

**HEREFORD ENTERPRISE ZONE
EXECUTIVE BOARD
21 APRIL 2015**

Present:	In attendance:
Bill Jackson (BJ) Chair	Nick Webster (NW)
Tracey Goodwin (JG)	Dorothy Coleman (DC)
Geoff Hughes (GH)	Steve Burgess (SB) – for item 5
Neil Kerr (NK)	
Mark Pearce (MP)	
Councillor Roger Phillips (RP)	

	ACTION
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
Glyn Morgan	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
As per Register of Members' Interests.	
3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2014	
The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March were approved as a correct record.	
4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA	
<p><u>Enterprise Zone Board support of projects</u></p> <p>NK referred to a previous meeting at which the Board had expressed a preference for a particular route for the proposed A49/A465 road. On reflection it was agreed that the Board should continue to seek to influence issues such as this of relevance to the EZ. However the Board should confine their consideration and expression of support in general terms rather express more precise preferences on routes which should be left to the appropriate delivery agents. In this case, the Board supported the principle of the South Wye Transport Package, and it was acknowledged that the determination of the route rested with the Council. The major exception would be infrastructure investments within the Zone boundary where input into the precise delineation of routes could be expected.</p> <p><u>Minute 6b Events & Exhibitions</u></p> <p>BJ reported that the team had attended Regen15, a national conference for regeneration professionals and business leaders, and some useful contacts had been made. Consideration was being given to attendance at other conferences/events with the Marches LEP team.</p>	
5. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION	
a) Transport issues	

<p><u>Rotherwas Rail</u></p> <p>SB reported that the feasibility work had been commissioned, and on receipt of the report, would be presented to Cabinet in June. The Board agreed to support this should a business case be made for locating. SB would ask MP for comments on the draft feasibility work.</p>	MP
<p><u>South Wye Transport Package</u></p> <p>The planning application would be submitted the following week, and the Zone would be contacted as part of the consultation process. The application would potentially be presented to committee in August. Mairead Lane was continuing to progress the construction scheme. This would be an 18-month to 2-year build which could open by early 2017.</p>	MP
<p>MP agreed to write a few bullet points giving reasons for the Zone's support for the new road.</p>	
<p><u>Core Strategy</u></p> <p>Following further consultation on aspects of the Core Strategy it was expected that the Inspector's report would be received in June, with full adoption in July/August.</p>	
<p><u>Holme Lacy Road improvements</u></p> <p>SB asked for feedback on the draft proposals for improvements on the Holme Lacy Road circulated after the last Board meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Local Transport Plan</u></p> <p>The LTP came to an end this year and the aim was to draft a new long term strategy and submit to Cabinet by October with adoption by March 2016.</p>	
<p><u>Travel Plan Co-ordinator</u></p> <p>Anna Newey had been seconded from JMP to work in the Zone team for 12 months. She would be working with all new investors to assist them in writing travel plans and encouraging reduction in car use to and from work. She would also work with individual businesses on the Estate to generate increased interest and providing information on public transport, car sharing etc. She would also set up a business forum which would champion sustainable transport to their colleagues and other businesses.</p>	
<p>b) Sales issues/plot disposals</p> <p>MP reported receipt of 2 new investment proposals received and the Board agreed that both met the eligibility criteria for locating on the Zone and that the interests be taken forward.</p> <p>MP also updated the Board on discussions held with the planning officer relating to a potential investment.</p>	

submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 23 April.	
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
<p><u>Mobile CCTV</u> It was noted that a bid had been submitted by the Police to the Police and Crime Commissioner's crime projects grant scheme for mobile cameras on the estate. If successful, the cost of managing the cameras would be borne by the police.</p> <p><u>Business Crime Seminar</u> Inspector Semper had organised a Business Crime Seminar which would take place on 23 April.</p> <p><u>Lord Lieutenant's Visit</u> The Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, and the Deputy Lieutenant would be visiting the Zone on 9 June.</p>	
9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
2.00pm on Tuesday 16 June	