



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

Held on Friday 29 January 2020 at 16:00 - 17:00 convened electronically over video conference

<b>Present</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Brian Johnson (Chair)	Richard Jones (LEP Executive)
Anne-Marie Mountfield	Stuart Baker (LEP Executive)
Jo Sawford	Steve Futter (LEP Executive)
Rachael Randall	Nicola Twiddy (LEP Executive)
Nick Loader	James Fitzgerald - Portsmouth City Council (as the Accountable Body)
David Youngs	
Paula Swain	<b>Apologies</b>
Graham Galbraith	Chris Hammond
Judith Grajewski	SJ Hunt
Dave Stewart	
Gerald Vernon-Jackson	<b>Guests</b>
Kevin George	Carina Manitius - Vivid Economics
	Dan Aylward-Mills - Vivid Economics

<b>Item</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome, Introduction and Declarations of Interest</b>            Brian Johnson welcomed all to the meeting and passed on thanks to Anne-Marie Mountfield, Stuart Baker and Carina Manitius and colleagues at Vivid Economics for their work on this and provided an introduction to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>            Apologies were noted from Chris Hammond and SJ Hunt.</p> <p><b>Declarations of interest</b>            The following direct interests were noted ahead of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Loader - as DP World Southampton are a partner in the bid coalition for the Solent Freeport proposal, a DP World subsidiary is a potential provider of systems to support freeports and DP World are also involved in another freeport bid.</li> <li>• Gerald Vernon-Jackson - as Portsmouth City Council are a landowner for one of the proposed tax sites and also for a potential customs site</li> <li>• Chris Hammond – Southampton City Council are the rating authority for one of the tax sites under consideration in the bid</li> </ul>	

	<p>In addition, the following direct interests were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judith Grajewski - Hampshire County Council are the main Highways Authority covering the area where the tax sites are in the bid (for note only)</li> <li>• Brian Johnson - wife works at Brockenhurst College which has a leased site near to an area within the bid (for note only)</li> </ul> <p>Graham Galbraith joined the meeting.</p> <p>Given the number of declarations of interest it was agreed that the meeting would be considered in two parts as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Part 1 general discussion on freeport and emerging proposal</li> <li>- Part 2 specific consideration of the recommendation.</li> </ul> <p>The Board were asked to consider the nature and extent of the direct interests. In relation to Nick Loader, the board agreed that there was no conflict of interest likely to arise under Article 48.2 of the articles of association and, on this basis, there was no requirement for Nick Loader to withdraw from part 1 of the meeting.</p> <p>Gerald Vernon-Jackson advised he would prefer to withdraw from the meeting at this point. The Board noted this and also noted the other interests notified.</p> <p>Gerald Vernon-Jackson left the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Consideration of the Freeport Bid</b></p> <p>A presentation on the Solent Freeport Bid update was provided  Nick Loader withdrew from the discussion after the presentation and left the meeting  Dave Stewart left the meeting and prior to withdrawing confirmed his support for the proposal.</p> <p>Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Noted</u> the update on the Solent Freeport proposal</li> <li>• <u>Considered</u> the bid proposal as set out in Annexe A and the Strategic case in Annexe B and provided advice on further updates to the proposal; and</li> <li>• <u>Agreed</u> to delegate authority to the LEP Chief Executive (as the designated SRO for the proposal) to finalise the bid for submission by the deadline of 12 noon on 5 February 2021, in consultation with the Chair and bid coalition partners</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that during week commencing 1 February 2021 the LEP Executive would be meeting bid coalition partners to finalise the submission.</p> <p>The Chair and Board Members passed on their thanks to the LEP Executive Team and Vivid Economics for their hard work on this.</p>	<p><b>LEP Executive</b></p> <p><b>LEP Executive</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	

**Meeting closed at 17:05**