



Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Business Support Investment Panel Meeting Notes

Held on Thursday 9 December 2021 11am - 12pm (in lieu of Thursday 4 November 2021)
Convened electronically via Zoom video conference

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

Item		ACTION
1.	<u>Introductions</u> Tim Fielder welcomed members to the meeting.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> There were no apologies to note.	
3.	<u>Notes of previous meeting</u> The notes from the meeting on 16 September 2021 were Agreed as a correct record of the meeting. The notes will be signed electronically following the meeting.	LEP Exec to action accordingly
4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> A confidential verbal update was provided regarding a named beneficiary. All other matters will be covered during the course of the meeting.	
5.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> For noting only:	

	David Bream and Cllr Derek Pretty declared an interest in relation to any decision regarding a named beneficiary. This was noted by the Chair.	
6.	<p><u>Business Support Programmes Status Update Report</u></p> <p>The paper was taken as read and the latest position on the Crowdfunder Programme was provided.</p> <p>Updates on the Isle of Wight and New Forest Rural SME Funds were provided as per the paper.</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>	
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>	
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>A member asked about how the panel get back to more substantive agenda items.</p> <p>The panel were advised that the LEP Review outcome is still awaited. The Levelling Up White Paper is now expected in the new year which will include a sense of direction for LEPs.</p> <p>BSIP agreed that, given the depth and breadth of SME-focused experience and expertise within the panel, the LEP should seek to make the best use of this in any future SME support activity, be it funding related or business support in its broadest sense. It was suggested that a brainstorming session to consider how best to support SMEs should be held in the new year. Panel members were asked to forward any ideas to the LEP Executive ahead of the next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be scheduled for 3 February 2022 (10:00 -12:00), followed by 24 March 2022.</p> <p>Thanks were passed to panel members for their support this year and for the support provided to the Chair. All wished each other a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.</p> <p>No further business.</p>	

Meeting closed at 11:48