



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

Held on Thursday 17 June 2021 at 09:00 - 12:00 convened electronically over video conference

Present	In Attendance
Brian Johnson (Chair)	Richard Jones (LEP Executive)
Anne-Marie Mountfield	Stuart Baker (LEP Executive)
Alison Wilson	Steve Futter (LEP Executive)
Ben Dowling	Nicola Twiddy (LEP Executive)
Daniel Fitzhenry	James Fitzgerald - Portsmouth City Council (as the Accountable Body)
David Youngs	Sophie Mallon - Portsmouth City Council (as the Accountable Body)
Edward Heron	Clare Mulholland (BEIS)
Graham Burgess	
Jo Sawford	Apologies
Lora Peacey-Wilcox	Graham Barnetson
Rachael Randall	Graham Galbraith
SJ Hunt (joined from 10am)	Nick Loader
	Paula Swain
	Guests
	Ciaran Gunne-Jones - Lichfields (Item 2 only)
	Lucie Bailey - Lichfields (Item 2 only)

Item	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome and Introduction The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to Ben Dowling, Daniel Fitzhenry, Edward Heron, Graham Burgess and Lora Peacey-Wilcox who have joined the Board as P Director's and introductions took place.</p> <p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were noted from Graham Barnetson, Graham Galbraith, Nick Loader and Paula Swain.</p>	

	<p><u>Register of Interests</u></p> <p><u>Anne-Marie Mountifield</u> Founder Director of Solent Freeport Consortium Ltd (for the set up phase) Member of Maritime UK Council</p> <p><u>Edward Heron</u> Director of Solent Freeport Consortium Ltd</p> <p><u>Brian Johnson</u> Interim Chair and Director of Solent Freeport Consortium Ltd</p> <p><u>SJ Hunt</u> (for note generally): Parity Trust works with a range of local authorities in the Solent area, including New Forest, Eastleigh, Fareham and Gosport.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Strategy and delivery update</p> <p>Stuart Baker provided an overview of the Solent 2050 work to date.</p> <p>Ciaran Gunne-Jones and Lucie Bailey gave a presentation on Solent 2050.</p> <p>Following the presentation, the Board provided feedback on the challenges in the hospitality and tourism sector and the Board Supported the development of a local Tourism & Hospitality Strategy as part of the work on economic recovery. The Board reflected that the Marine and Maritime sector for both business and leisure is key to the strategy given the water is the main natural asset to the region, but should not be at the exclusion of other sectors such as Culture and Creative industry. The Board were keen to see the development of the City of Culture Bid for the whole region.</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <p>Development of the Solent Ten Point Green Plan will be accelerated into July and August, along with the spatial portrait map with the aim that Solent 2050 can be published in the Autumn.</p> <p>Any further Board thoughts post the meeting on Solent 2050 please pass to Stuart Baker.</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the update on the Solent Economic Recovery Plan (Version 2); • Considered the final draft of Solent 2050 (Annexe A) and Agreed to delegate authority to the Executive and Chair to finalise the strategy for publication; • Noted the update on the development of a Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution in the Solent and provided Advice on the approach to the work. <p>Ciaran Gunne-Jones and Lucie Bailey left the meeting (10:30).</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>Executive</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>LEP Review 2021</p> <p>Brian Johnson provided an overview of past reviews and the current LEP Review.</p> <p>Anne-Marie Mountifield gave a presentation on the LEP Review and The Plan for Growth.</p>	

	<p>Clare Mulholland advised that an update on the LEP Review is expected prior to the summer recess.</p> <p>A further update on the LEP Review will be provided at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>The Board: Considered the update on the LEP review 2021.</p>	
<p>4. Solent Freeport Update</p>	<p>The paper was taken as read and Anne-Marie Mountifield provided an update on the Solent Freeport Consortium Ltd membership, clerking and wider resourcing matters since the paper was written.</p> <p>Brian Johnson clarified his position as Chair of the Solent Freeport Consortium Ltd, which is a role to be fulfilled in the interim (for up to 18 months), while a permanent Chair is recruited.</p> <p>Anne-Marie outlined that the work on incorporating Solent Freeport Consortium Limited (SFCL) was now largely complete and the Solent LEP should review who they would like to represent the Solent LEP on SCFL. It was important to provide a regional view and also to promote alignment between the freeport strategy and the wider Solent 2050 strategy to ensure the benefits of growth from the freeport programme were open to the wider Solent area.</p> <p>Anne-Marie Mountifield withdrew from participating in the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to nominate Paula Swain to replace Anne-Marie Mountifield as the Solent LEP Director on the board of Solent Freeport Consortium Limited <p>Anne-Marie Mountifield re-joined the meeting and provided an update on the work to develop the outline business case for Solent Freeport and the resources that the LEP had contributed to the development of the Freeport.</p> <p>The Board also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered the update on the Solent Freeport; and • Considered and Agreed to make an in-principle commitment to contribute to the SFCL, subject to the funding already provided to cover the cost of the bid preparation and previous strategic work being offset against any member contribution request. <p>A further update will be provided at the July meeting.</p>	<p>Executive & Accountable Body</p>
<p>5. Any other business</p>	<p>Brian will take the time between now and the next meeting to contact the new Board Members to ask for their reflections on running the Board.</p> <p>No further business.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled on 16 July 2021.</p>	<p>BJ</p>

Meeting closed at 11:25