



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (BLEP) BOARD MEETING

Held Tuesday 16 June 2020 from 3pm, via Zoom

**Present:** Andrew M Smith, Pinewood Studios (Co-Chair) (Part meeting)  
Richard Harrington, BLEP Chief Executive  
Adrian Brown, Berkeley Strategic Land Limited  
Lucy Edge, Satellite Applications Catapult (Part meeting)  
Hiren Gandhi, Blaser Mills (Part meeting)  
Michael Garvey, Chandler Garvey (Co-Chair) (Part meeting)  
Alistair Lomax, Arc Universities Group  
Eman Martin-Vignerte, Bosch  
Clare Pelham, Epilepsy Society  
Emma Potts, University of Buckingham (Part meeting)  
Cllr Steven Broadbent, Buckinghamshire Council  
Cllr Isobel Darby, Buckinghamshire Council  
Cllr Martin Tett, Buckinghamshire Council

**Apologies:** Philippa Batting, Buckinghamshire Business First  
Cllr Steve Bowles, Buckinghamshire Council  
Cllr Nick Naylor, Buckinghamshire Council

**In attendance:** Kevin Hoctor, BEIS  
Richard Ambrose, Buckinghamshire Council (Section 151 Officer)  
Ian Barham, BLEP Partnerships Manager  
Sarah Fraser

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Andrew Smith, Emma Potts and Lucy Edge declared an interest in item 3 on the agenda, MHCLG Capital Projects list, and would leave the meeting at this point.
- Declarations of interest were recorded for Michael Garvey and Hiren Gandhi in relation to Item 2 on the agenda, and neither would be present for discussion on this item.

### 2 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE RECOVERY INVESTMENT FUND

- Further to the paper circulated, the Board received an update on progress with the Recovery Investment Fund, now significantly oversubscribed.
- Again, further to the paper provided and to subsequent extensive discussion the Board declined to support the application presented for consideration.

### 3 MHCLG CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST

- The Board considered the list of projects previously circulated in response to the request received from MHCLG on 11 June 2020 for LEPs to come forward with ideas to accelerate existing capital funded projects and suggest “exceptional, additional shovel-ready capital projects” deliverable in the next 18 months.
- There appears to be no new funding to support this call, support coming through a redistribution of underspent Local Growth Fund monies.
- The Board were advised the response to MHCLG on 18 June will constitute an initial, ranked, expression of interest outlining relevant projects; if successful the LEP will be asked to produce detailed business cases.

➤ **Further to discussion it was agreed:**

- To delegate authority to the nominated Sub Group to finalise detail of the submission, including ranking of projects (with particular reference to deliverability, economic/jobs growth, and support for the green agenda) sending this to MHCLG on the Board's behalf.
- To ensure appropriate oversight of projects by relevant partners and neighbours.
- If successful, to encourage wider engagement by project sponsors and to seek to leverage investment to a far greater extent.
- It would be useful to have a piece of work on what the county might look like in 5/10/15 years enabling future project discussions to reflect agreed aspirations/vision – this work is already underway at the Buckinghamshire Growth Board.

**4 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- Thursday 30 July 2020, 9.30am, Board meeting, via Zoom
- Friday 18 September 2020, 2.00pm, Board meeting, Bosch Innovation Hub
- Friday 4 December 2020, 9.30am, Board meeting, Pinewood Studios