

The West of England Partnership

Board Meeting

Date: Thursday 12 March 2009
Time: 2pm
Place: The Campus, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 7DX

Distribution:
Members of the Board

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Agenda

MEMBERS OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Local authorities:

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Cllr Francine Haeberling

Cllr Paul Crossley

Cllr Adrian Inker

Bristol City Council

Cllr Richard Eddy

Cllr Helen Holland

Cllr Barbara Janke

North Somerset Council

Cllr Nigel Ashton

Cllr Elfan Ap Rees

Cllr Nan Kirsan

South Gloucestershire Council

Cllr John Calway

Cllr Ruth Davis

Cllr Roger Hutchinson

Social, Economic & Environmental Partners:

Steve Grainger, Avon Biodiversity Partnership

John Savage, Executive Chairman, Business West

Rachel Robinson, Bristol and West of England ChangeUp Consortia

Sonia Mills, Chief Executive, North Bristol NHS Trust

Ian Ducat, South West Trade Union Council

Prof. David Clarke, University of Bristol

Observers:

Peter Brown, South West Regional Assembly

Hilary Neal, Government Office for the South West

Ian Knight, South West Regional Development Agency

David Warburton, Homes and Communities Agency

Neighbouring County Councils:

David Halkyard, Gloucestershire County Council

Paul Hickson, Group Manager - Economy & Europe, Somerset Council

Georgina Clampitt-Dix, Head of Spatial Planning, Wiltshire County Council

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1. **Election of Chair**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Public Forum:**
 - i) Statements
 - ii) Petitions
 - iii) Questions
4. **Minutes of meeting on 5 December 2008** (attached) and matters arising
5. **Developing Skills in the West of England** (attached)
To inform Board members of the actions taking place to develop skills, particularly Levels 2 and 3, in the West of England and to endorse this work and the future developments planned
6. **Engagement with SEEPs (Social, Economic and Environmental Partners) & Strategic Organisations** (attached)
To agree further arrangements for engagement with SEEPS and strategic organisations to strengthen the capacity, reach and influence of the Partnership
7. **Inward investment** (attached)
To inform the Partnership about the current inward investment and business support activities of the West of England Partnership Invest West service and its partners

8. **South West Regional Funding Advice 2009/10 – 2018/19**
(attached)
To inform the Partnership of the submission and its significance for the sub-region
9. **MAA (Multi-Area Agreement)** (attached)
To seek views on the development of the current draft of the MAA
10. **City Region Pilot** (attached)
To inform members of the bid to become a City Region Pilot
11. **Core cities** (attached)
To update members on the work of the Core Cities Group
12. **Any other business**
13. **Date of next meeting:**
Thursday 16 April, 2 – 4pm at The Guildhall, Bath