

Meeting: County Durham Economic Partnership Board

Date & Time: Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 3.00pm

Venue: New College Durham & Teams attendees



Better for everyone

	Name	Organisation/Pillar Rep
Present:	Glyn Llewellyn (GL)	Chair
	Sarah Slaven (SS)	Business Competitiveness
	Reshma Begum (RB)	Federation of Small Business
	Andrew Broadbent (AB)	People
	Allison Gittins (AG)	Durham Business Group
	Andy Bailey (ACB)	Partnership Team, DCC
	Angela Brown (ABro)	Partnership Team, DCC (minutes)
Attended Via Teams:	Sue Parkinson (SP)	Resources
	Bill Fullen (BF)	Inclusive Growth
Also in attendance:	Alison Clark (AC)	Head of Culture, Sport & Tourism DCC
	Jim Cokill (JC)	Chair of Environment & Climate Change Partnership
Apologies:	Joanna Laverick	VCS Voice
	Amy Harhoff	Durham County Council
	Cllr Elizabeth Scott	Durham County Council
	Jon Gluyas	Durham University

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1.	Welcome and apologies	GL welcomed everyone to the meeting		
2.	Minutes of the meeting	The minutes from the last meeting held on 1st December 2021 were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting		
3.	Matters arising	All actions from last meeting were complete apart from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC to organise meeting at New College Durham how can support each other - AC will organise this. 	AC	
4.	City of Culture Bid Update – Alison Clark	<p>AC gave an updated presentation on City of Culture Bid</p> <p>Questions/Comments</p> <p>GL felt there is big opportunities for businesses, but we need something like a short video clip to help with pushing this.</p> <p>AC agreed to speak with New College Durham about development of skills plan that supports the programme and future jobs in the creative industries</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC to arrange short video clip to share with Businesses • AC to speak to AB at New College Durham in relation to skills plan to support programme and future jobs in the creative industries 	AC AC & AB	

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		<p>Board members were encouraged to get partners to complete the survey</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members encouraged to send link to their networks • Presentation to be circulated 	ALL ABro	
7.	Shared Prosperity Fund – Sue Parkinson	<p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund – agreed as per paper. SP agreed to write formally to DCC to make the offer and wait for acceptance before operationalising</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP to write to DCC on behalf of the CDEP Board 	SP	
8.	Partners updates/partnership Communication - All	<p><i>Allison Gittins</i> Durham Business Group have taken over Portland House and have managed to fill most of the office space. Venues are now stating to welcome us back</p> <p><i>Andy Bailey</i> In relation to the Economic Strategy Andy asked if ‘approach to Wellbeing’ will be used – SS said she will take this back and ask the question</p> <p><i>Andrew Broadbent</i> T level/A Level Open Day on Saturday where school leavers and parents/carers are invited to learn more about both qualifications at the open event. Specialist staff from the A-Level and T-Level teams will be on hand to discuss the courses and answer any questions . T levels are progressing very slowly</p> <p>Hopefully as mentioned earlier Greenskills Bootcamp will be successful Working with DCC to look at problems with NEET Out of area school project – working on this at minute In development with Amazon helping them with woman’s day</p> <p><i>Sue Parkinson</i> Keen to have a newsletter go out after Board meeting. Sue volunteered to draft this, It will be bullet points against each agenda item</p>	SS	

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		<p><i>Bill Fullen</i> Believe have promoted a number of apprenticeships for electricians and gas fitters. Working closely with the Council and Housing associations to secure funding, hopefully make future bids more successful.</p> <p><i>Reshma Begum</i> Business as usual is the word from small businesses, even though seen big increases in energy businesses are still wanting to grow and are keen to work with them on skills to help the growth.</p> <p><i>Sarah Slaven</i> Working on Space Sector leading on behalf of the region. Lockheed Martin is looking to set up a satellite manufacturing base in the UK to expand its global space business</p> <p>The North East Satellite Applications Centre of Excellence is inviting businesses to learn more about the growing space industry in the North East at its upcoming conference tomorrow at Durham Radisson Hotel and have had over 200 people registered to attend</p> <p>About to embark on Phase 3 of Netpark planning permission has been approved this morning £49.6m has been agreed to be invested to finance providing up to 270,000sq ft of new laboratory, office, production and storage space at one of the UKs premier science parks</p> <p>Community Renewal Fund – Marketing accelerator skills challenges got piece of research work going on of what is available, if there are any gaps and if so how do we fill these gaps</p>		
9.	Any Other Business	GL thanked everyone for attending the meeting today		
	Date and time of Next Meeting	24th May at 11am at Durham Business Group, Portland House, Durham		

