



Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Business Support Investment Panel Meeting Notes

Held on Wednesday 23 June 2021 10am - 12pm
Convened electronically via Zoom video conference

Present	Ex-Officio members present
David Bream	LEP
Clr Derek Pretty	Chris Heath
James Fitzgerald - PCC	Kate Cloud
Lyn Davis	Nicola Twiddy (note taker)
Rob Dewing	Paris Walker
Tim Fielder (Chair)	
Steve Futter - LEP	PCC
	Justin Zizys - PCC
Apologies	Shabana Islam- PCC
Adrian Went	
Caroline Carter	
Mark Waldron	

Item		ACTION
1.	<u>Introductions</u> Tim Fielder welcomed members to the meeting.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Adrian Went, Caroline Carter and Mark Waldron.	
3.	<u>Panel Membership</u> Derek Pretty's three year tenure on the Panel came to an end in May 2021. The LEP Executive have liaised with Derek who agreed to continue as a Panel member. In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Panel, Derek's re-appointment has been confirmed by Tim Fielder, as Chair. Derek will continue for a further term to represent the Local Authorities in the area on the panel.	
4.	<u>Notes of previous meeting</u> The notes from the meeting on 29 April 2021 were Agreed as a correct record of the meeting. The notes will be signed electronically following the meeting.	LEP Exec to action accordingly
5.	<u>Matters Arising</u> Contract variations noted at the last meeting have been completed.	

	All other matters will be covered during the course of the meeting.	
6.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Derek Pretty in relation to any decision regarding a beneficiary due for consideration under item 8.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Business Support Programmes Status Update Report</u></p> <p>The paper was taken as read and the latest position on the Isle of Wight and New Forest Rural SME Funds was highlighted.</p> <p>An update was provided on work that is being undertaken to increase interest in the Crowdfunder programme. The programme is being publicised via social media channels. BSIP Members will also publicise with their networks and LEP Executive will contact The News and Local Authority communication teams to request assistance with promoting the Fund.</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
8	<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>	
9.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Steve Futter provided an update on the LEP Review.</p> <p>A discussion was held on grant funding for SMEs and, once the LEP Review outcome is known, the panel will convene to consider key questions posed by the LEP Executive to frame any future SME funding.</p> <p>BSIP Members would like to know if there are any opportunities to feed into the LEP Review before the activity concludes in the July.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 16 September.</p> <p>David Bream asked for clarity for how long he has been serving on the panel.</p> <p>No further business.</p>	<p>LEP Executive</p> <p>LEP Executive</p> <p>LEP Executive</p>

Meeting closed at 11:33