

Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board

Date: Monday 19 January 2026

Time: 11:00 – 13:00

Location: University of Southampton

Present:

Cllr Nick Adams-King – HCC	Laura Read – Marwell Wildlife
Fiona Stilwell – PETA	Paul West – Marketing Consultant
Julie Milburn – Sparsholt College Group	Simon Watson – M Group
Mark Smith – University of Southampton	Natalie Wigman – HCC
Cllr Martin Todd – Winchester CC	Stephen Martin – HCC
Alastair Welch – ABP	Teresa Hogsbjerg – HCC
Ross McNally – Hampshire Chamber of Commerce	

Apologies: Joanna Butler – Butler Farms
Nicola Kildunne – FSB
Sarah Greer – University of Winchester
Cllr Gareth Williams – Rushmoor BC
Cllr Phil North – Test Valley BC
Cllr Zoe Huggins – HCC

		Action
1.	Welcome	
1.1	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked the University of Southampton for hosting.	
2.	Minutes of last meeting	
2.1	The minutes were agreed.	
3.	Action points from last meeting	
3.1	Actions from the previous meeting were cleared or to be covered during this meeting.	
4.	Conflicts of interest	
4.1	No conflicts of interest were declared.	

5.	Devolution and LGR – verbal update	
5.1	<p>NAK provided an update on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extraordinary meeting of Hampshire County Council (HCC) on 12 January and of HCC Cabinet on 15 January, following which HCC had written to central Government to say that elections should go ahead in May: Hampshire County Council tells Government: 'Elections should go ahead this May' Hampshire County Council • Ongoing work regarding the establishment of a Combined County Authority for Hampshire and the Solent, following the Government's announcement in December that it was minded to postpone the election of a Mayor for the region until 2028. 	
6	Infrastructure review	
6.1	<p>Members of the team from Jacobs undertaking the infrastructure review joined the meeting and provided an update on the work, and an overview of emerging findings</p> <p>The Board reflected on the work and posed questions to the team.</p> <p>Board members were invited to send feedback on the presentation by email to HCC to be shared with Jacobs.</p>	
7	Energy infrastructure gap and opportunities analysis	
7.1	TH provided an update on the project so far. The contract to carry out this work had been awarded to Jacobs.	
8	Rural business support	
8.1	TH provided an update on the proposed work to support the rural sector in Hampshire, focusing on the role of the Growth Hub as a mechanism for delivering business support.	
9	Local Visitor Economy Partnership	
9.1	<p>NW provided an update on the process of setting up the Local Visitor Economy Partnership for Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, and raised the need to consider funding for the work with the Board.</p> <p>The Board requested that Tourism South East should attend the next meeting for a more detailed discussion about the LVEP, to enable the Board to take a view on the level of support needed for the partnership to run successfully.</p> <p>Action: HCC to invite Tourism South East to the next meeting</p>	HCC

10	Funding Request – Insider Magazine	
10.1	<p>TH presented to the Board the request for funding to support the Hampshire Business Awards and associated activity, as set out in the proposal. The Board recommended that funding should be approved, subject to negotiation of an improved price.</p> <p>Action: TH to negotiate an improved price for the programme</p>	HCC
11	AOB	
11.1	None	