

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP LTD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held Wednesday 10 November 2021 from 9.30am at The Room,
Buckinghamshire New University, Queen Alexandra Road, High Wycombe HP11 2JZ

Members Present : Philippa Batting
Adrian Brown
Clare Pelham
Martina Porter
Andrew Smith

Proxies Present: Lisa Michelson for Cllr Gareth Williams, Buckinghamshire Council
Claire Phillips for Cllr Steven Broadbent, Buckinghamshire Council

MINUTES

1 QUORUM

There being 7 Members of the organisation present in person or via proxy the meeting was deemed to be quorate in line with the requirements of the company's Articles of Association.

The Members of the organisation were joined at the AGM by the LEP's Chief Executive Officer and members of the LEP team, and representatives from Government, the Buckinghamshire business community, and the county's education establishments.

2 WELCOME

Andrew Smith (Chair) welcomed all those attending the Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd (BLEP) Annual General Meeting, and offered thanks to Buckinghamshire New University for hosting the meeting.

The year had continued to see the Covid-19 pandemic affect the Buckinghamshire (and UK) economy, bringing ongoing challenges and uncertainty; "a brutal year". However, the BLEP team has maintained its operations, delivering benefit to Buckinghamshire throughout the year, and tributes were paid to the BLEP team for their consistently outstanding work, BLEP being recognised as one of the best performing LEPs in the country as part of the annual review process.

The ongoing delay in the resolution of Government's LEP Review has brought additional pressures, and uncertainty as to the future for the organisation. On this basis, it was confirmed Andrew Smith's tenure as Chair has been extended pending the outcome of the LEP Review (due before Christmas 2021).

3 RECEIPT OF REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Resolution 1

“THAT the meeting receive the report of the Directors and the accounts of the Company for the period ended 31 March 2021.”

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Resolution 2

“THAT Richardsons Financial Group be appointed as Auditors for the financial year to 31 March 2022 and that the directors be authorised to determine the auditors’ remuneration.”

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing of note.

There being no other business, the formal part of the meeting closed at 10.05am.