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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership Annual General Meeting held at the FibreHub, Trevenson Lane, Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3GF on Wednesday 30 March 2022 commencing at 1.30pm.

Present:- Mark Duddridge (Chair)

John Acornley, Dan James, Clare Parnell, Poppy Naylor (proxy), Emma Stratton (proxy), Fran Grottick (online), Lisa Oakes (online), Lisa Roberts (online), Gordon Seabright (online), Ann Vandermeulen (online) and David Walrond (online).

Also in attendance:- Glenn Caplin-Grey, Nathan Cudmore, Carol Bransgrove, Geraldine Baker (online), Josie Gough and Corinne Lancaster.

Apologies for absence:- Frances Brennan, Steve Jermy, Emma Stratton, Oliver Monk CC, Linda Taylor CC and Stephen Rushworth CC.

**1. Welcome, Apologies and Declaration of Interest  
(Agenda No. 1)**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence had been received from Frances Brennan, Steve Jermy, Emma Stratton, Oliver Monk CC, Linda Taylor CC and Stephen Rushworth CC.

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Chairs Update  
(Agenda No. 2)**

The LEP Chair provided a verbal update on the work of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) during the last 12 months.

He commented on the announcement that Cornish Metals is raising £40m towards reopening of South Crofty tin mine. This is following ongoing private monies into Cornish and British Lithium and by a global engineering company into Bennamann. He also commented that two local farmers had decided to leave the industry due to rising energy and fertiliser costs and that the NFU had highlighted a rising costs crisis in farming and the impact this could have on domestic UK food production. He continued that the war in Ukraine has exacerbated these problems, impacting businesses and households across Cornwall.

He highlighted that in the early days of the LEP, the focus was on getting Cornwall's physical infrastructure right, with significant investment in road and rail projects to make it easier for people to get to, from and around Cornwall and opening up sites for new homes and businesses. Latterly, the LEP has focused on emerging sectors that can create more high wage jobs in the future and harnessing Cornwall's natural assets as part of a low carbon economy.

He further commented in regard to the following areas:

- The important role of the LEP Employment and Skills Board;
- The LEP spending time lobbying for more support;
- Recent short term business support advice for farmers and food producers has demonstrated that we know what works and what is needed for our businesses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly;
- The role of the business groups which have come together during covid-19;
- Shared Prosperity Fund and the three pillars of communities and place; local businesses and people and skills.

He expressed his thanks to LEP Board Directors and the LEP Executive for their work over the last 12 months. He also thanked the business groups that had come together during this time.

### **3. Delivery Overview**

(Agenda No. 3)

The LEP CEO provided an overview of LEP achievements and performance over the last 12 months with specific reference to the following areas of activity:

- G7 reflections;
- Local Growth Fund – closure of the LEP's £78m Growth Deal programme which has so far unlocked 3,000 homes, created 700 jobs and supported 137 businesses;
- Getting Building Fund (£14.3m programme);
- Enterprise Zones;
- CloS Investment Fund – deployed £10.25m, with a further £22.85m leveraged;
- Business Support;

- Employment and Skills – Local Skills and Labour Market Strategy, Digital Skills Partnership, People Hub and Apprenticeships;
- Campaigns – G7, COP26 and UK City of Culture 2025;
- Governance overview;
- Finance overview – 2020/21 accounts which provided an opportunity to highlight the income and revenue expenditure of the CloS LEP.

A short video was shown showcasing the schemes and projects supported by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership.

#### **4. Q & A Session**

(Agenda No. 4)

The Chair advised that several questions had been received, during the meeting the responses to a number of questions were provided, however, due to time constraints it was not possible to respond to all questions in full during the meeting. The Chair confirmed that full details of all the questions received and the full responses would be published to the LEP website.

#### **5. A Look Ahead**

(Agenda No. 5)

The LEP CEO provided details of the activities planned for the next 12 months, which included:

- Levelling Up – Shared Prosperity Fund;
- Levelling Up Fund;
- Levelling Up – Devolution;
- Tech Metals;
- Space;
- Creative Industries and Culture Investment Programme;
- Employment and Skills;
- Isles of Scilly – new Museum and Cultural Centre and Levelling Up Transport Infrastructure.

The Chair thanked LEP Board Directors for attending the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm.