

Item No. 3B

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2017 AT THE TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER

Board Members:

Mike Blackburn (In the Chair)

Councillor Sean Anstee, Councillor Richard Leese, *Keith Johnston, *Nancy Rothwell, Lou Cordwell, Juergen Maier, David Birch, *Richard Topliss and Michael Oglesby

(*Denotes Members that dialled into the meeting).

Advisors:

Howard Bernstein (Manchester CC), Eamonn Boylan (Stockport MBC), Mark Hughes (Manchester Growth Company), Simon Nokes (New Economy), Jon Lamonte (TfGM), David Rogerson and Allan Sparrow (GM Integrated Support Team)

Apologies:

Tony Lloyd, Iwan Griffiths and Andrew Lightfoot

LEP/17/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nancy Rothwell declared an interest in the item regarding the Pankhurst Centre as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Manchester.

Keith Johnston declared as interest in the item regarding Growth Fund Round 3 as Addleshaw Goddard LLP might be acting for parties involved in growth fund projects referred to in the board papers.

LEP/17/15 GROWTH FUND ROUND 3

A report was submitted that informed the Board that in 2016, local areas were invited to submit proposals for the third round of Local Growth Fund Deals.

GM submitted a proposal for funding, setting out a programme of projects which built upon the achievements of previous rounds of Growth Deals in driving growth and improving the delivery of public services. It was reported that on 23 January 2017, the Government confirmed GM's third Local Growth Deal (GD3) allocation.

The report set out details of each element of the GD3 submission and if/how these could now be progressed using a combination of the GD3 monies

secured and other funding proposals. A key consideration in doing this was the need to maintain a viable, balanced programme of activity.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Local Growth Fund Growth Deal 3 allocation for GM be noted.
2. That support be given to the overall programme of activities for GD3 funding while noting the alternative identified funding sources for GM priorities
3. That further detailed proposals for each activity be brought back to the GMCA/LEP for endorsement, including the two proposals on today's agenda.

LEP/17/16 INTERNATIONAL SCREEN SCHOOL

The Greater Manchester Local Growth Fund Round 3 submission included a proposal for an International Screen School Manchester (ISSM) to drive skills development and innovation, as well as the science/innovation asset base, in the GM digital and creative sectors. The ISSM was an integral part of the recently completed GM/East Cheshire Science and Innovation Audit, and was recommended by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the 2016 Budget.

The report set out the case for the ISSM, outlined the way in which it would work and the impact it would have, and sought approval for grant funding from Greater Manchester's Local Growth Fund 3 allocation to match the contribution being made by Manchester Metropolitan University. Together this funding would be used to establish a new centre for business, skills and innovation benefiting the whole of the GM creative and digital supply chain.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed plans and timescale for the development of the ISSM be noted.
2. That the allocation of Local Growth Deal Funding 3 grant funding to support the ISSM project be endorsed.
3. That the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring officer be requested to finalise the terms of the grant agreement.

LEP/17/17 PANKHURST CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN HEALTH, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

A report was submitted setting out the case to approve LGF grant funding for the development of the Pankhurst Centre.

This Centre would be aimed at driving innovation in health by strengthening the local science asset base, reinforcing the unique GM partnerships linked to the devolution of health and social care.

The proposal is in line with the conclusions of the completed GM/Cheshire East Science and Innovation Audit.

The Board noted that the scheme included a financial contribution from the University of Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed plans and timescale for the development of the Pankhurst Centre be noted.
2. That approval be given to release LGF3 Grant funding to support the project.
3. That the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring officer be requested to finalise the terms of the grant agreement.