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

Held on Thursday 16 September 2021 11am - 12:15pm
Convened electronically via Zoom video conference

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

Item		ACTION
1.	<u>Introductions</u> Tim Fielder welcomed members to the meeting, and Paula Swain introduced herself as a new member of the Panel.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Derek Pretty, Caroline Carter and Adrian Went.	
3.	<u>Panel Membership</u> Under the Terms of Reference for this Panel, a Solent LEP Board Director or member of the Executive with delegated authority can be appointed as a private sector member of this Panel. Following a meeting of the LEP Board on 16 July 2021, Solent LEP Director Paula Swain has been appointed as a private sector member, further strengthening the links between this Panel and the Solent LEP Board. Tim Fielder was appointed Chair of this Panel in May 2018 for an initial three-year tenure. The LEP Executive has liaised with Tim who agreed to continue as Panel Chair. Under the Terms of	

	Reference for the Panel the Chair's position must be confirmed by a LEP Board Director. Paula has duly confirmed Tim's re-appointment as Chair of this Panel for a further three-year period.	
4.	<p><u>Notes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>The notes from the meeting on 23 June 2021 were Agreed as a correct record of the meeting. The notes will be signed electronically following the meeting.</p>	LEP Exec to action accordingly
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The current matters arising are as follows:</p> <p>As previously reported to this Panel, Crowdfunder applications have been steadily reducing for the last six months. The platform was clearly a great success during the initial economic crisis caused by COVID-19, and enabled beneficiaries to secure the support of the LEP and the Crowd to ensure their businesses survived. However, with the economy opening up once more, the demand for funding support of this nature is much reduced. The LEP Board will receive an update at their October meeting.</p> <p>The LEP Review conclusions have not yet been released, however they are expected in the Autumn, and further updates will be provided as they become available.</p> <p>All other matters will be covered during the course of the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>David Bream informed BSIP that the University of Southampton Science Park had signed up a beneficiary due for consideration under item 8 but that there was no conflict of interest preventing him from taking part in discussion or voting as necessary. This was noted by the Chair.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Business Support Programmes Status Update Report</u></p> <p>The paper was taken as read with the latest position on the IoW and New Forest Rural SME Funds being highlighted.</p> <p>Final panel meetings on allocated funds for the IoW and New Forest Rural SME Funds are due to be held this month.</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>	
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>The next meeting is scheduled for 4 November 2021, and the following meeting is likely to be scheduled for the end of January or early February.</p> <p>David Bream offered to host a future face-to-face meeting at the Science Park.</p>	

	No other business.	
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Meeting closed at 12:15