

Moray Economic Partnership

Forsyths, Rothes

Thursday 9th January 2020 14:00

Graham Leadbitter (Chair)	Moray Council
Rhona Gunn	Moray Council
Sarah Medcraf	Chamber of Commerce
Katherine Mackintosh	Robertson
Laurie Piper	Moray Speyside Tourism
Don Vass	tsiMoray
David Patterson	Moray UHI
Jim Grant	Moray Council
Stephen Sheridan	SDS
Eann Sinclair	HIE
Rona Campbell	HIE
Kerry Williams (minutes)	HIE
Wg Cmdr Dave Allen	RAF Lossiemouth (Presentation only)

Apologies

Ewan Mackintosh	Moray Business Forum
Nathalie Agnew	Muckle Media
Pearl Hamilton	FSB
Andrew Anderson (Don Vass representing)	tsiMoray
Dr Jamie Hogg	NHS Grampian

	<p>Introductions took place and apologies received.</p> <p>Presentation from Wing Commander Dave Allen</p> <p>RAF Lossiemouth Transformation Project</p> <p>Wg Cdr Allen left the meeting at 14:35</p>	
2.	<p>Meeting Note and Actions from September.</p> <p>Living Wage</p> <p>JG discussed the Living Wage and informed MEP that he is arranging workshops for MEP and the Forum to introduce a toolkit, demonstrating how other authorities have implemented it.</p> <p>It was suggested there may be a devolution of power as the SMEs are unable to deliver the Living Wage.</p> <p>Action: JG to advise of date of workshops.</p>	<p>JG</p>

4.	<p>Growth Deal</p> <p>The Heads of Terms announcement deferred until mid March possibly. Douglas Ross will be the signatory for UK Government and Moray. The UK Government has a 15 year timeline to spread costs over that period and Scottish Government has a 10 year timeline. It may mean that we have to fund initially and then claim back later. However, although the delay is frustrating, it is not slowing anything down. Once approved, RG is positive that the business cases will be ready to go and the development shorter as a result.</p> <p>JG introduced the development of a possible Cultural Quarter. Further details to follow at next meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>A9/A96 Dualling</p> <p>GL mentioned that the Green Party have been lobbying Scottish Government to scrap the plans for the A9/A96 Dualling. All leads of Moray have signed a document to go to cabinet and we need to ensure that the right decision is made.</p> <p>Impact of Brexit</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Fair Work</p> <p>To be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>RC is looking at the contract for marketing which is due to complete in May. A lot more local knowledge is required to develop content. All partners are to agree media relations.</p> <p>Action: RC to share findings at next meeting.</p> <p>New Area Manager at HIE</p> <p>ES announced that Stuart Black will be starting as the new Area Manager for HIE at the beginning of February and is already engaging with local groups.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 16:05hrs</p>	RC
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 26 March 2020 – Location TBC</p>	