

Enterprise M3 Joint Leaders Board

Notes of the meeting of the Joint Leaders Board held on 23 June 2022, at RHS Wisley

| Attendees: | |
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| CLlr Rob Humby | Hampshire County Council (Chair) |
| Jackie Waldron | Hampshire County Council (Minutes) |
| Kathy Slack | Enterprise M3 |
| Andy Ferrier | Test Valley Borough Council |
| Danielle Friedman-Brown | East Hants District Council |
| CLlr Martin Tod | Winchester City Council |
| CLlr Simon Bound | Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council |
| Daniel Mouawad | Spelthorne Borough Council |
| Laura Taylor | Winchester City Council |
| Michael Queen | Enterprise M3 |
| Russell O'Keefe | Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council |
| Sue Littlemore | Enterprise M3 |
| Stephen Martin | Enterprise M3 |
| Tom Horwood | Waverley Borough Council |
| CLlr Roz Chadd | Hampshire County Council |
| Stuart Jarvis | Hampshire County Council |
| CLlr Phil North | Test Valley Borough Council |
| Michael Coughlin | Surrey County Council |
| CLlr Ayesha Azad | Woking Borough Council |
| CLlr Chris Sadler | Elmbridge Borough Council |
| Apologies: | |
| Carol Moore | Test Valley Borough Council |
| Carolyn Williamson | Hampshire County Council |
| CLlr Becky Rush | Surrey County Council |
| CLlr David Clifford | Rushmoor Borough Council |
| CLlr Joss Bigmore | Guildford Borough Council |
| CLlr Nick Prescott | Runnymede 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 |
| 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 |
| CLlr Alan McClafferty | Leader, Surrey Heath Borough Council |
| CLlr David Neighbour | Hart District Council |
| CLlr John Boughtflower | Spelthorne Borough Council |
| CLlr Paul Follows | Waverley Borough Council |
| Damian Roberts | Surrey Heath Borough Council |

1. Welcome and Introductions

KS welcomed everyone to the meeting. She welcomed Professor Alastair Griffith from RHS Wisley.

Apologies were noted.

2. “Hilltop – the Home of Gardening Science”

Professor Alistair Griffiths, Director of Science and Collections at RHS Wisley, gave a presentation on unlocking green growth. He talked about the innovative work being carried out on environmental measures and on education and skills. (powerpoint)

3. Tour of Hilltop, three different gardens – conducted by Alistair Griffiths

The group were given a very interesting tour of RHS Wisley, incorporating three different gardens.

4. Minutes of the last JLB meeting – 24 March 2022

Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 March 2022 were approved.

5. Changes to membership of Joint Leaders’ Board

The proposal to re-elect Cllr Rob Humby as Chair of JLB was approved by the Group.

It was noted that Cllr Roz Chadd, Deputy Leader of HCC replaces Cllr Rob Humby as the HCC representative on the EM3 Board. Cllr Roz Chadd will be formally considered for appointment at the next EM3 Board meeting.

6. Meeting Arrangements

It was agreed that it was practical to keep the JLB as a virtual meeting and to be held broadly bi-monthly, taking into consideration election cycles and LEP AGM. The next virtual meeting will be held on 15 September 2022. There will be one face to face meeting each year, and it is proposed the next one to be held in Hampshire in May / June 2023.

7. LEP Update

Michael Queen reported that EM3s AGM was held on 20 May 2022 and was attended by about 200 people. It showcased what the LEP had done, there was great feedback. The theme was Together Again – Back to Business. The Annual Report, [Together Again; Back to Business: EM3 Annual Report 21/22](#), was presented and everyone is encouraged to look at it. At the Annual Performance Review of EM3 by Government, the LEP achieved the highest available rating in all three categories, which is a credit to Kathy and her Team.

Michael advised that Sue Littlemore and Stephen Martin will be taking over as joint Managing Directors following Kathy’s retirement.

- Growth Hub – only received half the level of funding that had been received in the past but continues to deliver.
- Trade and Investment – continue to work with the DiT.
- Skills – received funding for one more year. Work to develop a Local Skills Improvement Plan for the EM3 area plus East Surrey will be led by an employer representative body, with support from EM3.

EM3s Future Fund was announced at the AGM using £30m coming back from loans over the next few years. The LEP will need to focus on key activities linked to priorities to achieve best outcomes.

White Paper

The LEP is working closely with the counties to support the transition to County Deals. Also, the LEP Network has formed three groups of LEPs to consider this.

Michael then offered warm thanks to Kathy and said it felt like the LEP has come to the end of an era with her at the helm. Kathy is retiring after an incredible 10 years and has consistently shown passion for what she does and importantly has the ability to make it happen!

Kathy responded by thanking the group and saying that the LEP is constantly coming across new ideas and opportunities within Hampshire and Surrey. She will look on with interest and shared memories and stated that she had enjoyed working with the CEOs and Leaders.

Cllr Rob Humby praised her enthusiasm and thanked her for her work within the LEP and for being a good friend.

8. Future Meetings

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| 30 November 2022 to include Scrutiny meeting | Zoom meeting |
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Cllr Humby thanked everyone for attending.