

**SWINDON STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
HELD 20 SEPTEMBER 2007**

MINUTES

Present:

Rikki Hunt - Chair
Mark Beard – Beard Construction
Robin Bailey - Nationwide
Bill Cotton – SBC
Steve Richards - SWRDA

In Attendance:

Peter Snowman - SBC

Apologies:

Gavin Calthrop - SBC
Cllr Phil Young - SBC

1 Welcome

Robin Bailey was welcomed to the Swindon Strategic Economic Partnership.

2 Notes of last meeting

Notes of 16 August 2007 agreed.

3 Update on Major Projects

- a) The Canal presentation was deferred until next meeting.
- b) University – update noted. Typo identified on MOU re timing.
- c) Science Museum – SSEP to play a lead role in supporting the Science Museum lottery bid locally.
- d) Digital – presentation by Peter Snowman. Progress noted with a need to see a clearer picture of the likely outcomes this work will lead to, and a need to capitalise on the Towns high broadband take up.

4 SSEP Conference – noted.

5 SWERDA Inward investment review approved.

6 **Wiltshire and Swindon Strategic Economic Forum.**

Debate about the needs or otherwise of the proposed Forum. Agreed to 'suck and see'.

7 **Delivery of LAA outcome 4**

Concern about the lack of progress on delivery of this project, potential need to move resources to apply to this project.

Action: BC report next month on progress made and actions taken to address the problems.

Action: BC pass details of John Davies to Rikki Hunt to establish meeting.

8 **Updates from Board Members**

MB – Enterprise Group moving forward – mentoring/enterprise, young peoples group and potential enterprise centre.

BC – Positive discussion re Dyson School of Technology and design – potential to locate in Swindon.

RH – Reported back on a positive meeting with Mike Pringle of the Cultural Partnership. RH proposed that the Cultural Partnership be invited to join as one of the SSEP subgroups and Mike to be invited to join the SSEP. This idea endorsed by the Partnership.

Action: BC to invite Mike Pringle to the next meeting, amend the structure chart

RH – Resource proposals should be developed by each subgroup so we can build a picture of our potential work programme and resources, which need to be applied.

Action: All report initial proposals in November.

RH – Opportunity to host subgroup Economic Partnership meeting with SWRDA.

Action: David Evans express and interest in Swindon hosting Feb/March time.

9 Forward Agenda

October

The Exchange Skills project
The Swindon Cultural Partnership
Preparation for LAA 2
Conference – outcome required – check

November

Budget Process
Regeneration Project Update
SSEP Conference review

December

The new SWRDA Structure
Sub-national review of Economic Development and Regeneration

January

Feedback on Major Companies meeting

10 C/F Outstanding Issues

Meeting	Action	Who
16/08/07	Develop a regional influence policy	RH/BC/PY
16/08/07	'Raising the game' to be brought to next meeting.	BC