

RH Objectives 2020

1 Objective: Delivery

Champion effective and coordinated BLEP delivery across key organisations where relevant and necessary for the delivery of the Bucks Local Growth Deal.

Measure (s)

- 1 Bring the Local Growth Fund programme to a successful conclusion by March 2021 and achieve 100% capital fund defrayal. Make the appropriate adjustments for delays resulting from the COVID -19 crisis.
- 2 Successfully launch and deliver a COVID-19 Recovery and Investment Fund utilising BLEP recycled funds.
- 3 Maintain the BLEP excellence in delivery rating for third year running.
- 4 Accelerate and maximise outcomes from the Buckinghamshire Enterprise Zones (BEZ). Facilitate in year delivery of commercial floorspace and income stream targets for BEZ. Secure approval to the 2nd BEZ MOU, to cover a five year term 2020-25, by October 2020. Establish a plan for the recycling of retained business rate by December 2020.
- 5 Attend Aylesbury Garden Town Board and assist delivery of the economic development priorities contained within the masterplan.

2 Objective : Strategy

Support the Chair and the BLEP Board to establish and maintain a compelling strategic framework and the delivery capacity to implement an agreed programme of economic development. Lead the partner engagement and communication for the Buckinghamshire Local Industrial Strategy and develop and launch the successor plan resulting from LIS and COVID-19.

Measure (s)

- 1 Undertake and conclude a LIS refresh securing Board approval to a draft recovery plan in July 2020 and final plan in September 2020.
- 2 Lead and coordinate submission of post LGF3 programme by March 2021.
- 3 Successfully campaign economic recovery plan with government and Arc neighbours.

3 Objective: Governance

Support the BLEP Chair and work with the BLEP Board to identify opportunities and implement the necessary changes to improve operational efficiency and comply with the recommendations of the LEP Review.

Measure (s)

- 1 Secure first excellent rating for governance in Annual Performance Review 2021.
- 2 Ensure successful appointment to board positions including Vice Chair appointment by Autumn 2020.
- 3 Develop and implement a workforce strategy to incorporate staff appraisal programme.

4 Objective: Relationships

Champion effective and coordinated relationships across key organisations where relevant and necessary for the delivery of the Bucks Local Growth Deal.

Measure (s)

- 1 Participate in the Buckinghamshire Growth Board and lead the thinking and action in respect of economy.
- 2 Maintain high Bucks profile. Work constructively and effectively with LEP Network, Arc and England's Economic Heartland. Identify areas of the forward programme to lead either from an area or thematic basis.
- 3 Ensure efficient and effective working on jointly held vehicles including Buckinghamshire Advantage and within the Team Bucks group of Buckinghamshire Council, BBF and BLEP.
- 4 Play a constructive role in ensuring a successful Arc economic programme working with neighbouring LEPs and government officials.