

BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE

Held on Wednesday 25 September 2019, 9.30am

Sandwell Council, Council House, Committee Room 1

MINUTES - PUBLIC

VOTING MEMBERS

Councillor Yvonne Davies, Sandwell MBC
Councillor Adrian Andrew,
Walsall MBC (sub)
Councillor Ian Brookfield, City of
Wolverhampton (CHAIR)

IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin O'Keefe, Dudley MBC
David Stevens, Sandwell MBC
Dr Helen Paterson, Walsall MBC
Tim Johnson, City of Wolverhampton

Sarah Middleton,
The Black Country Consortium Ltd

NON VOTING MEMBERS

Simon Eastwood, Black Country LEP

INVITED GUESTS

Helen Martin, Dudley MBC
Simon Neilson, Walsall MBC
Councillor Jo Hadley, Sandwell MBC

Apologies

Councillor Mike Bird, Walsall MBC
Stewart Towe, Black Country LEP
Alan Lunt, Dudley MBC
Councillor Patrick Harley, Dudley MBC

Notes of Previous Meeting held on 31 July 2019

Decision 19/0053

It was resolved that the notes of the meeting held on 31 July 2019 be confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting

None

Declarations of Interest

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):

It was resolved that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of :

Agenda Item 13, Agenda Item 14, Agenda Item 15, Agenda Item 16, Agenda Item 17 and Agenda Item 18.

Black Country Local Growth Deal – ULTRA LOW EMISSION VEHICLES TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (SEPPL143) – Grant Agreement Request

Stuart Everton was present and referred to the report previously circulated that the funding will help to support the development costs for the initial phases of the programme as well support full business case development to support an application for larger funding opportunities via other funding bodies, such as central Government, the WMCA and through European Grants.

Decision 19/0055

It was resolved that the BCJC approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to the value of £130,000, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Ultra-Low EV Transport Development Funding Project, with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.

Black Country Local Growth Deal – LOCAL GROWTH DEAL CHANGES TO THE GROWTH DEAL PROGRAMME – APPROVAL OF THE 2018/19 YEAR END POSITION

Sarah Middleton was present and referred to the report previously circulated that outlines the year end which reflects all the changes through the year.

Decision19/0056

It was resolved that the BCJC approves the current position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2018/19 Growth Deal allocation expenditure, requests approval for various changes detailed in attachment 1 of the report.

Black Country Local Growth Deal – WOODS LANE PHASE 2 (SEPPL103) – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement

Sarah Middleton was present and referred to the report previously circulated which is a request for re-profiling the previously approved grant agreement due to a delay in finalising the contracts. It is still anticipated that the new housing units will be completed by December 2021.

Decision 19/0057

It was resolved that the BCJC approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Galliford Try Partnerships Ltd to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Woods Lane Phase 2 project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.

Black Country Local Growth Deal – SANDWELL AQUATIC CENTRE (SEPPL93) – Grant Agreement Request

It was noted that the decision on this matter would be made in the private session following consideration of a report containing confidential information.

Decision 19/0058

It was resolved that following consideration of the confidential information in the Private Session of the agenda, the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council, to the value of £5,000,000, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Sandwell Aquatic Centre project with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.
- 2.2 Notes the withdrawal of the Sandwell Aquatic Centre project, to the value of £5,000,000, from within the Land and Property Investment Fund.

Black Country Local Growth Deal – BIRCHLEY ISLAND MAIN SCHEME (SEPPL121) – Change Request – Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement

It was noted that the decision on this matter would be made in the private session following consideration of a report containing confidential information.

Decision19/0059

It was resolved that following consideration of the confidential information in the Private Session of the agenda, the BCJC approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council to create a Development Fund phase to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Birchley Island Main Scheme project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.

Black Country Local Growth Deal –BIRCHLEY ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PHASE (SEPPL121) – Grant Agreement Request

It was noted that the decision on this matter would be made in the private session following consideration of a report containing confidential information.

Decision19/0060

It was resolved that following consideration of the confidential information in the Private Session of the agenda, the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Birchley Island Development Phase project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.
- 2.2 This request details a creation of a new development phase Grant Agreement for the scheme.

Land and Property Investment Fund – PHOENIX 10 – CHANGE REQUEST (SEPPL89)

It was noted that the decision on this matter would be made in the private session following consideration of a report containing confidential information.

Decision 19/0061

It was resolved that following consideration of the confidential information in the Private Session of the agenda, the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves that, only at the expiry of the Black Country Enterprise Zone on 31 March 2038, should a surplus in business rates receipts be generated from the Phoenix 10 site, then this is to be split between Homes England and the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, in proportion to the final investment made by both parties to the Phoenix 10 project.

- 2.2 Approve the approach to the apportionment of project outputs, such that the total constructed employment floorspace is split between Homes England and Black Country LEP, in proportion to final investment in the Phoenix 10 project.
- 2.3 Note that the only direct output of the Phoenix 10 project is land remediated and that the outcomes of the project are indicative at this stage and will be determined once occupiers of the development have been identified.

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - HUB TO HOME TRANSPORT
INNOVATION CENTRE AND TEST TRACK PROJECT: VERY LIGHT RAIL AND
AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGIES – TEST TRACK PROJECT – Grant
Agreement Request**

Decision 19/0062

It was noted that the decision on this matter would be made in the private session following consideration of a report containing confidential information.

Notes of Previous Meeting held on 31 July 2019 – Private Session

Decision 19/0063

It was resolved that the Private Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2019 be confirmed as a true record.