

Business Advisory Panel**Minutes BAP 20/02/2020**

Present: Stuart Gibbons (Chair), Alan Todd (FSB), Charlotte Horobin (Make UK), Hannah Padfield (NFU), John Bridge (Chambers); Richard Tunnicliffe (CBI); Guest - Stuart Searle (Hunts Chamber), Simone Robinson (IOD), Julian Webb (IoD Ambassador), Brian Hyland (CPCA), Chris George (CPCA), Adrian Cannard (CPCA)

Apologies: Martin Clark (Allia Business Centres); Fiona McGonigle (CPCA)

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1. Minutes of previous meeting tabled and agreed; matters arising covered in meeting.
 2. Key Matters discussed and Notes/Recommendations to be made to Business Board;
 - a) Note that BAP members are extremely concerned at the new points-based Immigration system launched this week by HMG and the further negative impact this will have on the retention of EU workers across all Business Sectors especially Agriculture, Construction, Manufacturing, Hospitality, Retail and Healthcare.
 - b) Note that Peterborough does not have an identifiable over-arching Business Networking/Support structure and recommends to Business Board that existing groups are supported to raise their profile so that Business Leaders in Peterborough can access valuable peer-to-peer support.
 - c) Note that Health & Wellness in the workplace for Business Leaders and their Employees is an increasing risk effecting Business success and productivity and recommends future Business Support programmes include this topic.
 - d) Note that there is a risk that future UK Imports may not match the current UK quality standards and defensive strategies are being implemented in sectors such as Food/Agriculture to prevent this happening.
 - e) Note that Coronavirus is already impacting local Business in a variety of ways and recommends that Business Board encourage BEIS/HMG to mobilise plans for a supportive response to Business.
 - f) Note that BAP will create a Letter of Intent co-signed by all Groups to capture current priorities for the BAP and their members.
 - g) Note that BAP members will support the CPCA Climate Change Commission and will input the views of Business on this important topic
 - h) Note that BAP members will cascade to their members information shared by CPCA colleagues on the following:
 - i. Local Growth Fund
 - ii. Small Capital Growth Grants
 - iii. Agri-Tech Grants

- iv. Brexit4Business Support Programme on Import/Export and EU Settlement
- v. Aston Supply Chain initiative
- vi. Business Growth Service

3. Dates of next meetings:

22/04/20 09:30 – 11:30



Signed

Stuart Gibbons Chair)

Date 21.02.2020