

Minutes of Luton Airport Enterprise Zone Board

Monday 30 September 2019

Town Hall, Luton

Present:

Peter Horrocks – Chair – SEMLEP Chair
 Kerry Mashford – SEMLEP Board member
 Sian Timoney – Deputy Leader, Luton BC
 Laura Church – Corporate Director, Luton BC & LLAL
 Ciaron Scanlon – Service Director, LLAL

Hilary Chipping – CEx, SEMLEP
 Judith Barker – Director, SEMLEP
 Antony Swift – EEH
 Darren Lambert – S151 SEMLEP, LBC
 Dev Gopal – S151 LBC, LBC

Apologies

Mike Todman – CLGU, BEIS

| No. | Description | Action |
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| 1. | Welcome and introductions – there were no Declarations of Interest | |
| 2. | Actions from May 2019 meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ToR had been completed and circulated – they are now on SEMLEP website • LBC have not progressed with the proposal to change the geography of the EZ area • KM and LC did discuss the Energy Centre | |
| 3. | High Level Implementation Plan – LC led DART – opening June 2021 – on track - Bartlett Square – hotel development underway but everything else awaits the DART progress | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Century Park Access Road – Due to go to Full Council in November. Looking to develop some elements earlier including possible realignment of Percival Way. There is a possible automotive developer that could move to EZ site. This would reduce LBC risks on business rates. CPAR Phase 1 now includes dualling of Vauxhall Way to reduce congestion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Aim of Phase 1 CPAR is to deliver Century Park and central area of EZ o Phase 2 is not progressing yet but is part of a bid from EEH for Major Roads Network funds. o Some of the site may or may not be used for part of the airport growth as part of the DCO but that will not be determined until 2021 - BRU – discussion about how the BRU may generate income and that the developer moving is already in Luton so no net gain on business rate income. - LC stated that CPAR is not needed for the construction of automotive site but would be needed for its operation. - Discussion about finance of CPAR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CPAR Phase 1 and Vauxhall Way including interest costs is £175M so larger than forecast BRU sum in D Lock report o Noted that EZ and SEMLEP Board had agreed in principle to use BRU for EZ development subject to detailed proposals and finances being presented. o LC confirmed that LBC are continuing to look for alternative funding o Request for £175M is going to the Full Council in November but this means that LBC have to make £4m of additional savings each year in order to cover cost of borrowing. o ST stated that members see the long term benefits of the scheme to create Luton jobs for Luton people o LC confirmed options were being explored. o There was a discussion about using different appraisal approaches and that MT had made clear the assurance framework had to be applied to BRU decisions. Before the SEMLEP Board could approve the use of BRU for this scheme then a full appraisal proportionate for a scheme of this size needed to be completed and reported to the EZ and SEMLEP Board. - KM suggested trying to explore creative ways to focus on the vision and bring forward a scheme that could be funded. - HC and JB confirmed that the CPAR business case needed a clear ask of the BRU to be considered and appraised. JB confirmed that SEMLEP have appointed Hatch Regeneris to appraise the scheme. JB and LC to speak to arrange the beginning to the appraisal process. - AS was willing to help but nothing additional to offer at this stage | <p>JB and LC to speak to arrange the beginning to the appraisal process.</p> |
| 4. | Next steps | |

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| | <p>It was agreed that everyone wanted the EZ to succeed but it is difficult due to the complexity and the need for significant funding for the key road to open up the EZ.</p> <p>It was noted that the project would be going to Exec on 11 November and Full Council on 19th. LC to update all on progress. This will form part of the SEMLEP Board report to 27 November meeting.</p> <p>JB and LC to speak to arrange the beginning to the appraisal process.</p> | <p>LC to prepare report to SEMLEP Board</p> <p>JB and LC to speak to arrange the beginning to the appraisal process.</p> |
| 5. | <p>AOB & Next meeting date</p> <p>Next meeting date to be agreed for December.</p> | <p>JB to speak to LN to arrange</p> |