

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BUSINESS INVESTMENT PANEL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2020 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A -  
WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS**

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**Present:**

Councillor Judith Blake CBE (Chair)	Leeds City Council
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Kirklees Council
Councillor Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Michael Allen	NatWest Bank
Colin Glass OBE	WGN
Jonathan King	Medusa Holdings Ltd

**In attendance:**

Georgia Siora	Warwick Economics
Phil Cole	Leeds City Council
Neill Fishman	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Bev Foster	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Lorna Holroyd	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Henry Rigg	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Jennifer Robson	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Lauren Thomas	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

**43. Apologies for absence**

In the absence of Councillor Judith Blake, who had been delayed, the meeting was Chaired by Councillor Jane Scullion.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Swift, Darren Byford, Alex Ross Shaw, Simon Wright, Marcus Mills and Gareth Yates,

**44. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no items of pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.

**45. Exempt information - Exclusion of the press and public**

**Resolved:** That in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendices 1 and 2 to Agenda item 5 and Appendices

1,2,3,4 and 5 to Agenda item 6 on the grounds that they are likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and for the reasons set out in the report that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**46. Minutes of the meeting of the Business Investment Panel held on 3 December 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Business Investment Panel held on 3 December 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**47. Strategic Inward Investment Fund**

The Panel considered a report to outline the current position regarding the progress in committing grants through the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (the LEP) Strategic Inward Investment Fund (SIF)

The Panel considered the new grant application outlined in paragraph 3.1 and detailed in exempt appendices 1 and 2.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the contents of the SIF Progress report be noted.
- (ii) That the grant application outlined in paragraph 3.1 and detailed in exempt Appendices 1 and 2 be recommended for approval.

**48. Business Growth Programme**

The Panel considered a report to outline the current position regarding progress in committing grants through the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (the LEP) Business Growth Programme (BGP)

The Panel was asked to consider the applications outlined at 3.1 and detailed in exempt appendices 1 to 4, note the update at 4.1 and attached at exempt Appendix 5 and note the findings of the evaluation as detailed in section 6 and attached at Appendix 6.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the progress report be noted.
- (ii) That the Panel agreed that the application for project reference 1107986 be recommended for approval.

- (iii) That the Panel agreed not to recommend for approval the application for project reference 1109942
- (iv) That the update at 4.1 and attached at exempt Appendix 5 be noted.
- (v) That the findings of the evaluation by Giorgia Siora as detailed in section 6 and attached at Appendix 6 be noted.

**49. Date of next meeting 2 April 2020**

The next meeting of the Business Investment Panel on 2 April 2020 is cancelled.