



**Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
Business Support Investment Panel Meeting Notes**

Held on Thursday 29 April 2021 10am - 11am
Convened electronically via Zoom video conference

Present	Apologies
Adrian Went	Mark Waldron
Rob Dewing	
David Bream	
Tim Fielder (Chair)	
James Fitzgerald - PCC	LEP
Caroline Carter	Chris Heath
Lyn Davis	Paris Walker
CLlr Derek Pretty	Steve Futter
	Kate Cloud
	Maisie Cross
PCC	Storm Wilson (note taker)
Justin Zizys	
Shabana Islam	

Item		ACTION
1.	<u>Introductions</u> Tim Fielder welcomed members to the meeting.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Mark Waldron and it was noted that James Fitzgerald may well be late joining the meeting, as a result of a previous commitment.	
3.	<u>Notes of previous meeting</u> The notes from the meeting on 25 March 2021 were Agreed as a correct record of the meeting. The notes would be signed at the next meeting convened in person.	LEP Exec to action accordingly
4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> Contract variations noted at the last meeting are currently being drafted.	
5.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	

	Declarations of Interest were made by Derek Pretty in relation to any discussion regarding a beneficiary due for consideration under item 7	
6.	<p><u>Business Support Programmes Status Update Report</u></p> <p>The paper was taken as read.</p> <p>Tables one and two continue to show the 'Current Fund End Date' of 31 March, as this has not changed. However, it is recognised that some of the outputs will be achieved beyond this later into the current financial year as a result of Panel approvals for projects requesting extensions to their delivery deadlines.</p> <p>Confidential report has not been published as it includes information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, including information relating to an individual and/or relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.</p>	LEP Executive
7.	<p><u>Contract Updates</u></p> <p>Confidential report has not been published as it includes information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, including information relating to an individual and/or relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.</p> <p>Project Status Updates</p> <p>Panel members considered requests to vary existing contractual arrangements with a number of Solent-based SMEs supported with Local Growth Deal grant funding.</p> <p>ERDF Small Business Recovery Grants</p> <p>An update was provided stating that all funding was fully allocated and claimed.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Meeting dates confirmed and will be circulated to the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The panel agreed to future meeting dates starting at 11am. <p>The panel discussed the likelihood of successor funds and the ongoing needs for businesses to be supported as lockdowns and restrictions are eased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The panel agreed that an additional meeting be held in May to consider advice to the Board as to the grant funding needs of SMEs across the Solent. <p>The panel discussed Solent 2050, and the Recovery Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The panel agreed that at a future meeting the longer term economic strategy for the Solent region is discussed in more detail. <p>No further business.</p>	LEP Executive

Meeting closed at 10:55