

SWINDON AND WILTSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP JOINT TASK GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT:- Councillors Christine Crisp, Oliver Donachie, Alan Hill, Des Moffatt, Mark Packard Melody Thompson and Kevin Parry

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James Robbins.

23. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.

24. Update from the most recent LEP Board Meetings

Paddy Bradley gave a verbal update on the discussions and outcomes from the most recent LEP Board meetings. He commented that the last meeting was held on 11th November 2015 and he took the Task Group through the items on the agenda and the decisions made. The next meeting was scheduled for January 22nd and the Communications Strategy would be submitted for approval.

He noted that the LEP's next recruitment would be from a Housing Association.

25. Latest Bidding Round

Paddy Bradley advised that 140 projects totalling hundreds of million had been received by the LEP from the respective Local Authorities. These would be sifted down to about 35 projects, including high risk-high reward schemes.

The scheme developer then pays for an independent assessment to be carried out. Paddy Bradley circulated a timeline for gaining funding.

26. Assurance Framework

Paddy Bradley advised the Task Group that the Assurance Framework was beginning to be implemented. He commented that the developer of each scheme underwrites it. There will not be a review of the framework for at least a year.

The Task Group discussed the role of Scrutiny in the review process.

27. Benchmarking exercise on Board membership, recruitment and succession planning

The Task Group questioned how the LEP is progressing succession planning. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to ascertain if the Peterborough LEP, and one other area, had done any work on succession planning.

Paddy Bradley undertook to (a) find out the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP attitude to succession planning for the February meeting of the Task Group and (b) circulate the recruitment process.

28. Next Steps

It was agreed that the next meeting include updates from Paddy Bradley and a desktop exercise looking at 3 other LEP's and the Scrutiny Officer is requested to produce a terms of reference for the Task Group.

29. Date of Next Meeting

That the next meeting of the Task Group is scheduled for 4th February at Monkton Park, Chippenham