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Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on Thursday 22 April 2021 at 17:00 - 18:00 convened electronically over video conference

Present	In Attendance
Brian Johnson (Chair)	Richard Jones (LEP Executive)
Anne-Marie Mountfield	Stuart Baker (LEP Executive) - Item 4 onwards only
Alison Wilson	Steve Futter (LEP Executive) - Item 4 onwards only
Dave Stewart	Nicola Twiddy (LEP Executive)
David Youngs	James Fitzgerald - Portsmouth City Council (as the Accountable Body)
Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Sophie Mallon - Portsmouth City Council (as the Accountable Body)
Graham Barnetson	Clare Mulholland (BEIS)
Graham Galbraith	
Jo Sawford	Apologies
Judith Grajewski	Nick Loader
Paula Swain	
Rachael Randall	Guests
SJ Hunt	Crispin Dick

Item		ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome and Introduction The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to the new Board Directors, Alison Wilson and Graham Barnetson. Roundtable introductions took place.</p> <p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were noted from Nick Loader.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising and declarations of interest There were no matters of arising, the items from the last Board meeting will be brought to the next full meeting in May 2021.</p> <p><u>Consideration of Registers of Interests</u> The following interests were noted ahead of the meeting: Gerald Vernon-Jackson Item 5 - Getting Building Fund - Portsmouth City Council are owners of Port of Portsmouth, an applicant for remaining funding.</p>	

3.	<p>Governance Update - Confidential Item</p> <p>Crispin Dick and Gerald Vernon-Jackson left the meeting (17:47) at the end of Item 3.</p>	
4.	<p>Solent LEP Delivery Plan 2021/22</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the final draft Solent LEP annual delivery plan for 2021/22 and Delegated Authority to the Executive to finalise the annual delivery plan for publication on 7 May 2021. Any further comments to be passed to Richard Jones by Friday 30 April 2021. 	LEP Executive
5.	<p>Getting Building Fund</p> <p>Stuart Baker, Steve Futter, James Fitzgerald and Sophie Mallon joined the meeting.</p> <p>The paper was taken as read and an update was provided on the Getting Building Fund (GBF) programme, and specifically, the unallocated funding, and sought agreement from the Board on use of the unallocated funding.</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the update on the Getting Building Fund programme; • Considered and Agreed the due diligence report, and • Agreed to award £850,000 grant funding to University of Southampton subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The recommended actions set out in the due diligence report; o Satisfactory conclusion of a four week public consultation; o Further due diligence by the Accountable Body as part of the process to conclude a funding agreement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to offer the remaining £550,000 grant funding to Portsmouth International Port subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Confirmation of additional match funding to reflect reduced grant funding award; o Confirmation all outstanding planning matters are resolved by 30th July 2021; o The recommended actions set out in the due diligence report; o Satisfactory conclusion of a four week public consultation; o Further due diligence by the Accountable Body as part of the process to conclude a funding agreement. 	LEP Executive and Accountable Body
6.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>There was no further business.</p>	

Meeting closed at 18:10