

JOINT LEADERS BOARD

Enterprise M3 Joint Leaders Board

Notes of the meeting of the Joint Leaders Board held on 24 March 2022, via Zoom.

Attendees:	
CLlr Rob Humby (CLlrH)	Hampshire County Council (Chair)
Jackie Waldron (JW)	Hampshire County Council (Minutes)
Kathy Slack (KS)	Enterprise M3
Andy Ferrier (AF)	Test Valley Borough Council
Clare Chester (CC)	East Hants District Council
CLlr Alan McClafferty (CLlrMcC)	Leader, Surrey Heath Borough Council
CLlr David Neighbour (CLlrNe)	Hart District Council
CLlr Kemp (CLlrKe)	Woking Borough Council
CLlr Lawrence Nichols (CLlrNi)	Spelthorne Borough Council
CLlr Lucille Thompson (CLlrTh)	Winchester City Council
CLlr Paul Follows (CLlrFo)	Waverley Borough Council
CLlr Simon Bound (CLlrBo)	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Damian Roberts (DR)	Surrey Heath Borough Council
Daniel Mouawad (DM)	Spelthorne Borough Council
Dawn Redpath (DR)	Surrey County Council
Laura Taylor (LT)	Winchester City Council
Lee Danson (LD)	Enterprise M3
Michael Queen (MQ)	Enterprise M3
Rachel Raynaud	Runnymede Borough Council
Richard Kenny (RK)	Hampshire County Council
Russell O'Keefe (RO)	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Sue Littlemore (SL)	Enterprise M3
Tom Horwood (TH)	Waverley Borough Council
Apologies:	
Carol Moore	Test Valley Borough Council
Carolyn Williamson	Hampshire County Council
CLlr Ayesha Azad	Woking Borough Council
CLlr Becky Rush	Surrey County Council
CLlr Chris Sadler	Elmbridge Borough Council
CLlr David Clifford	Rushmoor Borough Council
CLlr Joss Bigmore	Guildford Borough Council
CLlr Keith Mans	Hampshire County Council
CLlr Ken Muschamp	Rushmoor Borough Council
CLlr Nick Prescott	Runnymede Borough Council
CLlr Phil North	Test Valley Borough Council
CLlr Richard Millard	East Hants District Council
CLlr Tim Oliver	Surrey County Council
Daryl Phillips	Hart District Council
Gill Kneller	East Hants District Council
Joanna Killian	Surrey County Council
Julie Fisher	Woking Borough Council
Michael Coughlin	Surrey County Council
Patricia Hughes	Hart District Council
Paul Shackley	Rushmoor Borough Council
Paul Turrell	Runnymede Borough Council
Richard Botham	Winchester City Council

Rob Moran	Elmbridge Borough Council
Stephen Martin	Enterprise M3
Stuart Jarvis	Hampshire County Council

1. Apologies and Introductions

CllrHu welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Cllr Simon Bound, the new Leader of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Sue Littlemore and Lee Danson.

Apologies were announced.

2. Minutes of the last JLB meeting – 24 January 2022

Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 January 2022 were approved. All comments have been taken forward. RK mentioned that he attended the last meeting.

3. LEPs continued role working with business and local authorities

MQ welcomed everyone. He said that the Government contract ends 31 March 2022 and there had still been no communication regarding funding for April onwards. He is hoping to receive something in next week. The DfE have confirmed funding of £50,000 to continue its skills work. He confirmed that they will continue to deliver on core activities. They are working closely with Surrey and Hampshire County Councils re. county deals. They will continue to work with Coast to Capital to deliver a joined-up service and hope to work in a similar way with Hampshire. They are continuing to work with all districts and boroughs. They are not letting the non- funding to stop the important work that they are currently doing.

A general discussion continued around Devolution / County Deals.

4. EM3 Update

KS updated the Board re work on the EM3 Future Fund and how this could work alongside other funds such as the Shared Prosperity Fund. EM3 are continuing to plan for the year ahead. Had a good year with work done with businesses in the last year. There is a lot of interest with foreign businesses in the area and doing work with foreign embassies and linking businesses. Farnborough Air Show returns this year and this will be a good way to showcase the area and achieve economic impact across our area.

Future Capital Fund – KS talked about the Future Fund of £10m and shared a presentation. This has been shared and approved with the Programme Management Group, it is yet to go to Board so not formally approved. The Fund will be tightly focussed on EM3's strategic priorities of clean growth, supporting the region's transition to net zero and to support our businesses to grow. The fund will focus on innovation; net zero; digital connectivity and the skills required to support these areas. Projects should be within £1m-£5m and match funding will be required. Presentation attached and details will be circulated once approved by the board on 7th April.



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Skills Action Plan – Sue Littlemore talked through a presentation on the Skills Action Plan.

An annual local skills report including a skills action plan is commissioned of the LEP by the DfE to highlight the skills strengths and needs in the LEP area's economy and actions to seize the skills opportunities and address the skills challenges. Some key findings from the evidence and data include confirmation the EM3 area has a resident population that is very highly skilled and qualified and a

concentration of high skilled jobs. This should be part of a strong proposition to inward investors. There are challenges that collectively we should address. Most notably issues over diversity and equality in employment affecting women, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and further and higher education participation. All of these issues warrant further investigation. EM3's skills action plan focuses on support for key high productivity sectors and on skills for the Net Zero transition.

[The full report](#) and a separate [executive summary](#) are available on the [EM3 website](#).

A very engaged discussion followed and the group thanked Sue for a very interesting presentation.

CllrHu mentioned that he has been engaging with the schools and colleges in the area and has been talking to businesses as well about life skills.

A general discussion continued about apprenticeships which is a good way of encouraging young people to stay in the area and teaching students general life skills.

EM3 Annual Conference – 20 May – a Save the Date has been sent for the AGM, Together Again: Back to Business. This was a good opportunity to network with colleagues and partners. Sir Martin Sweeting from SSTL will be speaking at the conference about the growth and opportunities from the Space and Satellite sector. He will be joined by other businesses from the private sector.

Recruitment of Interim EM3 : Update

MQ updated the group with the recruitment of a replacement for Kathy Slack who is retiring at the end of June. A decision has been made that an interim CEO will be appointed. As soon as we have received confirmation that funding is in place then we will be approaching Odgers to support the recruitment of this interim role. There was a discussion about the possibilities of a secondment. Please let MQ know if there any nominations.

CllrHu said that he would be very sad to see Kathy go and that it will be a massive hole for someone to fill. He thanked Kathy for all of her hard work.

5. Next meeting 23 June 2022

The next meeting is being held at RHS Wisley. This will be our annual face to face meeting. It will be an opportunity to hear about the innovative work being carried out here on environmental measures and on education and skills. RHS Wisley representatives will speak about their work supporting local authorities and the work they are doing as part of the EM3 Local Growth Fund project. Good venue to have as a first face to face meeting with lots of open space and a good opportunity to say goodbye to Kathy.

6. Future Agendas

LT mentioned that it would be good to have a substantial item to form an anchor for meetings.

CllrNe suggested that all the work that is being done in the LEP area with green skills etc.

KS said that we could discuss this at the June meeting and showcase some of the good work that the local authorities in this group are doing.

Please pass on any suggestions to LT, KS and JW.

7. Future Meetings

23 June	RHS Wisley
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September 2022

TBC

CllrHu thanked everyone for attending and a big thank you to SL for her presentation.