

**Herefordshire Business Board (HBB)
Notes/Actions from the special meeting held on
Monday 14 November, 4.00 – 6.00 pm
At the Shell Store, Rotherwas, Hereford**

Chair: Frank Myers MBE (FM) **Present:** Abigail Appleton (AA), Christian Dangerfield (CD), David Williams (DW), Doug Barrat (DB), Gareth Williams (GW), Helen Bowden (HB), James Newby (JN), John Reed (JR), Nic Millington (NM), Stephen Eckley (SE)

In attendance: Nadine Kinsey, Herefordshire Council (NK), Clare Fenton, Marches LEP (CF)

Guest speakers: Patrick White, Metrodynamics (PW)

Apologies: Christine Snell, David Williams, Debbie Gittoes, Mark Pearce, Paul Stevens, Roger Allonby

Minutes: Jan Bailey (JB)

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Patrick White from Metrodynamics consultancy and Clare Fenton, newly appointed Board Member of the Marches LEP.

2. Herefordshire's Big Economic Plan

2.1 The Chair outlined the background to the Big Economic Plan and the purpose of today's meeting, which was to gain feedback on the Herefordshire Big Economic Plan information pack created by Metrodynamics and circulated to Board members prior to today's meeting.

2.2 There was a wide-ranging discussion of the Plan that covered a number of areas including infrastructure, inward investment, skills and education, local productivity, growth and the development of the vision for Herefordshire.

2.3 The Board agreed that delivering the action plan would require a strong partnership between business, elected members and other anchor institutions such as NMITE, the NHS and colleges. The Board agreed it would be important that this kind of partnership was in development and in place prior to the Big Economic Plan being launched, so that it could be fully involved in delivery from the start. There was a case for this being a legally constituted body. The Board stressed that without an effective public/private sector partnership, no vision for Herefordshire could be successfully achieved.

2.4 It was agreed that a further discussion about the Vision and priorities would happen at the next Herefordshire Business Board meeting scheduled for Monday 5

December. In the meantime PW will adjust and circulate the information pack and a draft, which would take account of today's discussion.

3. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 December, 4.00 – 6.00 at Hereford College of Arts, College Road
Campus HR1 1EB