

Enterprise M3 Joint Leaders Board

Notes of the meeting of the Joint Leaders Board held on 30 November 2022

Attendees:	
Cllr Rob Humby	Hampshire County Council (Chair)
Jackie Waldron	Hampshire County Council (Minutes)
Cllr Julia McShane	Guildford Borough Council
Cllr David Neighbour	Hart District Council
Cllr John Boughtflower	Spelthorne Borough Council
Cllr Martin Tod	Winchester City Council
Russell O'Keefe	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Adam Chalmers	Elmbridge Borough Council
Tom Horwood	Guildford & Waverley Borough Councils
Daniel Mouawad	Spelthorne Borough Council
Laura Taylor	Winchester City Council
Michael Queen	EM3
Stephen Martin	EM3
Sue Littlemore	EM3
Michael Coughlin	Surrey County Council
Jennie Pell	Test Valley Borough Council
Rachel Raynaud	Runnymede Borough Council
Simon Jenkins	East Hants District Council
Ian Gray	Hampshire County
Apologies:	
Cllr Simon Bound	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Cllr Richard Millard	East Hants District Council
Cllr David Clifford	Rushmoor Borough Council
Cllr Alan McClafferty	Surrey Heath Borough Council
Cllr Phil North	Test Valley Borough Council
Cllr Paul Follows	Waverley Borough Council
Cllr Chris Sadler	Elmbridge Borough Council
Cllr Tom Gracey	Runnymede Borough Council
Cllr Natalie Bramhall	Surrey County Council
Cllr Anne-Marie Barker	Woking Borough Council
Gill Kneller	East Hants District Council
Carolyn Williamson	Hampshire County Council
Paul Turrell	Runnymede Borough Council
Andy Ferrier	Test Valley Borough Council
Julie Fisher	Woking Borough Council
Stuart Jarvis	Hampshire County Council
Daryl Phillips	Hart District Council
Paul Shackley	Rushmoor Borough Council
Joanna Killian	Surrey County Council
Damian Roberts	Surrey Heath County Council

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 23 June 2022

No comments were received, the minutes were accepted.

3. Recent Developments at EM3

Stephen Martin briefly went through recent developments including a number of new members to join the team. Sue Littlemore added that they have a very strong communications team which is important to maintain profile in the region.

Michael Queen added that one of the strengths is that they have a group of very strong universities and EM3 is helping them to get better in promoting themselves and enable businesses to engage.

4. Board Appointments

The two Surrey district JLB representatives to the main EM3 Board were agreed off line in September, Cllr Paul Follows, Waverley Borough Council and Cllr Julia McShane Guildford Borough Council.

A representative for Hampshire districts was still required and the nomination for Cllr Martin Tod was agreed.

5. Economy Update

Sue Littlemore shared the EM3 Economy, Labour Market and Skills Dashboard updated bimonthly. Sue indicated that there is high inflation, a tight labour market but evidence suggests unemployment remains low.



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There was a sharp slowdown in business activity in October across the South-East because of customers reducing spending with activity is at its lowest level since 2008. Since the pandemic the EM3 area has lost nearly 3,000 businesses, most within the last 12 months, mainly small businesses of 1 to 10 employees. EM3 and Berkshire have each lost five major businesses, more than 250 employees.

David Neighbour wanted to make sure that we understand that we have some working solutions, unemployment low around the area, are we content that our education sector is well placed to fill the gaps.

Sue Littlemore responded that it is a real challenge. There is a limit to what our colleges and universities can do with the money that they have. A lot of work was done to accelerate the provision of skills and everybody agreed that those skills were needed for the future, but the colleges aren't able to get the businesses to invest.

Stephen Martin wanted to mention that the work that was being done was to facilitate where the investment should be with the different skills.

Cllr Tod asked if we had had any input from Public Health or the ICB, was it long covid driving it.

Michael Queen suggested that EM3 will approach Public Health and ICB to get the answer. Some people are opting out of commuting since the pandemic and others have decided to retire early.

Future Meetings

22 February 2023 10.30am – 12pm	Virtual Team meeting
June 2023 – tbc	tbc

Cllr Humby thanked Sue, Stephen and Michael for the presentations that they gave and asked for the slides to be shared and thanked everyone for attending.

It was noted that future meetings were to be held on Teams.