



Black Country Executive Joint Committee
Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 17 June 2015, 11.15am

To Be Held at:

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council,
The Council House, Committee Room 2

AGENDA

VOTING MEMBERS

Councillor Peter Lowe, Dudley MBC
Councillor Darren Cooper, Sandwell MBC (Chair)
Councillor Adrian Andrews, Walsall MBC (sub)
Councillor Roger Lawrence, Wolverhampton CC

NON VOTING MEMBERS

Stewart Towe, Black Country LEP Board

IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Norman, Dudley MBC
Paul Sheehan, Walsall MBC (Secretary)
Keith Ireland, Wolverhampton CC
Sarah Middleton, The Black Country Consortium Ltd

INVITED GUESTS

Phil Coyne, Dudley MBC
Nick Bubalo, Sandwell MBC
Simon Neilson, Walsall MBC
Tim Johnson, Wolverhampton CC

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1. **Apologies**
Jan Britton, Sandwell MBC
Councillor Mike Bird, Walsall MBC
 2. **Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for 2015-16**
 3. **Meeting Dates for 2015-16** *(Attached)*
 4. **Notes of Previous Meeting held on 22 April 2015** *(Attached)*
 5. **Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting.**
 6. **Declarations of Interest**
 7. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**
To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.
There are no items to be considered in private session.
 8. **Constitution – Re-confirm the Constitution and adoption of Protocols for the management of BCJC business- Paul Sheehan** *(Attachedx3)*

9. **Local Growth Fund - Black Country Growth Hub – Grant Agreement Approval - Tim Johnson** *(Attachedx2)*
For the Accountable Body (Walsall Council to proceed to a grant agreement with Wolverhampton City Council to deliver the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Hub Interim Funding 2015-16 -
10. **Local Growth Fund – Black Country Growth Hub – Accountable Body Approval – Tim Johnson** *(Attached)*
For Wolverhampton City Council to act as Accountable Body for the Black Country Growth Hub on behalf of Black Country Councils and agreed partners and to coordinate and submit funding submissions as part the new 2014 – 2020 EU Programme -
11. **Local Growth Fund – Black Country Growth Hub – Accountable Body Approval to accept EU funding - Tim Johnson** *(Attached)*
For the Accountable Body (Wolverhampton City Council) to accept EU funding on behalf of the Black Country partners for all appropriate Growth Hub bids approved by Government or its appointed agents or bodies.
12. **Black Country Transformational GOLD – Accountable Body Approval – Tim Johnson** *(Attached)*
For Wolverhampton City Council to act in the role of Accountable Body for the Black Country Transformational GOLD project on behalf of Black Country Councils and agreed partners and to coordinate and submit funding submissions as part the new 2014 – 2020 EU Programme.
13. **Black Country EU Programme – Black Country Technical Assistance Team – Accountable Body Continuation – Simon Neilson** *(Attached)*
For Walsall Council (as the Accountable Body for the Black Country Technical Assistance team) to continue to host and line manage the Technical Assistance support services across the Black Country.
14. **Black Country EU Programme – Black Country Technical Assistance Team – EU Funding acceptance – Simon Neilson** *(Attached)*
For the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to accept EU funding on behalf of the Black Country partners for all appropriate Technical Assistance (TA) bids approved by Government or its appointed agents or bodies.
15. **Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group – Simon Neilson** *(Attached)*
For the Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group to deploy a Change Control Process and bring forward new Projects as part of the Local Growth Fund Programme
16. **Revised Due Diligence process for the Local Growth Deal programme – Simon Neilson** *(Attached)*
For the refining and strengthening of the current Due Diligence

process by the Programme Office and the Accountable Body.

17. **Black Country Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) – Accountable Body Approval – Phil Coyne** *(Attached)*
For Dudley Council to act in the role of Accountable Body for the Black Country Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) programme on behalf of Black Country Councils and agreed partners.
18. **Black Country Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) – Accountable Body Approval to accept EU Funding – Phil Coyne** *(Attached)*
For the Accountable Body (Dudley Council) to accept EU funding on behalf of the Black Country partners for all appropriate Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) bids approved by Government or its appointed agents or bodies.
19. **Revised process for evaluation of Local Growth Fund Bids – Sarah Middleton** *(Attachedx2)*
For the Black Country Consortium as the Programme Office to deploy a revised process for Evaluation of projects