



**Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
7 March 2019**

**Present:** Councillor B Powell (Chair), , G Butler and Councillor H Davenport

**Also In Attendance:**

- B Magan, Head of Democratic and Member Services, Warrington Borough Council providing support for the Cheshire and Warrington LEP; and
- Representatives from MHCLG were in attendance: Alex Plant and Rebecca Bryning.

**16. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor J Kerr-Brown.

**17. Declarations of Interest**

A Boyd declared an interest in relation to being a Non-Executive Member on the Board of Weaver Vale Housing Trust appointed September 2018, remained in the room and took part in any voting and decision making.

**18. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on the 7 June 2018 were received as a correct record.

The notes of the informal meetings held on the 6 September and 6 December 2018 were received and noted.

**19. Feedback on the actions following the last meeting**

Philip Cox, Chief Executive Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership provided feedback on the recruitment process for Board and Committee members, including new Scrutiny Committee members.

**20. General Governance/Constitutional Matters: Terms of Reference; Membership**

Members **AGREED** as follows:-

- (1) To note the recruitment process as reported in 19 above;

- (2) That the Scrutiny Committee take ownership and responsibility for the Terms of Reference and work programme of the Committee;
- (3) That the quorum should remain at four;
- (4) That the number of representatives on the Committee be increased from six to eight;
- (5) That the additional two representatives to be included on the Committee be drawn from business intermediary groups and that the groups chosen should represent the spectrum of large, medium and small/micro sizes of business;
- (6) That the change in membership be reported to the next LEP Economic Prosperity Board (on which the 3 LA Leaders sit) for comment and discussion;
- (7) That the date of meetings the Committee be more close aligned to the timetable for significant LEP activity such as budget development, the production of key plans and strategies and the monitoring of major programmes: the dates being as follows: 6 June; 5 September; 5 December 2019; and 5 March 2020;
- (8) That the three local authorities be invited to nominate two substitute Members each for the public sector appointments;
- (9) That the terms of office of appointees be lengthened;
- (10) That the local authority representatives be requested to brief any substitute required to serve, as necessary;
- (11) That appointees may, if they so wish, serve for a period of two consecutive terms of office, subject to the usual appointment arrangements; and
- (12) That representatives who are unable to attend for two consecutive meetings without reasonable cause should be disqualified

## **21. Draft Local Industrial Strategy**

The Committee received a progress report from Philip Cox, Chief Executive Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership. The progress report covered the following key areas:

- Journey so far;
- Local Policy Context;
- Our approach to the LIS
- Economy and Productivity and Overall Productivity;
- Spotlight on the super strength specialism: manufacturing, energy & environment, life sciences;
- Bringing finance and business service to the forefront;
- Unlocking the potential of the logistics and distribution sector;
- The five foundations of productivity: ideas, infrastructure, business environment, place, people;
- The clean growth grand challenge;
- Supporting UK development of other grand challenges; and
- Potential priorities for growth.

Scrutiny Committee Members discussed and noted the progress report.

## **22. Work Programme**

The Scrutiny Committee received and considered a work programme report and AGREED that an 'induction session. Be added as part of any future meeting to welcome new members to the Committee

## **23. Future Meeting Dates**

Decision – To note the following schedule of meetings, commencing at 3.00pm, at Wyvern House (subject to availability)

- 6 June; 5 September 2019;
- 5 December 2019; and
- 5 March 2020

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