

Enterprise M3 Joint Leaders Board

Notes of a meeting of the Joint Leaders Board held on Wednesday 19 September
2018 at Hampshire County Council

Present:

Councillor Clive Sanders	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (Chair)
Mel Barrett	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Yvonne Hawkins	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (Minutes)
Cllr Richard Millard	East Hants District Council
Sandy Hopkins	East Hants and Havant Borough Council
Dave Axa	Enterprise M3 Board Chair
Sally Agass	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
Stuart Jarvis	Hampshire County Council
Daryl Phillips	Hart District Council
Paul Turrell	Runnymede Borough Council
Cllr Nick Prescott	Runnymede Borough Council
Cllr Ken Muschamp	Rushmoor Borough Council
Paul Shackley	Rushmoor Borough Council
Cllr John Fury	Surrey County Council
Tracie Evans	Surrey County Council
Graham Smith	Test Valley Borough Council
Cllr Phil North	Test Valley Borough Council
Roger Testall	Waverley Borough Council
Tom Horwood	Waverley Borough Council
Cllr Caroline Horrill	Winchester City Council
Laura Taylor	Winchester City Council
Cllr David Bittleston	Woking Borough Council
Ray Morgan	Woking Borough Council

Apologies were submitted from:

Kathy Slack	Enterprise M3
Cllr David Neighbour	Hart
Cllr Barry Rickman	New Forest District Council
Cllr Tony Harman	Spelthorne Borough Council
Daniel Mouawad	Spelthorne Borough Council
Terry Collier	Spelthorne Borough Council
Ian Harvey	Spelthorne Borough Council
Cllr David Hodge	Surrey County Council
Karen Whelan	Surrey Heath Borough 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 Roy Perry, Leader of Hampshire County Council

Cllr Perry stated he was delighted to host this Joint Leaders Board for the Enterprise M3 LEP and provided the following information:

- Hampshire County Council has enjoyed a positive and collaborative relationship with the LEP for the seven years or so that the organisation has existed
- We have always valued the open and engaging ethos of the LEP, an ethos promoted by Kathy and by all the Chairmen of the LEP, starting with Geoff French and then followed by Mike Short and now Dave (Axam)
- We are of course the accountable body for the LEP and we hope that is one way in which we have contributed positively to the recent strong performance rating given by Government to Enterprise M3
- Earlier this year I launched our Commission of Inquiry to develop a vision for Hampshire 2050, and last week we staged the hearing focused on the Hampshire economy and where the economy might develop into the future
- Also last week at our Business Engagement Forum, Kathy outlined the LEP's emerging new strategic economic plan – and I think it is comforting to see many parallels between the findings of the commission and the LEP's refreshed priorities
- Key agendas such as building on our strengths around digital technologies, ensuring our urban centres are vibrant magnets for talent, improving connectivity to London and internationally, are all shared objectives
- We very much look forward to continuing to work closely with Enterprise M3 into the future

3 Minutes of the last Meeting

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2018 were approved, with the exception that Cllr Michael Harris was at the last meeting, but this had not been recorded.

4 Appointment of Hampshire County Councillor representative from JLB to EM3 Programme Management Group

- 4.1 Cllr Caroline Horrill (Winchester) was nominated for this position and this was agreed by all.

5 Presentation on the EM3 LEP Review relating to Geography

- 5.1 A paper was circulated to all before the meeting.
- 5.2 Options for a new EM3 boundary, which would remove overlaps and splits, were discussed at a special Board Workshop on 17 August. The preferred option is the EM3 with the four split districts (Winchester, East Hants, Test Valley and New Forest). This option will be submitted to the EM3 Board on 27 September for endorsement, before being presented to Government on 28 September 2018.
- 5.3 Cllr Horrill stated that Winchester has had conversations with both LEPs as Winchester has significant projects within the Solent area. BEIS have confirmed that existing financial commitments would be honoured by the original investing LEP. In this case Solent investment into Winchester.
- 5.4 Cllr Clive Sanders is the EM3 Chair of the Resources, Finance and Audit Committee who, under the Governments LEP Review, require all LEPs to have a legal personality by April 2019. A paper on the implications of this will be brought to the main Board in November and also the JLB on 22 November.
- 5.5 An implementation plan will be submitted to Government by 31 October 2018.

6 Governance Paper, focussing on LEP Scrutiny Review

- 6.1 SA advised that the paper which had been circulated was preliminary guidance only and further guidance on the Assurance Framework as part of the LEP review is awaited from Government.
- 6.2 The paper asked for two Chief Executives to work alongside EM3 to review compliance against government's scrutiny requirements – Laura Taylor from Winchester and Tom Horwood from Waverly agreed to do this. Feedback from this item will be on the agenda for the November 2018 JLB meeting.
- 6.3 The JLB also endorsed the suggestion that Hampshire County Council continue to act as the Accountable Body for the LEP.

7 Enterprise M3 Update

- 7.1 The Enterprise M3 Director's report was circulated to all before the meeting.
- 7.2 DA stated that the new LEP Senior Sponsor, Isobel Stephen, had spent a day with both Woking and Basingstoke on a tour of the area looking at lots of projects. Isobel was very impressed and seemed open to helping the LEP going forward. It was agreed that Dave Axam would organise further trips within Hampshire for Isobel.

8 Dates of Future Meetings

22 November 10am-1pm – Waverley Council

24 January 10am-1pm – Hart Council