



**Minutes of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership  
Performance and Investment Committee Meeting  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Thornton Science Park**

**In attendance:** Ged Barlow (Chairman), Jan Willis, Steve Park,  
Chris Hindley, Andy Seddon (standing in for Chloe Taylor)

**Apologies:** John Downes, Chloe Taylor, Francis Lee,

**In attendance:** Rachel Brosnahan, Mark Livesey,  
Presentations by: Jez Goodman CEC

Item No.	Item	To be Actioned by	By When
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies Apologies from Chloe Taylor		
2	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b> GB asked for any conflicts to be declared. JW conflict of Interest in the approvals being sought for Crewe High Speed Ready Heart and Crewe Green Roundabout as they are both Cheshire East projects.		
3 ii	<b>Minutes from the last meeting:</b> Update about the Life Sciences Fund requested output change. Catapult have requested that they present their rationale for reducing the outputs to the committee. Committee agreed this would be appropriate. <b>RB to arrange for them to come to the October meeting.</b> Committee felt it was important that to try and reach an agreed approach with CEC and GM. <b>RB to arrange meeting.</b> Sign for Chester Bus Interchange has been ordered but not yet installed. Thornton Science Park report delayed. Should be ready for next meeting. <b>RB to circulate Thornton Report when complete.</b> Minutes agreed.	<b>RB</b> <b>RB</b> <b>RB</b> <b>RB</b>	<b>Oct 17</b> <b>Oct 17</b> <b>Oct 17</b> <b>Oct 17</b>
4	<b>Crewe High Speed Ready Heart</b> Presentation given explaining the scheme and specifically those elements proposed to be funded by LGF and CEC. Committee agreed to give the project conditional approval but wanted to see the wider Crewe Masterplan before final approval would be considered. The Committee also felt it was important that the developer had an anchor tenant signed. JG. <b>RB to arrange for presentation on wider Crewe Masterplan</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>Jan 18</b>
5	Crewe Green Roundabout Full Business Case Approval RB presented a paper summarising the business case and appraisal. The committee agreed with the recommendations of the paper and that a final offer should be issued for the project.		

	RB to issue final offer letter.	RB	Oct 17
6	<b>Programme Manager update</b> RB ran through the paper. The group noted the contents.		
7	<b>European Structural Funds Update</b> ML provided an update. ERDF capital programme is going well. ESF under committed so LEP looking at bringing in some consultancy support to help develop some projects and write bids.		
8	<b>Drawdown of Grants</b> RB outlined the financial position of the LGF programme. She asked if the committee were happy to approve funding 100% of projects costs this year within the approved grant limits on projects where appropriate. This would enable the LEP to achieve a higher level of LGF spend this year and catch up with the underspend from 16/17. BEIS have approved this approach. RB stressed that no project would get more grant than approved and that the intervention rate on all projects would be in-line with the offer letters by the time the projects completed. The committee approved this approach.		
9	<b>GPF – Sub station proposal</b> RB outlined a potential GPF loan application which may need a funding decision by correspondence prior to the next committee meeting. Peel Holdings would like to build a new sub-station to provide power to a site in Ellesmere Port. Without the power station, the site isn't viable. Details to be forwarded in due course. CEC are also potentially interested in applying for a GPF loan to fund the relocation of a gold course which will have to be moved as part of the Congleton Bypass project. The committee questioned why this wasn't included in the project costs. RB to clarify	RB	Oct 17
10	<b>Corporate and programme Risks</b> The top 5 corporate and programme risks were noted by the committee.		
11	<b>AOB</b> RB asked whether the committee would like a presentation Warrington West Station before they seek full approval. THE committee agreed they would. RB to arrange	RB	Dec 17