

**Economic Development Inquiry: Progress Update on Recommendations after
12 months**


Select Committee Inquiry Report Completion Date: July 2016

Date of this update: 31st October 2017

Lead Officer responsible for this response: John Rippon

Cabinet Member that has signed-off this update: Martin Tett

Original Response and Actions	Progress Update After 12 Months
<p>YES</p> <p>It is agreed that a briefing on the work of the Bucks Skills Hub activities should be arranged. This will be led by TEE with the engagement of the CSCL BU.</p> <p>An all Member Briefing will therefore be scheduled for September 2016: this will cover both the work in support of economic development & the work of the Bucks Skills Hub Team.</p>	<p>An all Member Briefing was held at County Offices on 29th October 2016 attended by the Leader and Economic Development Portfolio holder Councillor Martin Tett. This provided a valuable opportunity to present and discuss the BTVLEP and Bucks Business First economic development and skills programmes and activities. The presentation considered the relationship and important collaborative role of BTVLEP and BBF in supporting and shaping the skills and economic development agenda for the area.</p> <p>The all member briefing also provided an opportunity to showcase the intervention and success at the level of business and place, giving an overview of respective programmes of Bucks Business First extending their business membership to 10,000 and BTVLEP driving economic growth through infrastructure investment programmes and delivery of the Buckinghamshire Strategic Economic Plan. Members were given an overview of BTVLEP portfolio of infrastructure programmes including the use of Local Growth Funds secured and progression of the Aylesbury Enterprise Zone sites at Silverstone, Westcott and Aylesbury Woodlands.</p>

	<p>Over the last 12 months further progress has been made to coordinate respective skills hub activities across organisations. Exec Director Gill Quinton and Cllr Mike Appleyard sit on BTVLEP Skills & Employability board.</p> <p>Jackie Campbell (BTVLEP) sits on BCC internal Skills Board Gill Quinton and Jackie Campbell jointly developed the Bucks Skills Strategy, which has been subsequently approved by cabinet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RAG rating agreed By Committee on 12th January 2018 </p>
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<p>Recommendation 2 That the Scrutiny Guide to Economic Development in Buckinghamshire should be promoted to all Members and supported by a Member Briefing to ensure that Members can gain a greater insight into this issue.</p> <p>Lead Cabinet Member: Lead Officer: Action by date:</p>	
<p>Original Response and Action</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Progress Update After 12 months</p>
<p>The Scrutiny Guide will be a useful resource to County Councillors alongside other key summary documents produced by Bucks Business First and the Bucks Thames Valley LEP. The guide will be promoted via the online 'Member Zone' and promoted to Members at other opportunities such as the All Member Briefing on economic development in September. Regular monthly meetings are held with BBF and opportunities to showcase BBF activities</p>	<p>A guide for Members was produced during the Scrutiny Inquiry and circulated in the Cabinet papers in July 2016. The guide is available to all members on the online 'Member Zone'.</p> <p>The following BTVLEP and BBF key documents are also available via the online Member Zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Hub Bi-Annual Report 2017 • Bucks Thames Valley LEP Annual Report 2016/17 • Bucks Thames Valley LEP Annual Report 2015/16


to the County Council and Members identified.

- Bucks Thames Valley LEP Annual Report 2015/14
- Bucks Business First Annual Review (year end 31 March 2016)
- Bucks Business First Business Overview 2015/16

All Members also receive the monthly BTVLEP e-newsletter.

BTVLEP & BBF representatives attended the Members marketplace event that was held at County Offices following the elections in July 2017, when newly elected councillors were being inducted.

BTVLEP and Bucks Business First are working with BCC to arrange another all Member briefing session at County Hall in late November / early December 2017.

RAG rating agreed By Committee on 12th January 2018 


Recommendation 3

That the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership should present its annual report to County Council, in order to raise awareness of its activities in promoting economic development in Buckinghamshire.

Lead Cabinet Member:

Lead Officer:


Action by date:

Original Response and Actions YES	Progress Update After 12 months
<p>The Inquiry has highlighted the need for better understanding of the role and function of Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership and how this organisation benefits the businesses and local economies in Buckinghamshire, including the promotion and funding of key infrastructure. BTVLEP has therefore agreed to present its annual report to the County Council.</p>	<p>The BTVLEP Chief Executive and Skills Manager participated in the debate on the local economy at the Annual Council meeting on July 13th 2017. All Members now receive monthly copies of the BTVLEP e-newsletter and the 2017 BTVLEP annual report was distributed to Members in October 2017. Electronic copies of the 2017 report are available via the online Member Zone. In addition to the all member briefing scheduled for the end of 2017, the BTVLEP Chief Executive will be invited to full council in March/April 2018.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RAG rating agreed By Committee on 12th January 2018 </p>





Recommendation 4

That should a key decision be taken to develop England's Economic Heartland's Strategic Transport Forum into a sub-national Transport Body, Cabinet will ensure that the TEC Select Committee and Regulatory and Audit Committee will have the opportunity to consider any implications for the Council's operational and governance arrangements respectively.

Lead Cabinet Member:

Lead Officer: Action by date:	
Original Response and Actions Yes	Progress Update After 12 months
It is agreed that should the key decision be taken to establish a Sub-National Transport Body. The Cabinet decision process will provide the opportunity for the TEC Select Committee and Regulatory and Audit Committee to consider the operational and governance arrangements respectively, in accordance with the remits of the Committees. However, timing of this decision will be critical and therefore may require early engagement with the respective committees.	The proposal for a Sub National Transport Body for the England's Economic Heartland is currently being progressed. A detailed report is being commissioned early 2018 with Cabinet decision required mid to late 2018. <div style="text-align: right;">RAG rating agreed By Committee on 12th January 2018 </div>

RAG Status Guidance (For the Select Committee's Assessment)

	<i>Recommendation implemented to the satisfaction of the committee.</i>		<i>Committee have concerns the recommendation may not be fully delivered to its satisfaction</i>
	<i>Recommendation on track to be completed to the satisfaction of the committee.</i>		<i>Committee consider the recommendation to have not been delivered/implemented</i>