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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership held at Newquay Orchard, Trevenon Road, Newquay, TR7 3BW on Wednesday 27 July 2022 commencing at 10.00 am.

Present:- Mark Duddridge (Chairman)

John Acornley, Louis Gardner CC, Fran Grottick, Steve Jermy, Poppy Naylor, Lisa Roberts, Gordon Seabright, Emma Stratton, Linda Taylor CC, Ann Vandermeulen and David Walrond

Also in attendance:- Glenn Caplin-Grey, Nathan Cudmore, Nicola Stinson, Phil Mason, Geraldine Baker, Josie Gough, Corinne Lancaster, Emma Coad and Debbie Osborne.

Apologies for absence:- Directors: Frances Brennan, Oliver Monk CC, Emma Hunt, Dan James, Lisa Oakes and Clare Parnell.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

(Agenda No. 1)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Frances Brennan, Emma Hunt, Dan James, Oliver Monk CC, Lisa Oakes and Clare Parnell.

The Chair advised that Clare Parnell had submitted apologies for today's meeting due to representing the LEP at a stakeholder forum with South West Water.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 2)

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The following declarations of interest were expressed:

1. Gordon Seabright declared an interest in item 4.3 due to him being a non-executive director of Newquay Community Orchard;
2. Gordon Seabright declared an interest as an Honorary Fellow of University of Exeter Business School which was referred to during the various agenda items.

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(Agenda No. 3)

Minutes

(Agenda No. 3.1)

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2022 were a true and accurate record.

Action Sheet

(Agenda No. 3.2)

The LEP Board noted the summary of completed actions confirmed at the meeting held on 30 March 2022, together with a summary of ongoing actions.

The LEP Board was informed that Actions 2 and 3 were currently ongoing and that further updates would be provided as part of the relevant reports being considered later in the meeting.

STRATEGIC MATTERS

(Agenda No. 4)

Chairs Update

(Agenda No. 4.1)

The Board was provided with a verbal update on the following areas:

1. The Chair provided an update on the opportunities ahead, particularly around tech metals, Cornish Lithium and private sector investment into these areas over the next few years with progress via business, academia and key contacts in government and Critical Minerals Strategy development;

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2. Steve Jermy, Board Director provided an update on Floating Offshore Wind, confirming that the development would be a first for England and could generate sufficient energy for 20% of Cornish households;
3. The Chair referred to the 60th Anniversary of Goonhilly Earth Station;
4. The Chair confirmed that Great South West would be recognised as a Pan Regional Partnership (PRP) and that £1.5m of support monies had been authorised, subject to business plan, for a three year programme;
5. The Chair referred to the impact rising inflation and fuel prices would have on businesses moving forwards;
6. The Chair referred to the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF), recognising the input provided by John Acornley, Board Director to inform the programme as Chair of the SPF Steering Group;
7. The Chair confirmed that Clare Parnell, Board Director and David Rodda continued to work with the farming community to support the transition from basic farm payments; it was hoped that funding given to the Princes Countryside Fund and Devon County Council would help continue to deliver resilience funding; work continued with the CloS Growth Hub and NFU along with farming organisations to ensure programming in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly;
8. The Chair confirmed that an update regarding the status of Destination Management Organisation (DMOs) was referenced as part of the CEO update report;
9. The Chair informed the Board that following an invitation from DCMS to submit an expression of interest to participate in the Create Growth Programme (CGP) over three financial years, CloS LEP along with 18 other areas had been shortlisted to the full application stage;
10. The Leader of Cornwall Council provided an update regarding Britain's Leading Edge and the County Deal, confirming that more information would be available on the status of the County Deal within the next few weeks.

CEO Report

(Agenda No. 4.2)

The Board considered a report prepared by the LEP CEO regarding overall progress on operational activity.

The LEP CEO highlighted the main points within the Governance, Finance, Risk, Policy and Performance areas of his report.

In the ensuing discussion the LEP Board Directors and Officers referred to the following areas:

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1. Reference was made to the significant progress on data and space, tech metals and renewable sectors;
2. Reference was made to the challenges arising from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund/Levelling Up Fund in terms of initial management arrangements and pressures;
3. Confirmation that both Cornwall Council Cabinet and the Council of the Isles of Scilly had approved the Local SPF Investment Plan for CloS which is due for submission to HMG by 1 August 2022. Once signed off by Government, budgets would be made available to lead authorities from October 2022. It was anticipated that the first meeting of the CloS Economic Prosperity Board would be held in the Autumn. The LEP CEO referred to the overlap of roles over the next 12 months and the impact and challenges this could raise going forward. Details of the next steps and the governance arrangements were explained to the Board;
4. Confirmation that Cornwall Council would be the designated 'Lead Authority' and would become the accountable body for SPF in CloS. Full details were contained with the Cabinet agenda pack: [Cabinet Agenda Pack - 20 July 2022](#);
5. The CloS SPF would enable equal opportunities for all to access funding, a key difference being new groups could come forward which was being welcomed;
6. In regard to communications in relation to the CloS SPF, the LEP Executive undertook to liaise with the communication Board Director Leads to provide a steer on the delivery message;
7. Reference was made to the provision of social housing in the County and the obstacles faced in delivering schemes, the LEP Executive undertook to provide Directors with ongoing updates;
8. A new Government accreditation scheme for tourism boards is due to be introduced to make it easier for holiday makers and visitors to plan trips to must-see destinations across England, with Government providing £4 million to support regions to bring in more visitors and investment to destinations all over the country. Tourism boards are to undergo a radical restructuring with Destination Management Organisations (DMOs), evolving into tiered local visitor economy partnerships with anticipation of early top tier accreditation for Cornwall. Reference was made to CIC status and revised membership to be more aligned and ensuring the Isles of Scilly were incorporated;
9. In regard to LEP Core Funding, it was confirmed that the funding amount had not been reflected within the budget monitoring schedule for May 2022 appended to the report. Agreement had subsequently been

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reached on core funding with Government which when incorporated in the schedule would reflect a positive balance.

Arising from the above, the Board noted the contents of the report and overall progress on operational activity.

ACTION 1: The LEP Executive to work with the DMO's to bring back a report to a future LEP Board meeting.

Newquay Orchard Presentation

(Agenda No. 4.3)

The Chief Executive Officer, Luke Berkeley and Chief Operating Officer, Jenny Hindson from Newquay Orchard provided a presentation the LEP Board on the work of their organisation with particular reference to the following areas:

1. History and development of the site;
2. Details of the valuable asset provided for the community;
3. The vision, mission and aims of the organisation;
4. Details of sustainable economic growth, including turnover and funding streams;
5. Details of the community learning, education and training, community enterprises and community venue;
6. Examples of the activity undertaken on the site and future aims.

The LEP Board thanked both Luke Berkeley and Jenny Hindson for hosting the meeting and for the update on the work to date and future intentions for the site.

Enterprise Zones Board Update

(Agenda No. 4.4)

The Board considered a report prepared by the Programmes Lead which provided an update on activity associated with Cornwall's Enterprise Zones and highlighted the key issues to the Board.

The LEP CEO and Steve Jermy, Board Director outlined the report and highlighted the key points referenced within the report, with particular reference to the following:

1. Performance at the Enterprise Zones continued to be strong;
2. The Celtic Sea APPG Event and the positive feedback received;

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3. Evolution of the EZ Board, to adopt a cluster-led approach to delivering sectors and support; building on recent successes in the Floating Offshore Wind (FLOW) and Space clusters;
4. The Space Tech Centre and Marine Park extension had been completed on-time and successfully to budget.

The Board noted the update on activity associated with the Cornwall Enterprise Zones.

ACTION 2: the EZ Board to bring a report back to a future LEP Board on the Cluster-led approach.

Any other business

(Agenda No. 4.5)

National Armed Forces Day

The LEP Board was advised that Cornwall Council had been successful in its bid for National Armed Forces Day. The event would be held between 23-25 June 2023 in Falmouth. The ability to host the event would provide an opportunity to showcase to both visitors and businesses the opportunities available within Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

(Agenda No. 5)

The Board agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting for items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 due to the confidential nature of the items.

County Deal Update

(Agenda No. 5.1)

The Board considered an exempt report prepared by the LEP CEO which provided an update on the recent activity associated with the County Deal and LEP Integration and also highlighted key issues to the Board for consideration.

The LEP CEO drew attention to the main points detailed in the report.

Decision:

1. **The LEP Board noted the progress with the County Deal, LEP integration scenarios and timescales and provided feedback to the Executive on next steps; and**

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- 2. That the Culture and Creative Industries Investment Programme (£1m), delegated to the LEP Investment and Oversight Panel for implementation, be aligned with any County Deal and Shared Prosperity Fund planning in order to maximise fund deployment and impact.**

2022/23 Revised Draft Delivery Plan and Budget

(Agenda No. 5.2)

The Board considered an exempt report prepared by the LEP CEO in relation to the revised draft 2022/23 Delivery Plan and Budget.

The LEP CEO drew attention to the main points detailed in the report.

Decision:

- 1. The Board noted the 2021/22 outturn position at appendix 1;**
- 2. The Board approves the revised draft 2022/23 Delivery plan at appendix 2 and Budget at appendix 3.**

Investment and Oversight Panel Update

(Agenda No. 5.3)

The Board considered an exempt report prepared by the LEP CEO which provided an update on the recent activity within the remit of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership Investment and Oversight Panel.

The LEP CEO drew attention to the main points detailed in the report.

The LEP Board noted the contents of the report.

The meeting ended at 12.20 pm.

[The agenda and reports relating to the items referred to above are attached to the signed copy of the Minutes].