

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BUSINESS INNOVATION AND GROWTH PANEL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A,
WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS**

Present:

Simon Wright	Yorkshire Bank
Councillor Roy Miller	Barnsley Council
Councillor Tim Swift	Calderdale Council
Phillip Wilson	Slipstream Design
Dean Cook (Advisory Representative)	Innovate UK
Sandy Needham (Advisory Representative)	West & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Mark Robson (Advisory Representative)	Department for International Trade
Ian Sharp (Advisory Representative)	Digital Health Enterprise Zone
Andrew Welsh (Advisory Representative)	WY Consortium of Colleges

In attendance:

Dr Peter O'Brien	Yorkshire Universities
Kersten England	Bradford Council
Sarah Bowes	WYCA
Sue Cooke	WYCA
Simon Middleton	City of York Council
Henry Rigg	WYCA
David Shepherd	WYCA
Jonathan Skinner	WYCA
Dathan Tedesco	WYCA
David Walmsley	WYCA

This meeting was not quorate until minute 4 (agenda item 7)

1. Apologies for absence

In Andrew Wright's absence the chair was taken by Simon Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Foster and Shabir Pandor, Professor John Fisher, Mark Robson, Lee Savage, Mike Danby, John Eaglesham and Andrew Wright.

The chair informed members that Sophie Jewett had resigned from the panel and thanked her for her contribution over the last three years.

The chair welcomed a guest, Dr Peter O'Brien from Yorkshire Universities who will be representing Yorkshire Universities on the Panel until a new Director is appointed.

2. Inward Investment

WYCA's Head of Trade and Investment provided members with an update on inward investment activity.

3. International Trade

WYCA's Head of Trade and Investment provided members with an update on key activities within the International Trade Plan and an overview of the current trade performance figures.

4. Industrial Strategy and Inclusive Growth

WYCA's Lead Policy Manager for Private Sector Growth gave an update on the city region's developing approach to industrial strategy and inclusive growth.

A presentation was given focusing on the opportunities provided by Government's modern industrial strategy in the context of the prevailing economic conditions, and the challenges to improving competitiveness and productivity while driving inclusive growth outcomes.

A further discussion on the challenge of improving productivity is set to take place at the LEP Board away day on 19 September and panel members were invited to attend.

Resolved:

- (i) That the update on the city region's developing approach to industrial strategy and inclusive growth and the plan to further engage on the productivity challenge be noted.
- (ii) That the work being undertaken to refocus established programmes and projects to drive inclusive growth outcomes be noted.
- (iii) That the plan to propose the continuation of several key Growth Deal programmes to government ahead of the Autumn Budget, in light of their impending expiry, be endorsed.

5. LEP Growth Service

WYCA's Head of Business Support provided members with a report updating them on the activities and achievements of the LEP Growth Service, and options for future delivery of the service.

Simon Middleton, Growth Manager for York, was also on hand and presented the panel with an overview of the work he was involved with, including some case studies.

Resolved: That the update on the LEP Growth Service be noted. Panel members requested that work continue to identify suitable funding mechanisms for the Growth Service post March 2018.

6. Access Innovation

Panel member Philip Wilson presented a report updating members on the Access Innovation Programme.

Resolved:

- (i) That the update on the Access Innovation Programme be noted.
- (ii) That members help to identify networks and organisations which might help increase SME engagement in Access Innovation.
- (iii) That the Terms of Reference for the Project Advisory Group, attached at Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be approved.