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## **ESI Funds Growth Programme Board**

### **Summary Report from the National Sub-Committees**

#### **Purpose:**

This paper summarises business at National Sub-Committee meetings held in the last quarter. It lists their current membership and covers:

1. Communications Sub-Committee
2. Employment, Skills & Social Inclusion Sub-Committee
3. Equalities & Diversity Sub-Committee
4. Evaluation Sub-Committee
5. Performance & Dispute Resolution Sub-Committee
6. Smart Specialisation Sub-Committee
7. SME Competitiveness Sub-Committee
8. Sustainable Growth and Development Sub-Committee
9. Sustainable Urban Development Sub-Committee

#### **Recommendations:**

That the Growth Programme Board notes the report.

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GPB Secretariat  
6 March 2018

## Communications Sub-Committee

### Membership

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| • <b>Rob Martell (Chair)</b><br>MHCLG                               | • <b>Margot Tomkinson-Smith</b><br>Thames Valley Berkshire LEP                    | • <b>Matt Smart</b><br>Oxford University |
| • <b>James Ritchie</b> (Deputy<br>Chair) DWP                        | • <b>Alex Ledbrooke</b><br>Cornwall Council                                       | • <b>Liz Sheppard</b><br>Defra           |
| • <b>Thomas Corker</b><br>BEIS                                      | • <b>Jen Robson</b><br>North East LEP   | • <b>Laura Spencer</b><br>Big Lottery    |
| • <b>John Hacking</b><br>Third Sector National<br>Learning Alliance | • <b>Laura Welham-Halstead</b><br>Greater Cambridge & Greater<br>Peterborough LEP | • <b>Laure Farret</b><br>GLA             |
| • <b>Aniekan Ekwere</b><br>BEIS                                     |   |  |

1. The most recent meeting of this sub-committee took place on 4 October 2017. Delivery of the 2017 Communications Activity Plan to-date, plans for the annual major information activity later in early November and proposed content of the 2018 Communications Activity Plan were the main focus of the meeting. Upcoming support of the National Sub-Committee review was also discussed. Members agreed to consult their respective sectors regarding any communications activities planned in the short-term and to share this with the sub-committee.
2. The managing authorities (MAs) reported on key communications activities to have taken place in 2017. These included the GPB paper relating to actions undertaken in response to the Communications Partner Survey, ESI Fund Programme partner and ERDF practitioner network bulletins, social media activity, press cuttings/coverage and published lists of beneficiaries.
3. It was re-emphasised that advising on and supporting the ongoing delivery of the 2017 Annual Activity Plan, particularly in supporting the engagement of local / national partners in communications activities such as the upcoming 'Annual Information Activity', remained a key role for the sub-committee. Members agreed to consult their respective sectors regarding any communications activities planned in the short-term and to share this with the sub-committee.
4. The next meeting of this sub-committee will take place in April 2018. The focus will be the initial delivery of activities within the 2018 Communications Activity Plan, upcoming communications challenges and the results / proposed actions following the Communications Partner survey which will have been conducted in Jan / Feb 2018.

## Employment, Skills and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee

### Membership

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| • <b>Steve Spendlove (Chair)</b><br>DWP                                    | • <b>Gabrielle Melvin</b><br>Office of Civil Society                | • <b>Nick Small</b><br>LEP Network   |
| • <b>Mark Bacon</b><br>Keele University                                    | • <b>Hylda Mounsey</b><br>Cornwall Council                          | • <b>Helen Millne</b><br>Third Sector  |
| • <b>Chris Ball</b><br>Research Fellow,<br>Newcastle University            | • <b>Ian Oakes</b><br>University of<br>Wolverhampton                | • <b>Nick Campbell</b><br>DWP  |
| • <b>Becky Brookes</b><br>Employers' Network for<br>Equality and Inclusion | • <b>Sue Ormiston</b><br>The Big Lottery Fund                       | • <b>Michelle Thompson</b><br>Department for Education                       |
| • <b>Ellen Broome</b><br>Family and Childcare Trust                        | • <b>Nicola Radford</b><br>Coastal Communities<br>Alliance          | • <b>Marc Vermyle</b><br>European Commission                                 |
| • <b>Rita Chircop</b><br>Greater London Authority                          | • <b>Laura-Jane Rawlings</b><br>Youth Employment UK                 | • <b>Judith Walker</b><br>DWP  |
| • <b>Eleanor Dearle</b><br>Local Government<br>Association                 | • <b>John Hacking</b><br>Third Sector National<br>Learning Alliance | • <b>Iain Wishart/Sarah Morris</b><br>Education and Skills<br>Funding Agency |

1. The sub-committee met on the 15 February 2018. The ESF MA presented a progress update, noting that end of October data was used:
  - The current commitment to ESF is £1.4bn which equates to approximately 47% of the total allocation, which is a slight increase from the last meeting
  - There are 162 Direct Bid Funding Agreements and 146 MOUs for the four National CFOs, a big increase since the last meeting.
  - There are currently 17 live calls totalling approximately £57.6m (27.8m in PA1 and £29.9m in PA2).
2. Key findings from the Outputs data are:
  - With regards to committed participant data, at national level 5 out of 17 sub-groups are seemingly underperforming in comparison to committed spend;
  - Performance varies throughout the sub groups with the “over 50’s” and “participants without basic skills” sub groups being under committed compared to the committed expenditure. The MA continues to work with LEPs to draw up calls that address shortfalls;
  - In comparison, the Inactive sub group (national and YEI) shows a rate of committed participants above committed spend (e.g. 78% compared to 47% of committed spend). Commitment of offenders or ex-offenders appears strong at 115%;
  - Particularly strong YEI sub groups are participants with disabilities and single adult household with dependant child (81% 110%).
3. Attention was then drawn to the Results – committed participants data, highlighting the following points:

- The level of committed results is positive and projected to exceed most targets, representing a strong ratio of output to result;
  - Under IP1.1 and IP1.2 sub-groups are on target or exceeding their target;
  - Three sub groups in IP1.3 (YEI) (“unemployed”, “unemployed who receive an offer of employment”, and “unemployed in education/training gaining employment or qualification” who are not within 5% of their targets. The MA is working with grant recipients to maximise the impact of these projects through contract management;
  - IP1.4 has two sub groups not within the 5% “inactive participants into employment or job search upon leaving” and “in education or training on leaving”. This is being addressed through contract management to ensure there is quality provision in place to provide adequate job search support for participants;
  - Under IP2.1 and IP2.2 sub-groups are on target or exceeding their target.
4. Helen Millne the deputy CEO of the Civil Society Involvement project, presented to the sub-committee an overview of The Women’s Organisation, its purpose, values and an introduction to the Civil Society Involvement, technical assistance, project and how it will work and partners involved in connecting with the third and voluntary sector across England.
  5. Sub-committee members discussed the development, progress and future of this National Sub-Committee and agreed a collective response which will be included in a report being sent to GPB members as part of the NSC Terms of Reference review.
  6. Sub-committee members discussed the progress towards this sub-committees presentation to the GPB in March.
  7. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on Thursday 10 May 2018.

## Equality & Diversity Sub-Committee

### Membership

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| • <b>Steve Spendlove (Chair)</b><br>DWP                                   | • <b>Alice Hood</b><br>TUC  | • <b>Sue Ormiston</b><br>Big Lottery Fund                       |
| • <b>Alan Beazley</b><br>Employers' Network for<br>Equality and Inclusion | • <b>Peter Riley</b><br>Manchester Metropolitan<br>University                 | • <b>Jonathan Slater</b><br>London Voluntary Service<br>Council |
| • <b>Duncan Carnie</b><br>DWP   | • <b>Richard Corfield</b><br>MHCLG  | • <b>Helen Millne</b><br>Third Sector                           |
| • <b>Tamara Flanagan</b><br>New Europeans<br>Association                  | • <b>Rachel Quinn</b><br>D2N2 Social Inclusion &<br>Equalities Advisory Group | • <b>Shafqat Rahim</b><br>ESFA                                  |
| • <b>Rita Chircop</b><br>Greater London Authority                         | • <b>Nick Campbell</b><br>DWP   | • <b>Mark Wright</b><br>EHRC                                    |
| • <b>Marc Vermyle</b><br>European Commission                              |   |   |

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  - IP1.4 has two sub groups not within the 5% “inactive participants into employment or job search upon leaving” and “in education or training on leaving”. This is being addressed through contract management to ensure there is quality provision in place to provide adequate job search support for participants;
  - Under IP2.1 and IP2.2 sub-groups are on target or exceeding their target.
4. Duncan Carnie from the Managing Authority Duncan Carnie gave a progress update on the Equality Training programme being delivered to key MA staff.
  5. Helen Millne the deputy CEO of the Civil Society Involvement project presented to the sub-committee an overview of The Women’s Organisation, its purpose, values and an introduction to the Civil Society Involvement, technical assistance, project and how it will work and partners involved in connecting with the third and voluntary sector across England.
  6. Sub-committee members discussed the development, progress and future of this National Sub-Committee and agreed a collective response which will be included in a report being sent to GPB members as part of the NSC Terms of Reference review.
  7. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on Thursday 24 May 2018.

## Evaluation Sub-Committee

### Membership

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| • <b>David Morrall (Chair)</b><br>MHCLG | • <b>Michele Mazza</b><br>BEIS  | • <b>Sue Parkinson</b><br>LEP Network                         |
| • <b>Aloke Siddique</b><br>BEIS         | • <b>John Hacking</b><br>VCO    | • <b>Francis Lee</b><br>LEP Network                           |
| • <b>Sarah Boyall</b><br>MHCLG          | • <b>Simon Jones</b><br>MHCLG   | • <b>Phil Smith</b><br>Private Sector and Small<br>Businesses |
| • <b>Nisha Patel</b><br>MHCLG Analyst   | • <b>Emily Kent</b><br>Cornwall | • <b>Anthony Mtitimila</b><br>Universities                    |
| • <b>Justin Martin</b><br>Defra         | • <b>Amy Coleman</b><br>Culture | • <b>Mal Nicholls</b><br>DWP, ESF Evaluation<br>Lead          |
| • <b>Nick Campbell</b><br>DWP           | • <b>Marianne Law</b><br>BEIS   | • <b>Max Nathan</b><br>Academic                               |

1. The Evaluation National Sub-committee met on 5 December.
2. The ERDF Managing Authority (MA) provided an update on progress with summative assessments. Key points included:
  - The guidance was published in August after extensive consultation with stakeholders;
  - A communications plan was in place, with the MA providing presentations for the Growth Programme Board, Growth Delivery Teams (GDTs), local partners, TA partners, local practitioner networks and, where there was demand, with local ESIF sub-committees. Meetings had been productive and feedback constructive; and
  - Evaluation champions have been put in place in GDTs to aid contract managers with queries relating to the summative assessment requirement.
3. The ERDF MA provided an update on progress on the National Evaluation. Key points included:
  - Following the scoping study, the National Evaluation design had been approved by the MHCLG Research Gateway. The panel found that the evaluation should progress in any Brexit scenario;
  - It is proposed that the contract for the 4-year National Evaluation will include annual break clauses in the event that requirements change;
  - The business case was to be put before the MHCLG Investment Sub-Committee (ISC) for a proposed National Evaluation spend of circa £2million, which constitutes less than 1% of the programme budget while still facilitating a sufficiently robust evaluation; and
  - Once approval was gained from the ISC, Ministerial approval would be sought to begin the tendering process and publish outstanding evaluation reports.

- The MA provided an update on work to ensure programme evaluation processes would be compliant with the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulation.
4. BEIS provided an update on the findings of a report produced by Regeneris on Priority Axis 4.
  5. DWP provided a progress update on ESF evaluation work. Key points included:
    - A process evaluation of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) had been published. An impact evaluation was commissioned with Ecorys, due to report by mid-2018.
    - On the programme-level evaluation Ecorys had been commissioned for an impact evaluation design and scoping project. The scoping report was expected by the end of the year.
    - A report on the ESF leavers' survey was expected in early 2018.
    - DWP was also exploring uses of administrative data. Discussion was ongoing with the Commission around a way of combining administrative data with a less expensive survey approach.



## Performance & Dispute Resolution Sub-Committee

### Membership

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| • <b>Zainab Agha (Chair)</b><br>MHCLG                         | • <b>Emma Kirkpatrick</b><br>DWP                                | • <b>Heather Waddington</b><br>Leeds City Region LEP |
| • <b>David Malpass</b><br>MHCLG                               | • <b>Stuart Scott</b><br>GLA                                    | • <b>John Hunt</b><br>College                        |
| • <b>Mary-Louise Harrison</b><br>LEP Network (more developed) | • <b>Keith Harrison</b><br>Action for Communities in Rural Kent | • <b>Guus Muijzers</b><br>DG Regio                   |
| • <b>Simon Jones</b><br>MHCLG                                 | • <b>Justin Martin</b><br>Defra                                 | • <b>Aniekan Ekwere</b><br>BEIS                      |
| • <b>David Pratt</b><br>Higher Education                      | • <b>Emily Kent</b><br>Cornwall & Isles of Scilly               | • <b>James Newman</b><br>LEP Network (transition)    |
| • <b>Richard Powell OBE</b><br>Local Nature Partnerships      | • <b>Jasbir Jhas</b><br>Local Government (LGA)                  |  |

1. The Performance & Dispute Resolution National Sub-committee met on 21 February.
2. The ESF MA presented a progress update. Key points arising from the discussion which followed included:
3. To help ensure that ESF N+3 targets are being met a task and finish group has been set up by the MA.
4. Colleagues expressed concerns about the effectiveness of elements of the current CFO model; in particular, in some instances the provision is not being as locally tailored as was anticipated at the start of the programme. The ESF MA agreed to look into these issues.
5. Uncertainty over call windows were impacting on the ability of local areas to plan effectively. The ESF MA recognised the issue and is working with the LEP Network to develop a national call window timetable to provide more certainty.
6. The ERDF MA presented a progress update. Key points arising from the discussion which followed included:
  - Members of the sub-committee were committed to helping achieve programme performance targets.
  - Priority axes (PA) 4, 5 and 6 were innovative and as such proving challenging to get up and running at a speed required to meet the 2018 performance framework targets. There was recognition that these priority axes were innovative and were facing delivering challenges that could not have been anticipated at the start of the programme. There was also recognition that the MA is doing as much as possible to respond to these delivery challenges. The good work that Mark Joslyn had been doing in this area already was recognised.
7. Going forward in relation to PA4 the MA is committed to supporting bid development by:

- Continuing to run workshops alongside calls;
  - Develop a FAQ which will be made available on the GOV.UK website; and
  - Ensure specialist ERDF funding expertise is available through technical assistance.
8. The ERDF MA will also ensure good practice, lessons and experiences are used to inform both the FAQ and the content of future workshops.
9. In the FOREX discussion the following comments were made:
- Sub-committee proposed that a review of the exchange rate position may provide an opportunity to address issues around match funding.
  - LEP area's with large budgets, in particular would be keen to ensure that they were benefiting directly from any uprating in the programme;
  - There was a recognition that smaller uprated allocations and funding clawed back from poor performing projects could result in local pockets of funding. It was acknowledged that pooling this funding in some way to ensure that it is used was a reasonable approach.
  - A mechanism for "rewarding" strong performing LEP areas would need to have clear criteria. Spending money in of itself is only a one dimensional view of strong criteria.
  - Any mechanism for reallocating funding from notional LEP area allocations, be it rewarding performance, helping with economic shocks or any other reason, needs to be clear, transparent and fair. In addition, those criteria will need to give proper consideration of local circumstances.
10. In the match funding discussion the following comments were made:
- Members expressed concerns that in relation to ESF the uncertainty over call windows was resulting in challenges to get match in place.
  - The ESF MA reiterated the work it was doing to get a national call window timetable together. In addition set out that:
    - The apprenticeship levy could be used as match; and
    - SME contributions can also be used as match.
11. The members welcomed the clarification on these points. If possible it was propose the MAs could explore whether match was a geographical issue.
12. The next meeting will take place on 10 May 2018.

## Smart Specialisation Sub-Committee

### Membership

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| • <b>Paul Drabwell (Chair)</b><br>BEIS         | • <b>Prof Stephen Roper</b><br>Warwick Business School | • <b>Prof Joe Sweeney</b><br>Lancaster University  |
| • <b>Farhana Quasem</b><br>(Secretariat), BEIS | • <b>Prof Roy Sandbach</b><br>Newcastle University     | • <b>Tony McEnery</b> , CEO,<br>ESRC               |
| • <b>Tricia Allen</b><br>MHCLG                 | • <b>Jen Rae</b><br>NESTA                              | • <b>Andrew Carter</b><br>Centre for Cities        |
| • <b>Nicholas French</b><br>BEIS               | • <b>Gillian Docherty</b><br>The Data Lab              | • <b>Prof John Goddard</b><br>Newcastle University |

1. The sub-committee's last meeting was on Thursday 7 December.
2. The Smart Specialisation Hub (the Hub) continues to draw on data across LEPs to provide greater understanding of the unique strengths of regional research and innovation infrastructure. Most significantly the Hub have extended their key analysis to include Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
3. An overview of the data generated to date was presented to the NCS. The data demonstrates that groups of clustering can be identified that are not geographically next to each other. The NCS advised that a balance is required between the number of data sets produced and insights, and that the Hub can add value to the innovation landscape through analysis of existing data sets. The Hub intend to develop the data further, through greater granularity to better understand sectoral strengths.
4. BEIS are continuing to provide policy and analytical input to inform the high level discussions on the objectives of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund model – highlighting the role of innovation funding in economic productivity, and the Smart Specialisation approach as a framework for informing innovation interventions. The UKSPF is establishing a momentum, the evidence generated by the Hub plays into its development. The group advised that in shaping the development of the UKSPF it's important to consider what lessons we can learn from Europe and Internationally.
5. With the Hub's contract coming to a natural conclusion in summer 2018, BEIS are currently considering the Hub's future in the context of Brexit, and the renewed emphasis on regional policy as set out in the Industrial Strategy.
6. The next meeting of the sub-committee will be held in April 2018.

## SME Competitiveness Sub-Committee

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| • <b>Ben Pledger (Chair)</b><br>Cities & Local Growth | • <b>Sean McKee</b><br>London Chamber of<br>Commerce   | • <b>Clive Lewis</b><br>Inst. Chartered Accountants<br>in England & Wales |
| • <b>Tim Courtney</b><br>BEIS                         | • <b>Glenn Collins</b><br>Inst. Chartered Accountants  | • <b>John Goodman</b><br>Co-operatives UK                                 |
| • <b>David Morrall</b><br>MHCLG                       | • <b>Allie Rennison</b><br>Institute of Directors      | • <b>Becky Hood</b><br>Cornwall Council                                   |
| • <b>John Bennett</b><br>MHCLG                        | • <b>Dominic Williams</b><br>Fed'n of Small Businesses | • <b>Dawn Whiteley</b><br>National Enterprise Network                     |
| • <b>John Horseman</b><br>MHCLG                       | • <b>Thomas Parry</b><br>Forum of Private Business     | • <b>Ruth Lowbridge</b><br>Sector Skills for Enterprise                   |
| • <b>Joe Manning</b><br>Cities & Local Growth         | • <b>Lee Hopley</b><br>Engineering Employers' Fed      | • <b>Louise Bennett</b><br>Chambers of Commerce                           |
| • <b>Karen Leigh</b><br>Cities & Local Growth         | • <b>Richard Kendall</b><br>Humber LEP                 | • <b>Mike Spicer</b><br>Chambers of Commerce                              |

1. The SME subcommittee last met in March 2017. Jacqui Ward has since moved on as Chair of the sub-committee and there was a significant time lag in identifying a new Chair as a result of structural changes within the Cities and Local Growth Unit in the period following the General Election.
2. The role of Chair will now be taken on by Ben Pledger, Deputy Director for Local Growth Programmes; and the new Secretariat will be Katie Turrell. A meeting is being scheduled and sub-committee members notified about the changes.

## Sustainable Growth and Development Sub-Committee

### Membership

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| • <b>Patrick Allcorn (Chair)</b><br>BEIS              | • <b>David Read</b><br>MHCLG                                 | • <b>John Osborne</b><br>MHCLG   |
| • <b>Mark Joslyn</b><br>MHCLG                         | • <b>Ben Plummer</b><br>MHCLG                                | • <b>Meg Patel</b><br>Defra  |
| • <b>Duncan Carnie</b><br>DWP                         | • <b>Graeme Kerr</b><br>Natural England                      | • <b>Bill Edrich</b><br>Bristol City Council                                       |
| • <b>Paul Nolan</b><br>Mersey Forest                  | • <b>Alice Larkin</b><br>Tyndall Centre                      | • <b>Aled Jones</b><br>Anglia Ruskin University                                    |
| • <b>Glenn Caplin</b><br>Cornwall Council             | • <b>Chris Saville</b><br>Environment Agency                 | • <b>Phil Larkin</b><br>National Trust   |
| • <b>Mark Atherton</b><br>New Economy,<br>Manchester  | • <b>Roger Mortlock</b><br>Gloucestershire Wildlife<br>Trust | • <b>Paul Bourgeois</b><br>Greater Cambridgeshire<br>& Greater Peterborough<br>LEP |
| • <b>Richard Powell OBE</b><br>Chair, Wild Anglia CIC | • <b>Iva Figueredo</b><br>Greater London Authority           |  |

1. The Sustainable Sub Committee met on the 31 January 2018. The agenda focused on three key areas: DEFRA's 25 Year Environment Plan, the Regeneris Report on Priority axis 4 and the Clean Growth Strategy. In addition papers were submitted in relation to progress against Priority Axes, 4, 5 & 6 & 7. The meeting was primarily driven by these three presentations as discussion ranged around how ERDF could help support the delivery of them as there is a great deal of synergy between them and the details in the Operational Programme across the priority axes.
2. Dan Barwick from Defra attended the meeting giving an overview of the 25 Year Environment Plan which DEFRA launched on the 11 January 2018. The resulting discussions looked at potential links with the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
3. The chair presented details on the Regeneris report which was commissioned by BEIS to review Priority 4 through a series of workshops and interviews with MHCLG staff, applicants and partners.
4. The report recognised that PA4 is ambitious and delivery is challenging. Capacity varies between LEPs and local areas, especially if local resources are stretched. Most bidders come from the local authority or higher education sectors that have the capacity to deal with risk, scope, and tackle complex rules including procurement (state aids) and value for money requirements. Alternative funding sources targeted at low carbon outputs have stifled PA4 delivery in some areas although, positively, the pipeline of projects has improved and allocations should be taken up. Learning from PA4 delivery will feed into UKSPF development. Government is looking to respond to the report's recommendations, especially on alignment and leverage of funding streams. Many of the recommendations had been identified by MHCLG already and addressed as part of the Programme Modification such as amendments to the PA4 Guidance.
5. Amy Jenkins from BEIS gave a presentation on the Clean Growth Strategy and the linkages between the Industrial Strategy and The 25 Environment Plan. It sets out the Government's proposals for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy through to 2030

and incorporates innovation and green finance. There is an opportunity for PA 4 to feed into the Clean Growth Strategy as the key target areas in the plan align very closely to PA4.

6. The presentations and subsequent discussion took up the majority of the meeting and the opportunity to look at the delivery of the Cross Cutting Sustainability theme was moved to the next meeting to ensure it was given the necessary time.

## Sustainable Urban Development and Urban Agenda Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **David Morrall (Chair)**  
MHCLG
- **Iain Derrick**  
MHCLG
- **Garry White**  
MHCLG
- **Stuart Scott**  
Greater London Authority
- **Heather Waddington**  
Leeds City Region
- **Jem Woolley**  
Nottingham City Council
- **Kathryn Dews**  
MHCLG
- **Alison Gordon**  
Manchester City Council
- **Sam Lucas**  
MHCLG
- **Felix Kumi-Ampofo**  
Sheffield City Region
- **Lloyd Broad**  
Greater Birmingham and Solihull
- **Badder Alfaresi**  
MHCLG
- **Huw Jenkins**  
Liverpool City Region
- **Robin McDowell**  
Bristol City Council
- **Peggy Haywood**  
MHCLG
- **David Anderson**  
Scottish Government
- **Teresa Kirby**  
Newcastle City Region

1. The SUD Sub-Committee met on 19 January and was chaired by David Morrall. Membership is drawn from MHCLG Policy and GDTs and the SUD Intermediate Bodies (IB) covering London, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham, Nottingham, Newcastle and Bristol.
2. Members were invited to consider whether the sub-committee could potentially have a role to play in influencing domestic funding after the current ERDF programme has ended.
3. Iain Derrick gave a presentation updating the Sub-Committee on the current position on the implementation of SUD across the country. He also drew comparisons with the implementation of SUD across the EU, on the basis of research carried out by Strathclyde University for the IQ-Net network.
4. The IB representatives updated the Sub-Committee on the current position in implementing SUD in their areas. All designated IBs had launched calls and there is a healthy pipeline of projects coming forward. Bristol had received the letter of designation from MHCLG but not yet signed the MOU.
5. The chair gave a presentation setting out background on the EU Urban agenda. The Pact of Amsterdam provided the framework for the urban agenda, the role of thematic partnerships, achievements so far and future work, including the production of thematic action plans. Ian Catlow from the GLA spoke about his experience as a member of the air quality thematic partnership. Members agreed that getting engagement from the EC in the partnerships was a particular challenge.
6. Majeed Neki from the MHCLG Cities and Local Growth team gave a presentation describing how Government is working to reduce spatial disparities, describing the case for a place based policy, what government had achieved so far and was planning to do in the future. He also described the key challenges that cities and Government need to

address together and gave an update on the development of the proposed UK Shared Prosperity Fund.