

## Active Black Country

Board Meeting  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 15:00-16:30  
 Teams

**Present:** Amanda Tomlinson (Chair), Guy Shears (GS), Richard Metcalf (RM), Farah Ahmed (FA), Sureya Gulzar (SG), Carol Bate (CB), Justyn Price (JP)

**Apologies:** Rachel Conlisk (RC), Kim Babb (KB), Sue Wilkinson (SW)

**In attendance:** Ian Carey (IC) Simon Le Fevre (Wharton Consulting) (SLF),

NO.	SUBJECT & NOTES	ACTION	WHO
<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</b> Welcome from Chair, as above and apologies noted.		
<b>2</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None declared.		
<b>3</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING</b> AT Provided an outline of the purpose and confirmed this meeting is to build understanding and take reflections from Board members in advance of the 21 <sup>st</sup> September Board Meeting. No decisions will be taken today.		
<b>4</b>	<b>LEP INTEGRATION UPDATE</b> IC provided an overview of the BCC Ltd transition working group. BCC Ltd are working with West Midlands Authority to determine those members staff that are in scope for TUPE and the process.		
<b>5</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP PROGRESS</b> IC presented an overview of the paper which outlined the key drivers, the external Independent Legal Advice (ILA) commissioned to inform the options appraisal for future entity of ABC and introduced Simon Le Fevre (SLF)  (SLF) took the ABC Board members through the key points from Wharton Consulting report. These included;  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clarification the decision-making authority resides with the Active Black Country Board.</li> <li>2. Any significant changes to the existing governance of ABC (extending to BCC Ltd given the existing relationship) would need Sport England sign off.</li> </ol>		

3. Compliance with Tier 3 of the UK Code of Governance is an ongoing award condition for Active Black Country. Moving to an independent legal entity would ensure the Active Black Country is wholly compliant with the Code requirements.

Board Members welcomed the report and clarity it provided – specifically regarding the decision-making authority and the fact it clarified it is the Active Black Country’s Board prerogative to determine the future entity of ABC.

The move to an independent entity and the fact this would ensure compliance with the breadth of the governance framework was strongly welcomed by ABC Board members. Members headline observations included;

1. Ensures the focus can shift to development as oppose to solely on compliance.
2. Seeks to maximise funding opportunities to support delivery of ABC’s strategy in line with objects specific to ABC.
3. Enhances the ability to attract and retain talent through an attractive colleague offer determined by the Board.
4. Enable the identification of high quality, flexible support functions that deliver value for money and ensures Sport England investment is maximised.

It was noted an outstanding enquiry was with Sport England regarding the current System Partner grant funding award and supporting Agency Agreement and this would have to be brought back to the ABC Board at the September meeting.

It was noted that further work needs to be undertaken to develop specific details of the options appraisal in particular the people aspect of the overall brief being completed by Kraft HR.

Provide ABC Board a further update once clarification has been received from Sport England.

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	In advance of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept meeting a further meeting would be arranged to discuss the potential entity options for an independent organisation.	Further meeting to be arranged	IC

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