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**Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Strategy Session for the Board of Directors**

Held on Monday 30 January 2023 at 16:00 - 17:30 via Microsoft TEAMS

<b>Present</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Anne-Marie Mountifield	Crispin Dick (Company Secretary)
Rachael Randall (Chair)	James Fitzgerald (Portsmouth City Council, as the Accountable Body)
Brooke Hoskins	Lloyd Clark (Portsmouth City Council, as the Accountable Body)
David Youngs	Nicola Twiddy (LEP Executive)
Edward Heron	Richard Jones (LEP Executive)
Julie Jones Evans	Stuart Baker (LEP Executive)
Nick Loader	
Paula Swain	
Salli Shapcott	
Satvir Kaur	
Steve Pitt	
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Alex Rennie	Miriam Sachak - BEIS
Graham Barnetson	Jack Elias - BEIS
Graham Galbraith	
Jo Sawford	

<b>Item</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>1&amp; 2. Welcome and Introduction</b>            Nick Loader was invited to Chair the session until Rachael Randall was able to join.            All were welcome to the strategy session and Miriam Sachak was introduced to the Board.</p> <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>            Apologies were noted from Alex Rennie, Graham Barnetson, Graham Galbraith and Jo Sawford.</p> <p>Anne-Marie Mountifield gave a short presentation providing an overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current policy position on LEP integration and pathway 2 for the Solent LEP</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Devolution across the country as of January 2023</li> <li>- High level overview of the proposed corporate plan through to 2026</li> </ul> <p>Rachael Randall joined the meeting at 16:17 and Chaired the Strategy Session.</p> <p>A financial overview for the period through to 2026 was provided by James Fitzgerald.</p> <p>Miriam Sachak left the meeting at 16:30.</p> <p>Next steps and timelines were provided.</p> <p>Following questions and discussions, The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agreed</b> the considerations and next steps for further review at FFPMG and SERCOM; and</li> <li>• <b>Agreed</b> that the detailed corporate plan and supporting work programme on the branding and website would be considered at the next Board meeting in March 2023.</li> </ul> <p>Edward Heron left the meeting at 17:06, Miriam Sachak re-joined the meeting at 17:09 and Richard Jones declared an interest in item 3 as the Solent Freeport SRO for their SEED capital programme and withdrew from the meeting at 17:12.</p> <p>The Board <b>noted</b> that Paula Swain is the LEP appointed Director on Solent Freeport Consortium Limited.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Update on Maritime Innovation Hub</b></p> <p>The paper was taken as read and an update on the funding and delivery position of the Maritime Innovation Hub was provided. Stuart Baker provided a presentation covering the Maritime Innovation Ecosystem in the Solent, venue key search criteria and next steps.</p> <p>Miriam Sachak shared an extract from the Levelling Up Secretary's speech to the Convention of the North and the full speech can be found here -</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/levelling-up-secretarys-speech-to-the-convention-of-the-north">https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/levelling-up-secretarys-speech-to-the-convention-of-the-north</a></p> <p>Brooke Hoskins left the meeting (17:30)</p> <p>Following a discussion and questions, The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noted</b> the <u>update on the</u> Solent Maritime Innovation Hub.</li> <li>• <b>Noted</b> that Solent Freeport Seed Capital funding has been secured, subject to consultation and an executed funding agreement.</li> <li>• <b>Agreed</b> to remove the underwrite of £850,000 from the recycled Growing Places Loan Fund for the Solent Maritime Innovation Hub.</li> <li>• <b>Agreed</b> that, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the due diligence, and agreement of the lease on terms that protect the continued operation of the Hub, the leasehold of the preferred accommodation is secured.</li> </ul> <p>There was no further businesses so the strategy session was closed.</p>	

**Strategy Session closed at 17:34**