

MINUTES of the meeting of Marches Enterprise Joint Committee held at The Clive, Bromfield, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2JR on Tuesday 24 July 2018 at 4.15 pm

Present:

Councillors: Councillor S Davies, JG Lester, Mr G Wynn OBE and N Laurens

Officers: Nicholas Alamanos and Gill Hamer

24. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Resolved that:

Councillor S Davies be elected chairperson for the following year.

Councillor Davies in the chair

Resolved that:

Councillor P Nutting be elected vice-chairperson for the following year.

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor P Nutting.

26. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

Councillor N Laurens substituted for Councillor P Nutting.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

28. MINUTES

Resolved that:

the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairperson.

29. THE MARCHES LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP ENERGY STRATEGY

The Marches LEP programme manager introduced the report and highlighted the key elements of the energy strategy. It was explained that a formal launch of the strategy was planned for October 2018 and that the strategy would also inform the refresh of the Strategic Economic Plan.

The energy strategy steering group would be responsible for taking the work forward, which would include producing a detailed action plan. An important step would be to ensure that senior officials from energy companies were aware of the strategy and its objectives.

In discussion of the strategy Councillor Lester highlighted the value to Herefordshire Council of the Energy from Waste plant which was a joint project with Worcestershire County Council. The plant had significantly reduced waste sent to landfill from the county and as a closed system had minimal impact on air quality. As the plant was located outside the Marches LEP boundary at Hartlebury in Worcestershire it had not been included in the Marches energy strategy.

It was agreed that moving forward the strategy should include energy facilities and opportunities in the wider region that could have benefit for the Marches area. The Marches LEP programme manager was tasked to action this with the steering group.

Subject to the above action being progressed it was resolved that:

- (a) the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership Energy Strategy at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.**

30. MARCHES ENTERPRISE JOINT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Marches LEP programme manager introduced the report and summarised the activities of the Marches Enterprise Joint Committee during 2017/18. Decisions taken by the LEP Director under the scheme of delegation were highlighted.

Resolved that the joint committee:

- (a) agree the content of the report which can be used in updating their respective Council's on the work of the committee.**

The meeting ended at 4.23 pm

CHAIRMAN