



**Minutes of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership
Performance and Investment Committee Meeting
held on 24th February 2021 at 1.30 via Teams**

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

Apologies: Joe Toward, Peter Skates

Presentations on Infrastructure Delivery Plan – Roy Newton

| Item No. | Item | To be Actioned by | By When |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies from PS and JT. Due to the Corona Virus meeting held via Teams</p> <p>Growth Hub presentation postponed until budget for 21/22 confirmed.</p> | RL | Feb 21 |
| 2 | <p>Conflicts of Interest CH asked for any conflicts to be declared.</p> <p>Declarations of interest: SB declared conflict in the Warrington Bus Depot and AT in the NW Crewe scheme, although emphasised he was attending the meeting in his S151 capacity.</p> | | |
| 3 | <p>Minutes and actions from the last meeting:</p> <p>Actions from the last meeting:</p> <p>RL has issued amendments to offer letters for Ellesmere Port One Public Estate and the WBC sustainable transport schemes.</p> <p>Offer letter issued to CWAC for the Drainage tunnel. CW to chase as not yet received signed copy back.</p> <p>RL to chase up copy of the Accelerate report and circulate.</p> <p>Remaining BEEP money fully committed including £22k for solar panels at the Reaseheath Vertical Farming project.</p> <p>RL reported that CWAC have confirmed all orders have now been placed to ensure funding will be spent on time, after initially asking for an extension to the end of April. No funding yet claimed. CW to chase up.</p> | <p>CW</p> <p>RL</p> <p>CW</p> | <p>Feb 21</p> <p>Mar 21</p> <p>Mar 21</p> |

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| | Minutes approved. | | |
| 4 | <p>Warrington Bus Depot</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the project couldn't be considered for approval in the absence of the appraisal which is a requirement of any approval as set out in the Local Assurance Framework. It was agreed that the project would have to be considered by correspondence.</p> <p>SB confirmed that WBC still intend to have an all-electric bus fleet, but at present the new depot will only be future proofed for electric charging to be installed.</p> <p>RL to send paper with proposed conditions by correspondence.</p> | RL | Mar 21 |
| 5 | <p>Delivery Plan update- Infrastructure</p> <p>RN gave an update on progress with the infrastructure plan.</p> <p>Work ongoing to develop Crewe Hub which is seen a major project that could benefit the whole of Cheshire and Warrington. Needs continued political support.</p> <p>£400k available for business case development. The money to date has been spent on transport projects but applications for business case development can be from any sector. Currently have £900k of bids, so very oversubscribed.</p> <p>Digital infrastructure plan needs developing.</p> | | |
| 5 | <p>NW Crewe Sustainable Travel Scheme</p> <p>RL explained that while progress had been made with the NW Crewe Sustainable travel scheme it wouldn't be possible to spend all the funding by the end of March, despite the LEP already approving revisions to the scheme to help ensure deliverability. The committee agreed that the approval could be widened to cover the whole of the NW Crewe scheme which the council have approved and already spent over £5m on.</p> <p>RL to issue revised offer letter</p> | RL | Mar 21 |
| 6 | <p>Programme Manager Update</p> <p>RL ran through the projects by exception.</p> <p>Ellesmere Port continues to make good progress.</p> <p>Concern about lack of progress with sustainable transport schemes, but the recently approved variations to the contracts should help achieve spend on time.</p> <p>The focus from April needs to be on seeing all projects completed and start to achieve the outputs.</p> | | |

