

Minutes of Strategic Board: 29th January 2020

Attendees

Chris Brodie	Chair
Sarah Dance	Deputy Chair
Adam Bryan	CEO
Aideen Sadler	Opportunity South Essex
Ana Christie	Team East Sussex
Angela O'Donoghue	Further Education representative
Carol Ford	Kent and Medway Economic Partnership
Carole Barron	Higher Education Representative
Claire Lewis	Success Essex
Clive Soper	Team East Sussex
Cllr David Finch	Essex County Council
Cllr David Monk	Kent District/Borough/City Councils representative
Cllr Graham Butland	Essex District/Borough/City Councils representative
Cllr Mark Coxshall	Thurrock Council
Cllr Roger Gough	Kent County Council
Cllr Ron Woodley	Southend Borough Council
Cllr Rupert Simmons	East Sussex County Council
Geoff Miles	Kent and Medway Economic Partnership
Graham Peters	Team East Sussex
Jo James	Kent and Medway Economic Partnership
Liz Gibney	Kent and Medway Economic Partnership
Matthew Arnold	Kent and Medway Economic Partnership
Miles Adcock	Success Essex

Apologies: Prof Karen Cox (substituted by Carole Barron), Cllr Glazier (substituted by Cllr Simmons), Cllr Gledhill (substituted by Cllr Coxshall), Penny Shimmin, Perry Glading (due to conflict of interest)

Other attendees:

Alex Riley	SELEP Secretariat	Joanne Cable	Medway Council
Amy Bernardo	Essex County Council	Katherine Wyatt	SELEP Secretariat
Amy Ferraro	SELEP Secretariat	Lorna Norris	Essex County Council
Charlotte Moody	Essex County Council	Louise Aitken	SELEP Secretariat
Christopher Seamark	Kent County Council	Richard Dawson	East Sussex County Council
Dave Evans	East Sussex County Council	Robert Willis	Essex County Council
Emma Lindsell	Southend Borough Council	Sarah Nurden	Kent County Council
Helen Russell	SELEP Secretariat	Sharon Spicer	SELEP Secretariat
Ian Lewis	Opportunity South Essex	Stephanie Mitchener	Essex County Council
Jo Simmons	SELEP Secretariat	Suzanne Bennett	SELEP Secretariat

This meeting was held as video conference and a recording can be found [by clicking here](#); the timestamp of the start of the discussion for each item is indicated in brackets.



Item 1: Welcome and introduction

1.1. Chris Brodie welcomed the Board to the virtual meeting.

Item 2: Minutes of last meeting, declarations of interest, matters arising (1'25" timestamp on video)

2.1. The Board agreed the minutes of the last meeting.

2.2. The following interests were declared:

- i) Perry Glading declared in advance of the meeting a pecuniary interest in the Port of Dover; he has decided therefore to not participate in the meeting;
- ii) Angela O'Donoghue declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Thames Freeport Bid;
- iii) Carol Barron declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel proposal;
- iv) Cllr Coxshall declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Thames Freeport Bid;
- v) Cllr Monk declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel proposal; and
- vi) Cllr Gough declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel proposal.

Item 3: Freeport Bid Endorsement (3'30" timestamp on video)

3.1. Alex Riley presented the report to the Board.

3.2. The Board endorsed the Freeport East bid as detailed in Appendix A of the report, noting that this will supplement principal endorsement of the bid by New Anglia LEP expected on 27 January 2021.

3.3. The Board endorsed the Thames Freeport bid as detailed in Appendix B of the report.

3.4. The Board endorsed the approach of the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel to develop a submission for a Global Trade and Innovation (GTI) Zone - with the Board to consider endorsement of a finalised submission at an appropriate future meeting of the Strategic Board.

3.5. Cllr Coxshall raised the importance of collaboration across LEPs during the bidding process.

Item 4: AOB and Close (12'20" timestamp on video)

4.1. Chris Brodie closed the meeting.