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10.	<p>Delivery Plan 2022/23</p> <p>MT said that it was difficult to look at priorities until the outcome of the LEP Review but asked members to provide their input on what the LEP priorities should be in the coming year, for inclusion in the Marches LEP delivery plan.</p> <p>RL said that the draft Plan would have been tabled at this Board meeting but due to the uncertainty around the LEP Review, this had not been possible. As much preparation as possible would be done with input from Board members, and any gaps would then be filled when the outcomes of the LEP Review were known. Business Board Chairs would ask for input from their members .</p> <p>MT asked members to email RL with comments .</p> <p>WW left the meeting at 5.22pm BH left the meeting at 5.23pm</p>	FM, BH, WW  All
11.	<p>% R D U G μ \$ Z D \ ' D \ ¶</p> <p>Members would be contacted following the meeting regarding this item .</p>	MT/RL
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Marches Investment Fund (MIF)</p> <p>RL explained that the paper sought to set out how the MIF fund should operate in order to be compliant and explained the broad principles. RL had discussed the</p>	

	<p>proposals with PK in his capacity as the LEP Access to Finance Champion. Members discussed the proposals.</p> <p><b>The Board agreed the Operating Guidelines of the Marches Investment Fund (9 For; 1 Abstention)</b></p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b> MT thanked Wayne Redge and Ilia Bowles on behalf of the LEP Board for all their hard work during their employment in the LEP team and wished them well in their new roles.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 5.25pm</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting: 26 April 2022 at Ludlow Racecourse</b></p>		

Signed (electronically):

Mandy Thorn MBE DL, Chair Marches LEP

Date: 26 April 2022