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Committee: Oxfordshire Growth Board

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ADDENDA

5. Public Participation (Pages 1 - 2)

Members of the public may ask questions of the Chairman of the Growth Board, or address the Growth Board on any substantive item at a meeting subject to the restrictions set out in the public participation scheme.

Attached is a copy of the question received at the meeting on 30 November 2016, together with the response to that question.

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Oxfordshire Growth Board Wednesday 30 November 2016 Agenda Item 5: Public Participation

In accordance with the public participation scheme, requests to address the meeting and questions submitted have been listed in the order submitted. The time limit for public participation is 30 minutes.

Restrictions on requests to address the Board:

- Must be on a substantive agenda item
- May speak for up to 3 minutes.
- With the leave of the Chairman, any questions of clarification asked of the speaker by Growth Board members should be duly answered.
- There will be no debate on any representations made except to the extent that they are considered when the relevant agenda item is considered later in the meeting.

Restrictions on questions submitted to the Board:

- Questions shall be directly relevant to some matter in which the Growth Board has powers and duties and which directly affects the area of Oxfordshire.
- Submitted questions shall be dealt with in the order of receipt by the host authority.
- The questioner may read his/her question, but the Chairman will do so if the questioner wishes for that, or is not present at the meeting. No supplementary question may be asked.
- The Chairman will answer submitted questions. This may take the form of an oral statement, or may be given subsequently in writing to the questioner. A written copy of the response will be circulated to all Growth Board Members. It is intended the written response will be given within ten working days of the meeting.
- No discussion shall take place on the question or the answer.

Public Participation Requests

Request to speak:

**Councillor Hards, Oxfordshire County Council – Item 8
Councillor Greene, Oxfordshire County Council – Item 8**

Question:

Councillor Hards, Oxfordshire County Council

What if anything will be the effect of the Chancellor's announcement in his autumn statement that Local Enterprise Partnerships in London and the southeast and in the southwest will be given a funding boost of £683m, and will it help to pay for the infrastructure which is needed to support the 15,000 additional houses which are planned for the Didcot area as part of the Science Vale proposals? This funding of local infrastructure is redirected from

the Local Growth Fund, and is supposed to “improve transport connections, unlock housebuilding, boost skills and enhance digital connectivity.”

Response:

In the autumn statement the Chancellor restated the commitment of £1.8 billion for the Local Growth Fund nationally. The distribution of this across the country is however not confirmed and is awaited. OxLEP have made a submission for a number of schemes in our LGF bids that address the growth in Didcot and we are hopeful that they will be supported through the LGF process. However, there may be other opportunities to secure investment under the national programmes announced by the Chancellor to unlock housing and employment growth or through the Didcot Growth Accelerator Enterprise Zone Business Rate programme