

Meeting title	GFirst LEP Board
Date/time/venue	Tuesday 12 th December, 2023 – 9.00am to 11.00am Venue: Room 8A/8B, First floor – The Gloucester Growth Hub, University of Gloucestershire Business School, Longlevens, Gloucester GL2 9HW
Attendees	<u>Members</u> : Ruth Dooley (RD) <i>Chair</i> , Ian Mean (IM) <i>Vice Chair</i> , Nicola Bird (NB), Matt Charman (MC), Richard Cook (RC), Matt Lennard (ML), Deborah Potts (DP) and Jenny Raymond (JRay) <u>In attendance</u> : David Owen (DO), Karen Campbell (Minutes), Dev Chakraborty (DC), Jo Holt (JH), Rowena Hay (RH), Joe Coyne (JC), Chris Parsons (CP), Gareth Rees (GR) Lisa McCance (LM-Shared Intelligence) and Abigail Fisher (AF-Shared Intelligence)
Apologies	Lucy Ackland (LA), Tyler Attwood (TA), Paul Blacker (PB), Mark Hawthorne (MH), Jackie Labbe (JL) and Joe Roberts (JR)

No.	Item	Action
1)	Welcome & introductions RD welcomed members, observers and guests to the meeting.	
2)	Previous minutes The minutes of the last LEP Board meeting of 26 th September, 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.	
3)	Declarations of interest There were no changes recorded to the published declarations of interest.	
4)	Gloucestershire Economic Strategy Presentation by Shared Intelligence, confidential slides shared with the Board Members. GFirst LEP and Gloucestershire County Council, with support from Shared Intelligence, are developing a new county-wide economic strategy. The strategy has four key themes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Growth • Inward Investment • Skills and employment • Supporting businesses The strategy seeks to deliver two cross-cutting outcomes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greener Gloucestershire 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Gloucestershire <p>Comprehensive evidence base has been produced.</p> <p>Next steps;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategy is currently being peer reviewed. • Feedback from this review and from today’s Board meeting will be integrated in January 2024. • The strategy will be presented at the first City Region Board for their endorsement. • A final draft should be available for the final LEP Board meeting (February 2024, date to be confirmed) • The final designed strategy will be agreed in GCC’s Cabinet meeting in April 2024. <p>A new Economic Growth Board will replace the current LEP Board – further update and guidance should be forthcoming from central Government before the Christmas break.</p>	
5)	<p>Integration of GFirst LEP into Gloucestershire County Council</p> <p>DO - Staff Meeting this afternoon with GCC HR. Mentioned complexities that other LEPs are facing. Some negotiations have broken down completely.</p> <p>RD would like it minuted that she gives thanks to David, Mark and the LEP Board Members for making the process so fast and efficient; and also for moving over so many of the current LEP executive team. Thanks for all your support.</p> <p>GFirst LEP staff will TUPE across to GCC from the beginning of April 2024, but it will take approximately one year to formally close down GFirst LEP CIC Ltd.</p> <p>We are planning a final legacy event to highlight all the successes of GFirst LEP - provisional date Thursday 21st March, 2024. A legacy document will also be produced outlining all the projects and initiatives that have been achieved over the time of the LEP.</p>	
6)	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>Final GFirst LEP Board meeting will be on Tuesday 13th February 2024, 10.30am to 12.30pm followed by lunch.</p>	