



**Minutes of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership  
Performance and Investment Committee Meeting  
held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 1.30 via Teams**

**In attendance:** Chris Hindley (Chairman), Catherine Walker, Stewart Brown., Alex Thompson, Joe Toward, Ian Brooks, Rachel Laver.

**Apologies:** Nichola Newton, Peter Skates

Presentations on Infrastructure Delivery Plan – Roy Newton

Item No.	Item	To be Actioned by	By When
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies from PS and NN Due to the Corona Virus meeting held via Teams</p>		
2	<p><b>Conflicts of Interest</b></p> <p>CH asked for any conflicts to be declared.</p> <p>Declarations of interest: SB declared conflict in the Warrington Bus Depot</p>		
3	<p><b>Minutes and actions from the last meeting:</b></p> <p>Actions from the last meeting:</p> <p>CWAC signed Drainage Tunnel offer letter now received.</p> <p>Accelerate report circulated to the committee.</p> <p>Still concern with progress of the Canalside charging scheme, but CWAC confirmed all orders placed and expect to spend all the grant by the end of the month.</p> <p>Warrington Bus Depot report sent by correspondence.</p> <p>Revised offer letter sent to CEC for NW Crewe transport schemes.</p> <p>Project progress presentation due to be given but postponed tying in with new committee members joining in April. New committee members confirmed as: Loren Jones (Board member) Julian Cobley, Ian Traynor.</p>		

	<p>RL confirmed she'd spoken to Marketing Cheshire and Influential about celebrating the successes of the LGF programme. We will have to wait for Purdah to be over before any PR can be completed.</p>		
4	<p><b>Warrington Bus Depot</b></p> <p>Committee confirmed support for the project which had been given by correspondence.</p>		
5	<p><b>Net Zero Presentation</b></p> <p>Presentation by Ged Barlow, Mark Sprawson and Helen Anderson.</p> <p>Project renamed Invest Net Zero Cheshire</p> <p>Roadmap to Netzero.</p> <p>The study looks at what technology can be used, how to capture heat and redirect heat e.g. into offshore storage and identifying additional technology that can be used.</p> <p>They have modelled demand and usage to come up with 20 projects that could be delivered across the region across the region.</p> <p>The projects have the potential to make savings of 700 kilotonnes CO2 by the end of the decade.</p> <p>The team gave an overview of the website. It will be launched at an event on the 27th of April.</p> <p>CW asked how Cheshire and Warrington is doing compared with other regions that have clusters. GB stated it was a real opportunity for Cheshire on Warrington to have demonstrators which were the first of the kind in the country and therefore a real opportunity for the region to become known for its low carbon technology and expertise.</p> <p>Looking at all kinds of funding options and the potential for a Development Corporation.</p> <p>Government focus is currently on local area plans so this is a good timely opportunity.</p> <p>LEP,LAs and Government need to work closely together.</p>		
5	<p><b>Marketing update</b></p> <p>Nicola Said gave a presentation on marketing and the new website.</p> <p>The new branding for the LEP is focusing on: healthier , sustainable, inclusive, fastest growing.</p>		

	<p>NS run through reopening market approach and promoting visit opportunities. “On our doorstep” just one of the key themes promoting what can be done locally.</p> <p>Website is now one brand for all the services Marketing Cheshire and the LEP offer.</p> <p>871 will no longer be used, now just Cheshire and Warrington .</p> <p>RL asked if a map showing interventions could be included in the new website to help demonstrate the breath a number of interventions that the LEP has supported. NN confirmed that this will be looked at in due course .</p> <p>IB asked about what resource there was for ongoing management of the website to ensure it stayed fresh and up to date. NS confirmed that this was being considered as a team of four had been working on developing it and it was hoped that some of this resource could continue to be committed to it.</p> <p>NS confirmed that the website is fully integrated with the CRM system, so all contacts through the website will be logged.</p>	RL	Mar 21
6	<p><b>European Funding Update</b></p> <p>Tim Smith ran through his paper providing an update on ESIF monies.</p> <p>ERDF - £100m in national pot . To be used for “Welcome Back Fund” plus £50m from Future High Streets Fund.</p> <p>TS stated that MHCLG is looking at awarding additional funds to well performing projects . RL asked if there was any potential for the Evergreen fund to be topped up. RL to follow up with Will Johnson.</p> <p>ESF – Lottery want to extend New Leaf. Three C&amp;W bids received for the latest call. Applications went to DWP. All awaiting a response.</p> <p>RDPE- oversubscribed and fully allocated</p>	RL	End of March
7	<p><b>Programme Update</b></p> <p>RL gave a very brief programme update. With 1 week left to go it looked like the full LGF allocation of £127m would be spent. There had some been some small issues e.g. one of the Business Energy Efficiency Programme projects had dropped out, showing that it was prudent to overcommit this funding.</p> <p>The RAG report showed that no projects had a red rating now and reflected the position the projects were in.</p>		

	<p>Concern about the output achievement of some projects moving forward and this will have to be the focus over the next 12 months along with ensuring the many projects still in delivery complete in line with their approvals.</p> <p>Reviewed risk register.</p>		
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>IB was asked to give brief background of new committee members:</p> <p>Loren Jones – Works for Cavendish Nuclear and has programme management background</p> <p>Julian Cobley – Was MD of Skills and Growth Company and now works for Engie</p> <p>Ian Traynor- Former director of Humber Business Link.</p> <p>Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021</p>		