



**East Midlands Improvement Partnership  
Board Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
Minutes**

**In attendance:**

Councillor Martin Hill OBE	Lincolnshire CC
Councillor Dave Wilcox OBE	Derbyshire CC
Councillor Robin Brown	Northamptonshire CC
Councillor Jeremy Webb	East Lindsey DC
Councillor David Perkins	Northampton BC
Councillor Roger Begy OBE	Rutland CC
Councillor Mary Malin	Kettering BC

**Observers:**

Councillor Peter Roffey	Leicestershire CC
Councillor Joan Kirkbride	Northamptonshire CC
Councillor Andy Connelly	Leicester City
Councillor Chris Williamson	Derby City
Councillor Ranjit Banwait	Derby City
Councillor Brian Hoare	Northampton BC
Councillor Lewis Rose OBE	Derbyshire Dales DC
Councillor Dave Houseman substituted for Councillor David Sprason	Leicestershire CC

**Officers:**

Nick Hodgson (NH)	Derbyshire CC
Chris Allison (CA)	EM IEP
Heather Parker (HP)	EM IEP
Andrew Foster (AF)	EM IEP
Jan Sensier (JS)	GOEM
Stuart Young (SY)	EMRA

1. Apologies

Councillor Vi Dempster	Leicester City
Councillor Marion Brighton OBE	North Kesteven DC
Councillor David Sprason	Leicestershire CC
Councillor Fiona Martin	East Lindsey DC
Councillor Neil Clarke	Rushcliffe BC
Councillor Alan Rhodes	Nottinghamshire CC
Jean Morgan	South Northamptonshire C
Garry Bryant	GOEM

2. Minutes of the EM Partnership Board meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Declarations of Interest

- Councillor Webb declared an interest as the Director of I&DeA
- Councillor Wilcox declared an interest as a member of the Improvement Board
- Councillor Roger Begy declared a personal interest in the CCTV projects as a member of the Leicestershire & Rutland Community Safety Board

5. Re-Submission of SRP 2009/10 Efficiency and Transformation Projects

The Board debated the following issues around the CCTV proposals:

- Moving from old to new technologies
- Principle of funding CCTV and the anticipated deluge of requests for funding if precedent set
- CCTV supporting the delivery of LAA targets to reduce crime
- Benefits of undertaking a pilot to ascertain the effectiveness of CCTV

The Board were asked to vote on two options:

- Propose not to support the CCTV projects – 6 votes
- Propose to commission work on the effectiveness of CCTV – 1 vote

**The Board did not approve the CCTV projects due to the precedent it would set for further funding bids for CCTV projects.**

The Board discussed the proposals for the following projects:

- Derbyshire SRP - Heritage Site Project
- Lincolnshire SRP- Warm Homes Project
- Northamptonshire SRP – Project to procure Large Format Transportable Screens for use by Northamptonshire Partnership (replacement Efficiency & Transformational Capital Project)

**The Board approved the Derbyshire Heritage Site Project, the Lincolnshire Warm Homes Project and the Northamptonshire Project to Procure Large Format Transportable Screens for use by Northamptonshire Partnership.**

**The Board endorsed Cllr Hill's delegated approval, of the revised Northamptonshire SRP project - Alcohol Harm.**

6. Procurement Programme Report

The Board were advised that EM IEP is engaged with national and regional initiatives to support local business compete for public sector business within the region. East Midlands Property Alliance (EMPA) and the Midlands

Highway Alliance (MHA) are also working with local businesses across the region to encourage SMEs to sign up for their accreditation schemes and to be incorporated into the supply chains for the framework agreements in place. Currently 60% of the LAs expenditure in the EM is with SMEs.

The Board were also advised that one of the key objectives of Source East Midlands (created with funding from the EMCE) is to make it easier for businesses to find out about new Local Government contract opportunities and sources of potential business, and therefore, grow and develop to the benefit of the local economy.

The Board agreed that there should be collaboration across the public sector to support the concept of Total Place and were advised that on 14<sup>th</sup> May a workshop has been arranged in conjunction with HM Treasury to discuss cross public sector activity for food procurement.

The Board discussed the issue of encouraging LAs to take up the opportunities of collaborative procurement activity, e-auctions and regional contracts. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to Council Leaders, Resource Portfolio Holders and Scrutiny Chairs outlining the benefits that could be achieved by engagement with regional procurement initiatives.

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**The Board approved the allocation of £225k from reserves for the regional Procurement Programme.**

## 7. Efficiency Challenge Report

The Efficiency Survey Report, circulated to the Board, provided information on real cashable savings as well as the delivery and forecast savings for NI 179. The reports provided information on efficiency projects being delivered across the region.

The Board agreed that the Efficiency Survey Report should be circulated to Council Leaders and Resource Portfolio Holders with a letter outlining what support the EM IEP could provide. This information can also be used by elected members across the region to share knowledge and provide challenge.

The Board agreed that the Efficiency Challenge Report should be used by the SRPs to facilitate discussion and challenge with a report back to the April Board meeting on actions to support the LAs within their sub region.

The Board agreed that the Efficiency Challenge should link into the Total Place agenda.

**Action 2:** the Efficiency Survey Report to be circulated to Council Leaders and Resource Portfolio Holders with a letter outlining what support the EM IEP could provide – **CA**

**Action 3:** A report to be provided to the April Board meeting on actions that will be taken by the SRPs to support LAs with the efficiency challenge in their sub region - **AF**

#### 8. EM IEP Stretch Targets Review Report

The Board reviewed the returns from the SRPs on performance against the 12 stretch targets. The Board were advised that there had been a significant degree in the variation on the interpretation of progress in meeting the targets by 2011. It was noted that Nottinghamshire SRP's return had been inadvertently omitted from the report; this would be circulated with the minutes.

The Board were advised that the 'goal posts' had moved since the 12 stretch targets were agreed in February 2009. The Board agreed that the EM IEP had set challenging targets, which were not reflected across the other 8 RIEPs.

The Board were advised of the letter sent to the Chair by the minister, Phil Hope, regarding the region's CAA results. The letter acknowledges the 6 green flags showing innovation in the delivery of services within the region. However, the minister also noted the region's 5 red flags and the issue of the poor organisational assessments for Boston BC and Ashfield DC.

The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to the Minister, outlining how the EM IEP is sharing the 'green flag' innovation, and the sector lead support that is being provided to councils in difficulty and to address the red flags.

The intelligence provided by GOEM, the IDeA and the Audit Commission's 'pink' and 'mint' flags would be used to identify the support for councils that could be experiencing future difficulties, and to share and develop 'good practice'.

The Board agreed to invite Mark Edgell, IDeA East Midlands Regional Associate, to future meetings to aid this process.

**The Board approved the proposal from the Steering Group to establish a small sub group to revise the targets, reflecting on the 4 reporting requirements currently required by the CLG to evidence:**

- **Sector Lead Improvement**
- **Return on Investment**
- **Cashable savings (NI179)**
- **Supporting LAs and Partners to deliver excellent LAAs**

**Action 4:** The 12 stretch targets performance submission from Nottinghamshire SRP to be circulated to the Board – **HP**

**Action 5:** A letter to be sent to the Minister, Phil Hope, outlining the support that the EM IEP is providing to support councils in difficulty and to address the 5 red flags and celebrate the 6 green flags – **CA/Clr Hill**

**Action 6:** Mark Edgell to be invited to attend all future Board meetings – **SY/Cllr Hill**

**Action 7:** The sub group (CA, JS, NH, Mark Edgell) to revise the targets, reflecting on the 4 reporting requirements currently required by the CLG, and report recommendations to the Board in April – **CA**

9. EM IEP Sub Regional Programmes Review Report

**The Board approved the process and timescale of the SRP Programme Review.**

10. Regional Programme Managers 2010/11 Report

**The Board approved funding for the 3 Regional Programme Managers for 2010/2011, subject to continued funding.**

11. EM IEP Annual Conference June 2010 Report

The Board agreed with the general theme for the conference but requested a 'snappier' title.

12. EM IEP Perception Survey 2009

The Board noted the outcomes of the perception survey and the comparison to the other 8 RIEPs. The Board noted that the engagement of elected Members within the region was significantly higher than in other regions. It was also noted that the EM IEP had 30% of the total returns for all 9 RIEPs.

13. EM IEP Interim Report January 2010

The Board were advised that the Interim Report January 2010 has been designed to highlight what has been delivered in the region and will be circulated to all elected members electronically with the next Cllr bulletin. A number of hard copies are being published to be circulated at regional events and by the SRPs to LAs and partners within their sub region.

**Action 8:** SRPs to circulate copies of the EM IEP Interim Report January 2010 to their LAs and partners – **HP/SRP PMs**

## **Priority Actions**

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