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Sent: 20 April 2020 16:38
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Cc: Ennis Vingoe; Kathryn Jones; Nicholas Alamanos; James Walton
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL - Written Resolution seeking a Board Decision on Change of Use of Marches Investment Funds (MIF) - Responses required by 12.00pm Monday 20 April 2020

Dear all

I hope this email finds you all safe and well.

Thank you very much for responding to the below email. I can confirm, after discussions over the weekend between the Chair and a small number of Board Members about the Recommendations, we now have a unanimous decision to support the four recommendations. It was accepted that the priority is to get the funds distributed and revisiting the Board Resolution would only result in delaying this happening.

Kind regards Gill
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Sent: 16 April 2020 14:08
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Dear Board Member

Further to my below email I wanted to give you an update on the feedback received from Board Members on this important Board Resolution . I would also like this email to act as a gentle reminder to those Board Members who have yet to respond that I would like an email response by 12.00pm on Monday 20 April 2020 .

As of this morning 10 Board Members have agreed with the 4 recommendations. We have had some very useful feedback:-

- * There is a clear desire for the LEP team to not make the requirements of the business case too onerous as a good level of flexibility will be required to allow the Local Authorities to respond to local business issues as they evolve over the coming weeks
- * The business cases must be developed in consultation with the Business Board Chairs and their Members
- * To ensure that this funding reaches those in greatest need and has maximum impact that the Local Authorities must be able to apply the available funding as either revenue or capital without limitations. N.B. I have already brought this request to the attention of the LEP 151 finance officer
- * To pass back immediately the Land Deal Funds to enable Telford and Wrekin Council to support Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust as a the key tourism asset for the Marches . i.e. not wait for the business case to be prepared
- * Whilst the splitting of the funds based on population data is not ideal, the need to get the funds out is a higher priority . However the use of this formula on this occasion must not be seen as setting a precedent.

I look forward to receiving further feedback from the rest of the Board members

Kind regards Gill

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From: Gill Hamer

Sent: 10 April 2020 10:34

To: Ennis Vingoe; Nicholas Alamanos; Kathryn JonesCc: 'Katherine Kynaston'; James Walton ; Mark Barrow; Ball, Richard; Gemma Davies; Allonby,Roger; Amy Bould; Mulholland, Kathy

BCc: Board Members

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Dear Board Members

Please find attached for your consideration a Written Resolution. The Resolution is seeking your approval to the change of use of £1.586m from the Marches Investment Fund(MIF) to support strategic tourism and business initiatives affected by the flood and COVID-19 . This is being issued under the written procedure process as outlined in the Articles of Association of the Company (Clause 10.2.2.) as the LEP Chair wishes to obtain a decision on the proposals in the attached Resolution as soon as possible.

LEP Board Members are asked:

- To agree to the payment of £1.586,500 of MIF funds to Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Councils to use as grants to support strategic tourism and business initiatives over the next 6 months;
- To agree to the repayment of £236k from MIF to Telford and Wrekin Council, this sum is included in the above referenced £1.586 m;
- To agree that the three Councils produce businesses cases setting out their detailed plans for how they will invest the funds in supporting strategic tourism and business initiatives and submit these to the LEP Chair and CEO and another private sector Board member for Review by 1 May 2020;
- To agree that the LEP Chair and CEO and another private sector Board Member be given delegated authority to review and approve the business cases.

Can I ask that you indicate your agreement or not to the each of 4 recommendations outlined in section 2 of the attached Resolution. We would like email responses from all Board members as we need to ensure the vote is quorate and that a majority of the Directors have indicated in writing their agreement to the recommendations as per the requirements of the Articles .

I would be grateful if you could send your responses to the 4 recommendations to me at gill.hamer@marcheslep.org.uk by 12.00pm on Monday 20 April 2020. We will make the papers and decisions available on the LEP website once all responses have been received .

Can I also ask for a volunteer from amongst the private sector Board members who would be happy to support Mandy and I in the appraisal of the businesses cases in the early part of May . To note as the Business Board Chairs will be working with their respective Councils on the business cases it would not be appropriate for one of them to assess the businesses cases.

Kind regards, keep safe and I hope you have a good Easter break

Gill

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