



BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 11 April 2018, 12.00pm

To Be Held at:

Dudley Council,
The Council House, Committee Room 1 & 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS

Councillor Patrick Harley, Dudley MBC
Councillor Steve Eling, Sandwell MBC
Councillor Sean Coughlan, Walsall MBC (Chair)
Councillor Paul Sweet, Wolverhampton CC (sub)

NON VOTING MEMBERS

Stewart Towe, Black Country LEP Board

IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Norman, Dudley MBC
Jan Britton, Sandwell MBC
Dr Helen Paterson, Walsall MBC (Secretary)
Mark Taylor, Wolverhampton CC (sub)
Sarah Middleton, The Black Country Consortium Ltd

INVITED GUESTS

Alan Lunt, Dudley MBC
Alison Knight, Sandwell MBC
Simon Neilson, Walsall MBC
Tim Johnson, Wolverhampton CC

1.		<u>Apologies</u> Councillor Lawrence, Wolverhampton CC Keith Ireland, Wolverhampton CC Stuart Everton, BC Director for Transport
2.	18/0014	<u>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 14 March 2018</u> Agreed
3.		<u>Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting</u> None.
4.		<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.
5.	18/0015	<u>Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):</u> It was resolved : that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of Agenda Item 9 - Black Country Local Growth Deal - M6 JUNCTION 10 (MAJOR SCHEME) – ADDITIONAL FUNDING (SEPPL38) CAPITAL FUNDING - Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement. Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

<p>6.</p> <p>18/0016</p>	<p><u>Land and Property Investment Fund - PARKROSE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE (SEPPL54)</u></p> <p>This application seeks LPIF Grant funding of £983,036, as a contribution in the form of gap funding towards delivery of an estimated £8,731,300 project.</p> <p>The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver remediation of 2.73 hectares (6.68 acres) of brownfield land that is currently unused; • deliver new accommodation totalling 8,280 sqm (89,100 sq. ft); • deliver an estimated 263 Indirect new and safeguarded jobs; • Support potential economic growth of 20 small organisations (Business Assists) by the provision of good quality business space; • Construct some 0.3km of private estate road. <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>approve the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Wolverhampton City Council) to proceed to a grant agreement with Mint Property Developments Ltd to the value of £757,839 to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF), funded elements of the Parkrose Industrial Estate Project – with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>18/0017</p>	<p><u>Land and Property Investment Fund - DUDLEY BROWNFIELD LAND PHASE 2 (SEPPL36) – Grant Agreement Approval</u></p> <p>This is an application for £2,718,447 of LPIF grant funding to support the remediation of 3.19 hectares of land across nine sites within the ownership of Dudley MBC. The sites will then be developed by Dudley MBC by 2020 to deliver 118 residential units. This will include 57 units of social / affordable housing as in the original application but, owing to changes in government policy, the original 58 Starter Homes and 3 homes for private sale will now be developed as 16 units of social / affordable housing and 45 homes for private sale. The leverage generated from the development programme will be in the region of £13,160,884. The total project value is £15,879,331. The programme will also support the creation of 195 jobs, indirectly within the local economy, with approximately 116 of these jobs arising from the construction works.</p> <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>approves for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Wolverhampton City Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to the value of £2,718,447 to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF), funded elements of Dudley Brownfield Land Phase 2 project - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Land and Property Investment Fund - GOSCOTE LANE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (SEPPL22) - Grant Agreement Approval</u></p> <p>This application is a contribution towards remediation costs incurred by the Applicant (St Francis Group (Goscote) Ltd) as part of the costs in delivering some</p>

	<p>18/0018</p>	<p>263 new mixed tenure homes on a brownfield site that is the former Cerro Work, off Goscote Lane, Walsall that most recently was used for copper refining and metal forging employment use.</p> <p>Funding will enable the Applicant to remediate an 8.8 hectare (21.7 acre) site, which is currently derelict, which is within its current ownership. The Applicant has appointed DSM Demolition Ltd, a group company of the Applicant, to remediate the site as a result of its' experience in dealing with contaminated land and its involvement in bringing this specific project forward, including securing consent for the remediation works.</p> <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>2.1 approve the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Wolverhampton City Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with St Francis Group (Goscote) Ltd to the value of £3,590,340 to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF), funded elements of Goscote Lane Residential Development Scheme project - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>2.2 Note that a tripartite agreement has been developed which confirms that Homes England will commit to repay the whole of the LPIF grant if it progresses a non-residential development scheme on the site.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>18/0025</p>	<p><u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - M6 JUNCTION 10 (MAJOR SCHEME) – ADDITIONAL FUNDING (SEPPL38) CAPITAL FUNDING - Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement</u></p> <p>Item Removed to Private Session – Approved</p>
<p>10.</p>		<p><u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - BLACK COUNTRY TRAIN STATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUNDING – WALSALL (SEPPL13) - Grant Agreement Approval</u></p> <p>The West Midlands rail franchise (services previously operated by London Midland) was replaced in December 2017. The Department for Transport (DfT), with input from local authorities and Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), has led a procurement exercise to contract with a Train Operating Company (TOC) to provide these local and regional services.</p> <p>The franchise had been awarded to West Midlands Trains Ltd (WMT), a joint venture between Abellio, East Japan Railway Company and Mitsui & Co Ltd.</p> <p>WMT revealed that over-and-above the base requirements specified by DfT, WMT is intending to introduce a wider package of service improvements from December 2018 onwards. This includes restructuring the timetable across Birmingham New Street to create new through journey opportunities. This will also create a number of new long-distance through services to London from a number of stations in the West Midlands. This is likely to include an hourly service between Walsall and London.</p>

	<p>18/0019</p>	<p>As part of the new franchise 3 new services are currently being proposed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walsall to Wolverhampton with new stations at Darlaston and Willenhall; • Canal Street (Brierley Hill), Brierley Hill, Stourbridge Junction to Birmingham City Centre; • Birmingham to Moseley, Kings Heath and Hazelwell. <p>In order to deliver the new stations within the Black Country, further resource is required to develop the schemes to an acceptable standard and ensure the stations can be adopted by the DfT within the new franchise and delivered by 2021.</p> <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>2.1 approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to an appropriate form of internal agreement with Walsall Council to the value of £37,500 to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Black Country Train Stations Development Funding project - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>2.2 This development funding is to be underwritten by Walsall Council.</p>
<p>11.</p>		<p><u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - BLACK COUNTRY TRAIN STATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUNDING – DUDLEY (SEPPL13)</u> <u>- Grant Agreement Approval</u></p> <p>The West Midlands rail franchise (services previously operated by London Midland) was replaced in December 2017. The Department for Transport (DfT), with input from local authorities and Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), has led a procurement exercise to contract with a Train Operating Company (TOC) to provide these local and regional services.</p> <p>The franchise had been awarded to West Midlands Trains Ltd (WMT), a joint venture between Abellio, East Japan Railway Company and Mitsui & Co Ltd.</p> <p>WMT revealed that over-and-above the base requirements specified by DfT, WMT is intending to introduce a wider package of service improvements from December 2018 onwards. This includes restructuring the timetable across Birmingham New Street to create new through journey opportunities. This will also create a number of new long-distance through services to London from a number of stations in the West Midlands. This is likely to include an hourly service between Walsall and London.</p> <p>As part of the new franchise 3 new services are currently being proposed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walsall to Wolverhampton with new stations at Darlaston and Willenhall; • Canal Street (Brierley Hill), Brierley Hill, Stourbridge Junction to Birmingham City Centre; • Birmingham to Moseley, Kings Heath and Hazelwell. <p>In order to deliver the new stations within the Black Country, further resource is</p>

	<p>18/0020</p>	<p>required to develop the schemes to an acceptable standard and ensure the stations can be adopted by the DfT within the new franchise and delivered by 2021.</p> <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>2.1 approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to the value of £37,500 to deliver the Growth Deal funded elements of the for Black Country Train Stations Development Funding - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>2.2 This Development Funding is to be underwritten by Dudley Council.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>18/0021</p>	<p><u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - ACCESSING GROWTH: WEDNESBURY TO BRIERLEY HILL METRO EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (SEPPL44) – ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST - Approval to Amend Existing Grant Agreement</u></p> <p>Further funding of £230k is required across the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years to cover the ongoing costs for the following workstreams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated Project Management Support; • External Economic advice for continued engagement with Central Government. <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>2.1 approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to the value of £230,000 to deliver the Growth Deal funded elements of the Accessing Growth: Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension Development Funding project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.</p> <p>2.2 This Development funding is to be underwritten by Dudley Council.</p>
<p>13.</p>		<p><u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - I54 WESTERN EXTENSION TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (SEPPL12) DEVELOPMENT FUNDING - Grant Agreement Approval</u></p> <p>Western Extension is a 40 hectare (100 acre) extension to the extremely successful i54 strategic employment site. The land, which is currently in the green belt, is included in South Staffordshire’s Site Allocation Document which identifies the land for much needed manufacturing and engineering employment use. This proposal is fully supported by the members of South Staffordshire District Council and strategic partners including Staffordshire County Council and Wolverhampton City Council along with the Black Country LEP, Stoke and Staffordshire LEP including the regional and national business community.</p> <p>With only 15 acres remaining at i54, the Joint Venture Partners have developed a strategy for bringing forward the lands to the west which will continue providing manufacturing space that is both well serviced and has great access to the wider</p>

	<p>18/0022</p>	<p>highway and national transport network. The funding requested is for externally contracted expert Transport resources to bridge the gap between Growth Deal ear marking of £25m funding for the schemes and delivery of a fully developed scheme ready for approval by West Midlands Combined Authority.</p> <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>2.1 approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council to the value of £75,000 to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the I54 Western Extension Transport Development Funding project - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>2.2 This Development funding is to be underwritten by Wolverhampton City Council.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>18/0023</p>	<p><u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SCHEME DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (SEPPL74)</u> <u>- Grant Agreement Approval</u></p> <p>Resource is required to work alongside Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) and Cycling UK to develop cycling infrastructure along key arterial routes across the Black Country in addition to tackling some of the wider social problems.</p> <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>2.1 approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to the value of £40,000 with Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Sustainable Transport Scheme Development Funding project – with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>2.2 This development funding is to be underwritten by Transport for West Midlands (TfWM).</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>18/0024</p>	<p><u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - BIRCHLEY ISLAND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (SEPPL39)</u> <u>- Grant Agreement Approval</u></p> <p>Birchley Island is a key gateway to the Black Country and Birmingham. The current configuration of the island contributes to significant levels of congestion across the wider area. It has been a long term desire of both Sandwell and the Black Country to see this island upgraded to enable it to cope with the growing levels of vehicles on the surrounding roads.</p> <p>The majority of the development work will be completed in 2018/19, however, some work will need to continue into 2019/20.</p> <p>It was resolved that the BCJC:</p> <p>2.1 approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to</p>

proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council to the value of £150,000 to deliver the Growth Deal funded elements of the for Birchley Island Transport Development Funding project - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.

2.2 This Development funding is to be underwritten by Sandwell Council (subject to the approval of its Chief Finance Officer).