence of LEPs – in particular those LEPs which have identical county boundaries
  - Compliance against LEP review is key to accessing the Shared Prosperity Fund in the future
- 4.1.5 The JLB discussed impacts of cross county boundaries and to not let this get in the way of delivery. Cllr John Furey referred to the split between EM3 and Coast to Capital. He said that cross border LEP collaboration was required to make the links between LIS work.
- 4.1.6 The JLB said that the Industrial Strategy requires a unique selling point (USP) and queried how government is going to oversee us. There was concern as to what we can achieve in the future and articulate our unique selling point. Dave Axam said our USP is: transport – Heathrow; placement geography – area of high employment/highly educated workforce; highly rich in digital growth, and the importance of these areas going forward is reflected in the Industrial Strategy. All clustered together this makes us important nationally and internationally. Overall this raises a great opportunity for funding in the south and to ensure that we secure our future share in this.
- 4.2 Dave Axam provided an update on the EM3 Board recruitment, four new board members have been recruited to strengthen the Board going forward. Dave referred to the EM3 structure . EM3 were meeting with their Action Group Leaders later that day and will be looking at the Industrial Strategy to see how they can drive their areas forward.
- 4.3 Kathy Slack provided a presentation on the successes within the Annual report 2017/18 which EM3 JLB noted and will be circulated to the EM3 JLB after the meeting.

- 4.3.1 It was agreed to bring Finance; Growth Hub – Gaming initiatives; and housing back to a future meeting.
- 4.3.2 The EM3 JLB discussed the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and how we can influence this. The consultation starts in September and members were urged to respond.

## **5 Upgrading our Infrastructure for 21 Connectivity**

- 5.1 Gary Thompson provided a presentation which outlined the work to develop a fibre spine/public sector networking with local authorities across the EM3. The proposal will provide a game changing opportunity for the EM3 region offering a range of uses for the public sector. The LEP has been working with government and the University of Surrey on this development and identifying possible funding streams.
- 5.2 Gary provided an overview of initial developments. The 5G region – the EM3 5G region aims to create a region-wide 5G network multi-terabit 'fibre spine' and internal internet gateway by exploiting existing international fibre infrastructure and the region's 5G capability at the University of Surrey's 5G Innovation Centre. Gary provided examples of possible uses and the substantive international opportunities to support existing companies. He alluded to areas which could draw in inward investment. It will provide opportunities to transform public services and possible funding opportunities were highlighted. The next steps were confirmed, the first being a presentation to the EM3 Board.
- 5.3 The EM3 JLB agreed this was an exciting challenge and looked forward to being involved. This needs to be balanced against giving residents a full fibre network. A huge amount of work was required to pull this off and the LEP will be holding a series of meetings with Members to drive this forward along with the EM3 Board.
- 5.4 A presentation was received from both Hampshire County Council and Surrey County Council on their broadband positions highlighting that full fibre capability is critical and is being made more widely available. Life style changes are moving to internet abilities i.e. Hive and taking more advantage of independent living. This will become a way of life dependent on the right degree of connectivity to get there. The EM3 JLB discussed the need to give messages to government that developers need to be providing 100% full fibre to new commercial and housing developments. This should be pushed and placed on an agenda at LEP board level to go for the next steps forward as soon as possible.

## **6 Enterprise M3 Update**

- 6.1 Kathy explained that the LEP is finalising the refresh of the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). She was grateful for the feedback from the Chief Executive meetings which enabled the LEP to produce a detailed future looking SEP, which will lead us into an Industrial Strategy. She referred to the four main grand challenges and there was agreement that we are a long way towards this. The next step for the SEP was to take it to the SEP Steering

Group. It will be submitted to the EM3 Board on 26 July and will be published in September.

- 6.2 Engagement with MPs was of significance and there was a key issue in getting time in their diaries to look at LEP issues. We need to keep them on side in terms of significance and importance of this economy.

## **7 Appointment of Hampshire Councillor representative from JLB to EM3 Programme Management Group**

- 7.1 Councillor David Clifford has stood down from the Programme Management Board and a Hampshire representative was required to replace him. Cllr Clive Sanders requested that any nominations are sent to him direct and he will progress. ACTION : Nominations from Hampshire Leaders to be sent to Cllr Clive Sanders

## **8 Discussion on the scrutiny process of EM3 and discussion of possible options**

- 8.1 It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.