

**Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board**

**Date:** 3 September 2024

**Time:** 14:00 – 16:00

**Location:** Room 0.20, Hampshire County Council

**Present:** Cllr Nick Adams-King (NAK) Leader HCC  
 Gary Westbrook (GW) HCC  
 Natalie Wigman (NW), HCC  
 Cllr Phil North (PN) Leader TVBC  
 Cllr Martin Tod (MT) Leader WCC  
 Cllr Zoe Huggins (ZH) HCC  
 Simon Watson (SW) Milestone Inf.  
 Mark Smith (MS) University of Southampton

Sarah Greer (SG) Winchester University  
 Paul West (SW) Kelda Showers  
 Alastair Welch (AW) Associated British Ports  
 Fiona Stillwell (PETA)  
 Nicola Kildunne (NK) FSB  
 Laura Read (LR) Marwell Wildlife  
 Teresa Hogsbjerg (TH) HCC (Minutes)  
 Stephen Martin (SM) HCC (presentations)

**Apologies:** Carolyn Williamson (HCC)  
 Barney Ely (Hays)  
 James Hassett (Freeport)  
 Jo Butler (Frank Butler Farms Ltd)

		Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
	NAK welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted, and introductions were made.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Last meeting</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	NAK asked if there were any comments to be made on the minutes from the last meeting  MG - Change MG role details to Principal & CEO Havant & South Downs College Group amend  Minutes Agreed	HCC

<b>3.</b>	<b>Action points from last meeting</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p>NAK provided an overview of the actions from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper summarising the EM3 and Solent LEP's activities during 2023/24 for information – Complete</li> <li>• Data repository – Complete</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Appointment of HPPB Vice Chair</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	NAK introduced the item and asked for nominations of which there were 2, SW & AW. SW withdrew and AW voted in as Vice Chair	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Feedback from Joint Leaders Board (JLB) on 2 September 2024</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<p>NAK introduced the item inviting PN &amp; MT to provide feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected 3rd representative to the HPPB board from JLB – Cllr Gareth Williams – Rushmoor Borough Council Leader</li> <li>• Cllr Williams to be invited to future meetings of HPPB</li> <li>• Further comments in line with the rest of the agenda and therefore feedback to be given as appropriate</li> </ul>	HCC
<b>6.</b>	<b>New government – potential implications and opportunities</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<p>GW introduced the item and Stephen Martin gave a presentation</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on local solutions and honest, strategic conversations</li> <li>• Priorities for Hampshire are important to feed into both national and local discussions</li> <li>• Importance of aligning local need with Government priorities</li> <li>• HPPB have an opportunity to tell Government what is needed in Hampshire</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Devolution</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p>NAK provided a verbal update</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the devolution offer from Government, and what are the opportunities</li> <li>• Geographical diversity and interlinking functional economic areas</li> </ul> <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate places where devolution is working well for multiple Council geographies - report on lessons learned</li> </ul>	HCC

8.	<b>Hampshire economic strategy and skills strategy</b>	
8.1	Skills Strategy - As the current strategy is out of date it has been agreed that a new strategy will be developed rather than undertaking a refresh – this will be done later in 2025 once the Board has agreed its priorities and there is a better understanding of the Government’s policy position.	HCC
8.2	<p>Economic Strategy – This is a refresh required as part of the integration of LEP functions and therefore a light touch refresh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the refresh to commit to developing the next strategy and the steps which will be taken to get there, this update needs to be seen as a starting point.</li> <li>• Play to the County’s strengths in relation to the Governments priorities.</li> <li>• The action plan which needs to follow needs to be developed collectively, needs to be measurable and appropriate</li> </ul> <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add Biodiversity Net Gain into Natural Capital</li> <li>• Ensure business resilience is captured as an important feature within the post pandemic economy.</li> <li>• Use the refresh as an opportunity to sell Hampshire as a place which needs support and recognition within the UK economy</li> <li>• Create an over-arching message for Hampshire – statement of intent from the HPPB</li> </ul>	HCC
9	AOB	
9.1	There was no AOB	