



**SOLENT
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Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on Wednesday 08 April 2020 at 14:00 convened electronically over video conference

Present	Apologies
Brian Johnson (Interim Chair)	Chris Ward - Portsmouth City Council
Anne-Marie Mountifield	
Judith Grajewski	
Kevin George	
Rachael Randall	In Attendance
SJ Hunt	Sophie Mallon - Portsmouth City Council
Seán Woodward	Lloyd Clark - Portsmouth City Council
Nick Loader	James Fitzgerald - Portsmouth City Council (as the Accountable Body)
Graham Galbraith	Richard Jones (LEP Executive)
Dave Stewart	Steve Futter (LEP Executive)
Paula Swain	Caitlin Earey (LEP Executive)
Jo Sawford	Nicola Twiddy (LEP Executive)
Christopher Hammond	Toni Wootton - BEIS Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLGU)
Gerald Vernon-Jackson	
David Youngs	

Item	ACTION
<p>1. Introduction, Declarations of Interest and Video Conference protocols Brian welcomed all to the meeting and explained the protocols which should be used for the duration of the Zoom call for votes and comments.</p> <p>For Declarations of Interest, Directors were asked to state them during items as and when required during the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Chris Ward. It was noted that James Fitzgerald was attending as the nominated representative from the Accountable Body.</p>	
<p>2. Notes of meeting held on Friday 27 March 2020 The notes from the meeting held on 27 March 2020 were Agreed.</p>	
<p>3. Business Intelligence Report Members took the Business Intelligence Report as read. Toni Wootton confirmed the intelligence reports were helpful and provided to central government.</p>	
<p>4. Business and Economy Update Steve shared his screen with Members in order to deliver a presentation, which was also available on a secured shared workspace for Members to view.</p>	

<p>Anne-Marie guided members through the presentation on COVID-19 and the economic impact on the Solent region, including the need to consider immediate emergency response activity, short term resilience planning and the longer term economic recovery phase. Steve Futter provided an update on the LEPs emergency response activity, including overview of the Pay It Forward fund with Crowdfunder, Isle of Wight rural business resilience fund and work to develop a digital resilience support programme.</p> <p>James Fitzgerald presented an overview of Appendix A of the Business and Economy Update report and provided additional feedback from the Solent Coronavirus Business Support Task Force; including principals for a loan fund to support both the emergency response and short term economic resilience phase of activity.</p> <p>Following a discussion, the Board Noted the work to date in relation to Business Support activity, and Agreed to ask the LEP Executive and Accountable Body to bring forward a detailed loan fund proposal for the consideration of the Board at their next meeting on 22 April 2020.</p>	<p>LEP Executive</p>
<p>5. Any Other Business</p> <p>Anne-Marie shared with Board Members the outcome of the Annual Performance Review for the Solent LEP and advised further detail would be circulated following the meeting.</p> <p>Anne-Marie provided an update in relation to additional funding expected to support the continued operation of the Solent Growth Hub in 2020/21.</p> <p>Brian and Anne-Marie provided an update on engagement with the Southern LEPs, Solent Leaders Forum and Local Resilience Forum.</p> <p>Nick Loader provided feedback in relation to the LEPs business intelligent return.</p>	<p>LEP Executive</p>

Board Meeting closed at 15:06