

**STOKE-ON-TRENT AND STAFFORDSHIRE
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**

**Note of a Board Meeting held on
14th November 2013**

Octagon Boardroom, Staffordshire University, Weston Road, Stafford

Present

Board Members

Ron Dougan	(Trent and Dove Housing) –Chair
Jonathan Dale	(Longton Avia (UK) Ltd.)
Ken Stepney	(JCB)
Mark Kerrigan	(Alton Towers)
Judith Kirkland	(BES)
Kevin Oakes	(Steelite)
John Carr	(Barrington Engineering Ltd.)
Adrian MacLaughlin	(Dunston Business Village)
Jenny Tucker	(Keele University)
Philip Atkins	(Leader, Staffordshire County Council)
Helen Riley	(Director of Place, Staffordshire County Council)
John van de Laarschot	(Chief Executive, Stoke on Trent City Council)
Cllr Gareth Snell	(Newcastle u Lyme Borough Council)
Cllr Gordon Alcott	(Cabinet Member, Cannock Chase Council)
Cllr Mike Wilcox	(Leader, Lichfield District Council)
Cllr Frances Beatty	(rep. Leader, Stafford Borough Council)
Cllr Paul Shotton	(Deputy Leader, Stoke-on-Trent City Council)

Associate Members

Geoff Riley	(Staffordshire & Black Country Business Innovation Centre)
Ian Jenkinson	(Stilwell LLP)
John Smart	(Kapability Associates)
Richard Ward	(Vistage International Limited)

University/Further Education Observers

Sarah Robinson	(Stoke College and Association of Colleges)
Sandra Booth	(Staffordshire University)

Observers / In attendance

John Betty	(Stoke-on-Trent City Council)
Bob Phillips	(Cannock Chase Council)
Paul Masterman	(Staffordshire County Council)
Dean Sargant	(Staffordshire County Council)
John Sellgren	(Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council)
Cllr Frances Beatty	(Stafford Borough Council)
Ted Manders	(Stafford Borough Council)
Simon Hooton	(Regeneris)
Patrick Willcocks	(Regeneris)
Kevin Postones	(BIS Local)

Advisory/Secretariat

Peter Davenport	
Jonathan Phipps	(Stoke-on-Trent City Council)
Jeff Marlow	(Southern Staffordshire Partnership)

1. **Introductions and Welcome**

The Chair welcomed Simon Hooton and Patrick Willcocks from Regeneris and Helen Riley.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Mike Heenan, Kerry Diamond, Richard Cotterell, and Nick Bell.

3. **Notes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

The notes of the meeting of the 12th September were agreed.

The nomination of Kerry Diamond as the Vice Chair by the Executive Group was agreed by the Board.

Discussions were in progress to nominate Local Authority leads for the Sites & Infrastructure, and Housing & Place sub groups.

The recruitment material for the new Chair had been circulated and members were asked to draw it to the attention of potential candidates.

The Capacity review was in progress following the recruitment of two support assistants.

Discussions were continuing with EU Opt In parties and a meeting was to be held in the new year themed around the themes of people and business.

Members were advised that an engagement event was being held at Swinfen Hall, Lichfield on the morning of the 26th November.

4. **Key Performance Indicators**

The report was noted.

6. **City Deal Update**

6. **Strategic Economic Plan**

The EU Investment Strategy had been circulated to Board Members. This document together with the previously circulated outline document and the Deal work was being used as the background for the development of the SEP.

Simon Hooton from Regeneris set out his thinking on the potential simplification of the LEP's priorities and introduced the workshop session.

7. **High Speed 2**

Jonathan Dale made a presentation to the board outlining the context, key features, programme, impact on services, and future actions. There was general concern amongst all present about the impact of the proposals on services and the environment. Members expressed a variety of views on the scheme including the realignment of the route, the provision of a new station in north Staffordshire, and the reduction of embankments and improved mitigation.

It was agreed that a workshop be held in January and all LEP partners were invited to comment on the proposals. LEP Board members would then be invited to comment on a draft response prior to its submission at the end of January.

8. Any Other Business

1. The LEP was advised that JCB had invited members to a briefing on its long term plans. A date would be arranged by the Secretariat.
2. Ken Stepney expressed the Partnerships thanks to Ron Dougan in being the Chair of the LEP and presented him with a gift in appreciation in anticipation of the recruitment process.

Date of next meeting

A special meeting would be arranged in December to agree the City Deal.