

# Crawley's Local Economy Action Group (LEAG)

## 13 Feb 2019 – Notes and actions

### 1. Arrival

- Attendance list circulated separately

### 2. Notes and action updates

- Previous [notes and actions](#) to be reviewed and actions carried forward.

### 3. Crawley Growth Programme & Town Centre Regeneration

- [Presentation](#) on Crawley Growth Programme update and Town Centre Regeneration Update

Key points discussed included

- Regenerating Crawley website holds further news and updates
- Manor Royal Gateway 1 scheme completed and delivered
- Town Hall scheme on track with phased delivery of residential, civic and office space, car parking and vital infrastructure
- District heat network plans are moving ahead as well as dark fibre network
- Local plan refresh required by government by 2020 with up to date evidence basis, studies and works are being progressed e.g housing and economic growth assessment joint with Horsham and Mid Sussex District Councils

#### Actions:

- Share link to MR infrastructure consultation: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/manorroyal](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/manorroyal) (LS/MO)
- Bring Local Plan Refresh as future agenda item for the LEAG (LS/CM)

### 4. Crawley Employment and Skills Plan Consultation

- [Presentation](#) on Crawley's reviewed and refreshed Employment and Skills plan currently out for consultation

Key points discussed included

- New Employ Crawley recruits start end of Feb for Customer Support roles, one to be placed in JCP funded by DWP funding recently secured
- Employ Crawley Careers Fair on 5 March at Library
- Need to inspire parents about their children's career options, show that Crawley is an area of opportunities
- Employer engagement and events are key to reach out to people, particular the young about their future
- Important to be in contact with schools and linking them up with colleges, Crawley College has taken on a schools liaison officer to establish school relationships
- Need to do more to excite and inspire people/young in fun and engaging ways, to make them aware of the career opportunities and progression routes
- Particular potential to reach out to girls about STEM careers
- Social mobility is a significant issue for Crawley, but not one organisation is responsible and collaboration is needed to address social mobility
- Exciting to see progress at college, Crawley needs a step change to make change and make real impact

#### Actions:

- All invited to give feedback, share employment and skill programme [consultation link](#) (All/LS)

### 5. Mystic Joe - Developing an Arts and Culture Strategy for Crawley

- [Presentation](#) and overview of arts strategy development for Crawley lead by Louise Blackwell, independent and experience producers

Key points discussed included

- The arts council given Crawley funding to develop arts and culture agenda for town, map what is there and what is missing, massive opportunity for Crawley to bring and support activity in town
- Beginning of process is Mystic Joe, developed by regional artist, to gather information in an eye catching and engaging way
- Collaborating with local businesses on engagement process
- Mystic Joe is going to many different place for engagement during 2019
- Looking for a range of different view, Mystic Joe is available for event, contact Louise for opportunities to bring pod to your business or organisation
- Work together to build plan for delivering arts and culture, welcome partners and interested organisations and businesses
- Info on activity points or survey available on CBC website and information flyer

**Actions:**

- Mystic Joe is available to book for events, contact [Louise Blackwell](#) to find out more and to book (All)

**6. AOB**

- LEAG website <https://leagcrawley.org/> (Send feedback to Lise Sorensen - All)
- OXIN [Crawley Town Centre Business Space Growth Report](#) published
- [Crawley Skills and Employment Needs Study](#) published
- Centre for Cities, [Cities Outlook 2019](#)
- Crawley College students went to no. 10 Downing street to cook for the prime minister celebrating Chinese New Year

**Next Meetings**

- 15 May, 11 Sep, 11 Dec @ Arora Hotel, from 8:30 to 11:00 am.