

SOLENT GROWTH FORUM

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Solent Growth Forum held on Thursday, 30 January 2020 at 3.30 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillors/ Members	Councillor Susan Bayford - Fareham Borough Council Councillor Graham Burgess - Hampshire County Council Councillor Tony Briggs - Havant Borough Council Councillor Michael Beston - Isle of Wight Council Councillor Alexis McEvoy - New Forest District Council Councillor Dan Fitzhenry - Southampton City Council Councillor Derek Pretty - Eastleigh Borough Council Councillor Philip Raffaelli - Gosport Borough Council Tristan Samuels - Portsmouth City Council (PCC)
Ex-Officio	Stuart Baker - Solent LEP Strategy & Programme Development Jane Di Dino (Secretary) Local Democracy Officer, PCC James Fitzgerald - S151 Rep, Solent LEP Accountable Body, PCC Lauren Hartley - Solent LEP Governance and Compliance Manager Sophie Mallon - Legal Representative, Solent LEP Accountable Body, PCC
Invited Attendees	Brian Johnson - Solent LEP Deputy Chair Anne-Marie Mountifield - Solent LEP Chief Executive

1. **Welcome and Introduction and attendees and apologies for absence**

Sophie Mallon, Legal Advisor to the LEP presided over the meeting until the Chair was appointed.

Introductions were made.

David Williams sent his apologies for absence and Tristan Samuels deputised for him.

2. **Agreement of Solent Growth Forum Chair**

Cllr Graham Burgess was proposed as the forum Chair and seconded by members.

DECISION:

Councillor Graham Burgess was appointed Chair for the calendar year 2020.

3. **Agreement of Solent Growth Forum Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference had been circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting.

Anne-Marie Mountifield explained that the the Solent Growth Forum is represented by wholly included Local Authorities in the Solent LEP geography, but the LEP works with neighbouring Local Authorities and there was provision in the terms of reference for them to join the Forum as Associate Members.

DECISIONS

- **Members agreed the Terms of Reference.**
- **Members agreed that representatives from the neighbouring authorities be invited to meetings as associate members**
- **Members agreed to review the forum after one year.**

4. Overview and Scrutiny of Solent 2050 Strategy to date

Anne-Marie Mountifield introduced the two reports that had been published with the agenda and gave a presentation on the emerging strategy, a copy of which will be published on the website after the meeting.

Members considered the outline of the emerging strategy and confirmed their support for it.

There was a discussion on the role of the LEP is developing a strategy for the area and also in relation to funding local growth projects to support the targets within the current strategy.

An overview of the approach to monitoring and evaluating local growth investment was provided and members were advised that work has been commissioned to evaluate the impact of local growth projects that have received LEP investment and that have progressed to delivery of economic outputs.

Members agreed that they would like to review this work ahead of it being considered by the LEP board in July 2020.

DECISIONS

The forum:

- **Noted the update provided in relation developing the Solent 2050 Strategy.**
- **Provided advice to the executive to inform the future development of the Strategy.**
- **Noted the update provide in relation to engagement to date and planned consultation activity**
- **Agreed that they would like to receive an update on the work underway to evaluate the impact of local growth deal investment to date ahead for the work being considered by the Board in July 2020.**

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting concluded at 4.50 pm.

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Chair