

FIFE ECONOMY PARTNERSHIP

EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2017

NOTE OF MEETING/ACTION POINTS

Present: Stephen Doran, Raytheon; Stephen Edmiston, Ingenico Fortronic; Hugh Hall, Fife College; Danny Cusick, Scottish Enterprise; Gordon MacDougall, Skills Development Scotland; Alan Mitchell, Fife Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise; Robin Presswood, Sandra Montador-Stewart, Fife Council.

Apologies: Karen Jackson, Scottish Government; Derek Watson, University of St Andrews

1. IMPLEMENTING THE NEW FIFE ECONOMY PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

Membership update

Members noted progress towards setting up the three new delivery groups to take forward the Investment, Internationalisation and Innovation priorities of Fife's Economic Strategy 2017-2027. It was agreed that a matrix should be developed to ensure appropriate size and sectors representation. Stephen Doran will help to support the establishment of Investment and Innovation delivery groups and Stephen Edmiston the Internationalisation delivery group. Where no delivery group chairs have been appointed the FEP chairs indicated that they would be keen to discuss with any interested individuals. It was agreed that Ian Campbell would be approached to take on the position of Champion for Inclusive Growth and that Stephen E would also support this work. It was also agreed that John Penman would be approached to continue the position of Manufacturing Champion and that Angus Fotheringham would be invited to join the Executive Group as a Champion.

Fife Council New Administration and Governance Structures

Following the recent local government elections the Council's joint leaders are Cllr David Ross and Cllr David Alexander. The Economy, Tourism, Transportation & Strategic Planning Committee Convener is Cllr Altany Craik and Depute Convener is Cllr John Beare. Member representation on the Fife Economy Partnership as a whole and on the Executive Group will be agreed at the Committee's first meeting on 3rd July. The joint administration has produced a Programme of Administration which contains 11 priorities for economic development covering employability, business innovation support, town centre and economic regeneration, business rate reform and local subsidy scheme pilots, City Deals, tourism, procurement and broadband.

FEP Business Breakfast with Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Business, Innovation & Energy

Members noted the format for the meeting with the Minister and agreed that the Delivery Group chairs and facilitators should be asked to consider questions and challenges ahead of the meeting. The outcomes of the Enterprise and Skills review should also be featured as part of the discussion which will focus on implementation of Fife's Economic Strategy and the role that Scottish Government and the national agencies play in its delivery.

2. DELIVERY GROUP REPORTS

Inclusive Growth: Opportunities Fife Partnership

Gordon MacDougall provided an update on the work of the Opportunities Fife Partnership, its remit and structure, and how the partnership is performing against its targets. The partnership is holding a workshop to develop a plan to address the challenges for employability as set out in Fife's Economic Strategy and a key priority for the partnership is to support its pathway activity to 2018 to ensure that performance targets are met or exceeded. It was noted that Fife's performance in relation to School Leaver Destinations is showing an improvement with 92% going on to positive destinations and although the follow up six months later usually indicates a decrease, this year has seen a 2% increase with increasing numbers sustaining in higher education. It was agreed that there would be a focus on STEM Strategy and Delivery at the next Executive Group meeting.

Key Sectors Update

Members agreed the appointment of Fife Council officers as leads for the Energy & Renewables, Manufacturing, Finance and Business Services, Tourism, and Health & Social Care sectors. The following suggestions for sector Champions were proposed:

- Construction & Civil Engineering – Fife College
- Food & Drink – Scottish Enterprise
- Digital Tech – Fife Council

Fife's Economic Strategy Delivery Group Activity Update

An update on each of the delivery groups was provided and it was noted that this would be a regular report along with the economic quarterly report provided for information. All agencies would be invited to contribute to the economic quarterly update and this will be posted on the FEP website. The FEP Chair will meet with all the delivery group chairs as they emerge.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there was a workshop on 28 June to discuss the development of Local Outcome Improvement Plan for Fife. A summary of the economic and employability challenges was circulated to assist with discussion at the workshop for those who had been invited to attend.

ACTION POINTS

Meeting Date	Item No	Action	Owner	By Date
23 Jun 17	1	Membership Matrix to be developed	SMS	8 Dec 17
23 Jun 17	2	Chair and Vice Chair discussion with Delivery Group members identified as potential chairs.	SD/SE	8 Dec 17
23 Jun 17	3	Approaches to be made to Ian Campbell, Angus Fotheringham and John Penman as potential champions	SMS SD	8 Sep 17

23 Jun 17	4	Focus on STEM Strategy and Delivery at next meeting	SMS	8 Sep 17
23 Jun 17	5	FEP Chair meeting with Delivery Group chairs	SD	Ongoing