

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 10 DECEMBER

MEETING WITH ANDREW BACON

Investment – Mr. Galton CC to lead

- How successful has the LLEP been in securing funding for projects in Leicestershire, for instance through the Regional Growth Fund and the Growing Places Fund?
- What has been the LLEP's record in delivery "on the ground"? (NB. Nationally the Commons Public Accounts Committee recently expressed concern about small amount of RGF funding which had actually been spent. Only £60m out of £1.4bn had reached front line projects)
- How has Leicestershire fared under the LLEP compared to the previous arrangements – eg. emda and the Leadership Board/ LSEP?
- How resilient has the private sector been in the face of the ongoing economic conditions?

Focus – Mr. Shepherd CC to lead

- There are over 70 priority actions in the Economic Growth Plan but only a small LLEP support unit (c6 people). Is the LLEP sufficiently focused on ensuring its limited resources are having a real impact on key priorities?
- Could you give some specific examples of "wins" in the County? Of the 20,000 private sector jobs you wish to create by 2020, how many are you hoping to achieve in the County?

Sub-Regional Ambition – Mr. Kershaw CC to lead

- The Government has invited Leicester and Leicestershire to submit a City Deal proposal. The City Deals Prospectus requires that any City Deals should demonstrate 'strong governance across the functional economic area, so that decisions necessary for the growth of the area as a whole can be taken quickly and effectively. To what extent do you think key partners in the LLEP are committed to a genuinely sub-regional approach?
- How is the LLEP working to support the effective mobilisation of wider funds available locally, such as business rates, Community Infrastructure Levy and the New Homes Bonus and maximising the devolution of funding and powers from Government?
- Have there been examples of successful joint-working with neighbouring LEPs?

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