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Enterprise M3 Board Meeting

27 May 2021

Board Appointments and Governance – Item 8

The Board is asked to:

NOTE the current vacancies of the Board and Sub Groups.

AGREE the renewal of Barney Ely's Board Membership for 3 years until 31 May 2024.

AGREE the renewal of Stacey King's Board Membership for 3 years until 31 May 2024.

AGREE the renewal of Deborah Allen's Board Membership for 3 years until 31 May 2024.

1. Board Membership and Vacancies

- 1.1 The Nominations Committee last met on 12th May 2021 to discuss existing Board and sub-group vacancies.
- 1.2 The Nominations Committee have continued to review existing vacancies across the Board and Sub-Groups and the following vacancies still remain to be filled. These are:
 - 1 x Enterprise and Innovation Action Group Chair (Group is currently being rescoped)
 - 3 x Local Authority Board Member
 - 1 x Nominations Committee Member
- 1.3 Cllr John Ward stood down as the Leader of Waverley Borough Council at the end of April 2021 to be elected as the Deputy Mayor. Cllr Ward joined the Board in July 2020 and had recently joined the Nominations Committee.
- 1.4 Colin Kemp who joined the Board in January 2019 has stepped down from the Enterprise M3 Board following the results of the May 2021 elections. Colin most recently Chaired the Joint Leaders Board.
- 1.5 The departure of Cllr Ward and Colin Kemp means that the Board has three Local Authority vacancies, and the Nominations Committee has a vacancy.
- 1.6 The Joint Leaders Board (JLB) in agreement with the Chief Executive and Nominations Committee previously agreed that the nomination for new Local Authority Board Members would take place after the May 2021 elections in July 2021. This process shall be undertaken by the JLB seeking applications from the Leaders across Hampshire and Surrey and will now include applications for three Board positions.
- 1.7 The Chief Executive has continued to engage with Board Members in order to fill Sub-Group vacancies.

2. Board Member Renewals

- 2.1 Board Members typically are appointed for an initial term of three years on the Enterprise M3 Board at which point they can be considered for an extension of up to three further years. There are currently three Board Members whose initial term expires on the 31st May 2021 and the details of those are listed below:

2.1.1 Barney Ely

(i) Barney joined the Board in 2018 and has spent his time honing the skills agenda for Enterprise M3. The Skills and Talent Action Group has grown in strength under Barney's leadership now consisting of a balanced mix of representatives from relevant sectors aligning with the emerging understanding of the EM3 labour Market.

(ii) Working with the internal Enterprise M3 team, Barney has led on the Skills Action Plan (SAP) (endorsed by the EM3 Board) which has provided a framework for focused understanding, discussion and action in line with the EM3 goals and region's needs.

(iii) The Skills and Talent Action Group have a forward programme for 2021 and Barney has expressed his wish to remain on the Enterprise M3 Board and that he remains committed to serve the EM3. Barney remains a key voice on the EM3 Board alongside those in FE and HE to promote skills in the Enterprise M3 area.

(iv) The Nominations Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the appointment and therefore the Board is asked to **AGREE** that Barney Ely's term on the Board be renewed for a further 3 years until May 2024.

2.1.2 Stacey King

(i) Stacey joined the Board in 2018 and has been an active Board Member during her initial term with Enterprise M3. Stacey Chaired the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) Sub Group and oversaw the work on Enterprise M3's LIS to set out the vision and economic intent of the LEP and the impact it could have.

(ii) The Board has benefitted from Stacey's expertise in digital and in particular digital infrastructure, and she is currently sat on Board Sounding Group supporting the Gigabit EM3 Project. She also recently joined the Programme Management Group to gain a greater depth of understanding of the projects and to provide more input around the overall rigour of the associated business cases.

(iii) Stacey is passionate about the EM3 area and is committed to remaining on the Enterprise M3 Board to give back to the community in which she lives and works. She is able to represent the voice of business on the Board and provide business context to the work of the LEP having worked in small companies through to large corporates (BT) and those in between.

(iv) The Nominations Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the appointment and therefore the Board is asked to **AGREE** that Stacey King's term on the Board be renewed for a further 3 years until May 2024.

2.1.3 Deborah Allen

(i) Deborah joined the Board in 2018 and during that time has increasingly taken on responsibility currently chairing the Programme Management Group, Resources, Finance and Audit Committee and acting as the Deputy Chair of the Board.

(ii) Her contribution to the Board and Sub Groups has given Deborah a well rounded view of the LEP and its activity and has brought her experience of corporate governance to bear and gained further insights into the working of the LEP.

(iii) Deborah wishes to remain on the Board and believes her role as a senior executive in a global company has equipped her to contribute and support ongoing Board activities especially in relation to strategy and senior recruitment. She has stated that she is proud both of the work that the LEP does and of being a Board Member of EM3 and remains committed to supporting the LEP and continuing her role for a further term.

(iv) The Nominations Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the appointment and therefore the Board is asked to **AGREE** that Deborah Allen's term on the Board be renewed for a further 3 years until May 2024.

**Jordan Tame,
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19th May 2021**