

Minutes of RGF Green Port Growth Programme Board Meeting

5.00pm, Wednesday 10th August, 2016

Present: Tim Rix (TR) Chair, Alan Menzies (AM), Simon Brett (SB), Paul Bell (PB) Mark Jones (MJ), David West (DW) Katy Swaby (KS).

In attendance: Sarah Clark (SC), Stacey Middlewood (SM) minutes.

In attendance for agenda item 5: Pauline Wade (PW)

1	Apologies	Action
1.1	Apologies were received from, Bill Walker (BW), Scott Yates (SY), Eleanor Carter (EC) DCLG	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. All action points had been delivered or are on the agenda for this meeting.	
3	Declarations of interest	
3.1	There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Investment update – Siemens and ABP, update on other potential investments	
4.1	SB provided an update on the Siemens and ABP investment noting that in approximately four weeks the ‘first berth will be handed over with 53% of the site occupied. Both the budget and programme delivery are still on target.	
4.2	A number of minor modifications will be made to the berth and marine works are likely to continue until Spring 2017.	
4.3	There are growing relationships being developed with other potential investors to the Humber ports.	
4.4	The board observed the passing of Paul Dixon.	
5	Internationalisation update	
5.1	Pauline Wade (PW) provided an update on internationalisation activity, noting that work in Germany was going very well. An inward visit to Hull took place in June, very good feedback was received with a reciprocal visit under review. A private dinner will be arranged on the 26 th September in Hamburg to coincide with the Wind Energy Hamburg 2016 exhibition (27-30 September 2016) at which Simon Brett will speak with Scott Yates also in attendance as Humber Ambassadors.	
5.2	PW confirmed the cultural workshops were still receiving excellent feedback. To date more than 200 of Siemens new employees to the Hull site have attended the workshops. Members of the new team have also been involved	

	<p>in running the Alborg site in Germany in July during its annual 3 week shut down as a trial run prior to the Hull factory commencing operations.</p>	
5.3	<p>PW reported that 8 Danish delegates will be visiting Hull later this month, she enquired when it would be possible for visitors to tour the GPGP site. SB thought it was likely to be early in the new year before visitations of this nature could take place.</p>	
5.4	<p>PW suggested that the impact of Brexit was now stabilising and that investment into London was continuing. It was suggested that there was momentum in the North of the country that could be capitalised on.</p>	
5.5	<p>There was a brief discussion about what the impact of devolution might be, TR commented that GPGP needed to continue to be the beacon of success and continue to grow, that Yorkshire had a strong brand and that business needed to be leading the way.</p>	PW
5.6	<p>DW noted that storage facilities for energy (e.g. batteries) is an area that needs to be considered and that the further development of this technology remains to be a current area of opportunity.</p> <p>Decision: The Board agreed that the focus for Internationalisation should be on approaches to Aberdeen.</p> <p>Action: PW to work with MJ to make approaches through Scottish Enterprises in the first instance.</p>	PW/MJ
6	Mid Term Programme Evaluation – Final Report	
6.1	<p>The report was generally well received and a number of board members commented that they were pleased with the content and findings. MJ raised concern about a number of factual historic points within the document. It was agreed that he would share the detail with SC and AM who would take steps to rectify any inaccuracies.</p> <p>Action: SC to review MJ notes to identify areas for amendment, prior to finalising with AM</p>	MJ/SC/AM SC/AM
7	Economic impact study update	
7.1	<p>A discussion took place about the time frames, progress, history and direction of this piece of work. . It was noted that the first progress meeting of the Advisory Board was to take place on the 2nd of September of which a number of GPGP Board Members would sit.</p> <p>SB suggested that the project be requested to attend the next board meeting to discuss progress, direction and scope.</p> <p>Decision: The Board agreed that the project should attend the next GPGP Board meeting to provide an overview of the Socio Environmental Economic Impact Study following the board's approval of the project outline back in May 2015.</p>	

	Action: Request attendance at the September GPGP board meeting.	SC
8	Strand update report highlights, recommendations	
8.1	<p>SC very briefly highlighted items from the report. TR sought reassurance that the GPGP funding would be achieved, SC confirmed that it would and is working extremely closely with the strand leads to achieve Year 5 expenditure targets.</p> <p>DW reiterated the opportunities associated with energy storage and briefly why GPGP should consider it. AM was supportive of the potential opportunity this sector could be in the area. The board agreed that DW investigate this sector further with the intention that a feasibility study be commissioned to ascertain areas that the GPGP could support. SC confirmed that feasibility studies had been commissioned previously through the GPGP and are a good way to provide independent assessments/reviews.</p> <p>Decision: The Board agreed that DW should investigate the potential opportunities of energy storage further and report back to a future board meeting with a view of taking this investigation forward.</p> <p>Action: DW to feed back to a future board meeting.</p> <p>SC drew the boards attention to a number of recently launched marketing tools, a Marketing schedule and radio advert. The former will be circulated by email after the board meeting. The radio advert was aired during the meeting.</p>	DW
9	DCLG/BIS Update	
9.1	SC confirmed that to date there had been no formal feedback from the outcome of the BIS Health Check which was undertaken during April 2016.	
10	AOB	
	No items were raised.	
	Meeting closed at 6.35pm	
	Date and time of next meeting: 5pm, Wednesday 14 th September 2016, Room 1, County Hall, Beverley.	