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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.

**Rob Martell**  
**GPB Secretariat**  
**22 March 2022**

## Communications Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **Rob Martell (Chair)**  
DLUHC
- **James Ritchie**  
DWP (Deputy Chair)
- **Richard Davies**  
BEIS
- **Laure Farret**  
GLA
- **Karen Clarke**  
SEMLEP
- **Aurore Parkin**  
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly
- **Simon Eleftheropoulos-Weatherburn**  
Big Lottery
- **Matt Smart**  
Oxford University
- **Mark Herbert**  
DEFRA
- **John Hacking**  
Third Sector National Learning Alliance

1. The Communications Sub-Committee last met on the 8 October 2019.
2. The next meeting of the Sub-Committee has not been scheduled.

# Employment, Skills and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee

## Membership

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|--|---|---|
| • <b>Steve Spendlove</b><br>(Chair)<br>DWP                             | • <b>John Moyer</b><br>DWP                                  | • <b>Stacey Sleeman</b><br>Cornwall Council                     |
| • <b>Nick Campbell</b><br>DWP  | • <b>Sue Ormiston</b><br>National Lottery<br>Community Fund | • <b>Nick Small</b><br>LEP Network                              |
| • <b>Catherine Crocker</b><br>Greater London Authority                 | • <b>Hitesh Patel</b><br>Citizens Advice                    | • <b>Ian Standish</b><br>Workers' Educational<br>Association    |
| • <b>Eleanor Dearle</b><br>Local Government<br>Association             | • <b>Nicola Radford</b><br>Coastal Communities<br>Alliance  | • <b>Marc Vermyle</b><br>European Commission                    |
| • <b>Thomas Leftwich</b><br>Department for Culture,<br>Media and Sport | • <b>Laura-Jane Rawlings</b><br>Youth Employment UK         | • <b>Iain Wishart</b><br>Education and Skills<br>Funding Agency |

1. Last sub-Committee meeting was held on 10 March 2022
2. The main focus of the March meeting was on the latest position with UKSPF and the impacts on employment and skills provision currently funded by ESF. A colleague from the UKSPF DWP Policy Team joined the meeting to provide an update and field questions from members. NSC members noted that The DLUHC Levelling-up paper (published on 02/02/22) outlined that local areas will receive funding by an allocation model rather than a competition, and the identification of local needs will be led in England by MCAs/GLA where they exist and lower tier authorities where they do not. The UK Government will also be encouraging lower tier authorities to work across higher-tier, strategic areas.  
  
The issue regarding People and Skills support (other than Multiply) being available for investment from year 3 was discussed, but no specific concerns raised or noted. NSC members are now aware that the fund is DLUHC-led and that the DWP will play a supportive role for local areas, focussed on helping local areas to plan employment interventions under the People and Skills investment priority. A prospectus for the fund will be published later in spring 2022.
3. The next meeting is scheduled for 30th June 2022

## Equality & Diversity Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **Steve Spendlove**  
(Chair)  
DWP
- **Nick Campbell**  
DWP
- **Duncan Carnie**  
DWP
- **Richard Corfield**  
DLUHC
- **Gary Craig**  
Professor of Social  
Justice
- **Catherine Crocker**  
Greater London Authority
- **Tamara Flanagan**  
New Europeans  
Association
- **Charlie Hamilton**  
Equality and Human  
Rights Commission
- **Emma Hyland**  
Equality and Diversity  
Manager, Manchester  
Metropolitan University
- **Sharon Long**  
Partnership for Young  
London
- **Helen Millne**  
Third Sector
- **Sue Ormiston**  
National Community  
Lottery Fund
- **Shafqat Rahim**  
ESFA
- **Marc Vermyle**  
European Commission
- **Mike Walton**  
DLUHC

1. The last meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
2. The next meeting is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## Evaluation Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **Simon Jones**  
Chair, DLUHC
- **Tina Collopy**  
DLUHC
- **Nicholas Campbell**  
DWP
- **Jean Davis**  
DEFRA
- **Anthony Mtitimila**  
Liverpool University
- **TBC**  
What Works Centre
- **Robyn Owen**  
Middlesex University
- **Lucy Townley**  
DLUHC
- **Elyott D'Shap**  
DLUHC
- **Hamish Proctor**  
BEIS
- **Phil Smith**  
Business West
- **Anne Lythgoe**  
Social Audit Network
- **Andy Churchill**  
Network for Europe
- **TBC**  
DCMS
- **Rob Martell**  
Secretariat, DLUHC
- **Danielle House**  
BEIS
- **Peter Wills**  
Cornwall Council
- **Sue Parkinson**  
North East LEP
- **Mary-Louise Harrison**  
Leicester and Leicestershire LEP
- **Marc Vermyle**  
EC

1. The Evaluation Sub-Committee last met on the 16th March 2021
2. The next meeting will be aligned with the commencement of Phase 3 of the ERDF Evaluation which is currently being retendered. The membership of this NSC is undergoing a refresh ahead of that next meeting.

## Performance & Dispute Resolution Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **Simon Jones (Chair)**  
DLUHC
- **David Malpass**  
DLUHC
- **Clare Bonson**  
DWP
- **Steve Spendlove**  
DWP
- **Emma Kirkpatrick**  
DWP
- **Sean Hughes**  
DLUHC
- **Mary-Louise Harrison**  
LEP Network (more developed)
- **David Pratt**  
Higher Education
- **Stuart Scott**  
GLA
- **Keith Harrison**  
Action for Communities in Rural Kent
- **Steve Gilson**  
DEFRA
- **Emily Kent**  
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly
- **Helen Milne**  
Third Sector
- **Richard Davies**  
BEIS
- **Richard Powell**  
Local Nature Partnerships
- **Paul Green**  
Local Government (LGA)
- **Katie Dalsgaard**  
IB network
- **Heather Waddington**  
Core Cities
- **John Hunt**  
College
- **Guus Muijzers**  
DG Regio
- **James Newman**  
LEP Network (transition)
- **Carol Vonne**  
Third Sector
- **Pernille Kousgaard**  
MCA

1. The Performance & Dispute Resolution Sub-Committee last met on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 having held an extraordinary meeting to discuss local programme governance on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.
2. Members gave feedback on the revised proposals and welcomed the changes made. The MA agreed to bring back revised terms of reference reflecting the agreed changes to the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 PDR meeting.
3. Additional feedback was received in writing following the sub-committee meeting, and responded to in writing ahead of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
4. At the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, MAs provided updates on programme delivery and performance, and members discussed changes to the ESIF sub-committee terms of reference. Members provided feedback on the revised terms of reference, to be considered ahead of their presentation to GPB on 22<sup>nd</sup> March for agreement.

## Smart Specialisation Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **Paul Drabwell (Chair)**  
BEIS
- **Farhana Quasem**  
BEIS (Secretariat)
- **Tricia Allen**  
DLUHC
- **Nicholas French**  
BEIS
- **Mark Duddridge**  
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly  
LEP
- **Prof Stephen Roper**  
Warwick Business School
- **Prof Roy Sandbach**  
Newcastle University
- **Jen Rae**  
NESTA
- **Gillian Docherty**  
The Data Lab
- **Prof Joe Sweeney**  
Lancaster University
- **Melanie Knetsch**  
ESRC
- **Andrew Carter**  
Centre for Cities
- **Prof John Goddard**  
Newcastle University

1. The sub-committee last met on 11 December 2018 and has not met since, there are no substantive updates to make.



## SME Competitiveness Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **To be confirmed**  
Cities & Local Growth
- **Tim Courtney**  
BEIS
- **David Morrall**  
DLUHC
- **John Bennett**  
DLUHC
- **Joe Manning**  
Cities & Local Growth
- **Karen Leigh**  
Cities & Local Growth
- **Sean Mckee**  
London Chamber of Commerce
- **Glenn Collins**  
Inst. Chartered Accountants
- **Allie Rennison**  
Institute of Directors
- **Dominic Williams**  
Fed'n of Small Businesses
- **Thomas Parry**  
Forum of Private Business
- **Lee Hopley**  
Engineering Employers' Fed
- **Richard Kendall**  
Humber LEP
- **Clive Lewis**  
Inst. Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- **John Goodman**  
Co-operatives UK
- **Matt Silver**  
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly
- **Dawn Whiteley**  
National Enterprise Network
- **Ruth Lowbridge**  
Sector Skills for Enterprise
- **Louise Bennett**  
Chambers of Commerce
- **Mike Spicer**  
Chambers of Commerce

1. The sub-committee last met on 14 May 2018 and have not met since, there are no substantive updates to make.

## Sustainable Growth and Development Sub-Committee

### Membership

- **Patrick Allcorn (Chair)**  
BEIS
- **Mark Joslyn**  
DLUHC
- **Duncan Carnie**  
DWP
- **Paul Nolan**  
Mersey Forest
- **Phil Woods**  
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly
- **Mark Atherton**  
New Economy,  
Manchester
- **Richard Hurst**  
Durham County Council
- **David Read**  
MCHLG
- **Ian Whale**  
DLUHC
- **Graeme Kerr**  
Natural England
- **Carly McLachlan**  
Tyndall Centre
- **Chris Saville**  
Environment Agency
- **Paul Bourgeois**  
Greater Cambridgeshire  
& Greater Peterborough  
LEP
- **John Osborne**  
DLUHC
- **Emma Friend**  
DEFRA
- **Richard Powell OBE**  
Chair, Wild Anglia CIC
- **Aled Jones**  
Anglia Ruskin University
- **Phil Larkin**  
National Trust

1. The sub-committee last met on 17 October 2019 and have not met since, there are no substantive updates to make.
2. The next meeting of the sub-committee has not yet been scheduled.

## **Sustainable Urban Development and Urban Agenda Sub-Committee**

### **Membership**

- **Iain Derrick (Chair)**  
DLUHC
- **Sam Lucas**  
DLUHC
- **Peggy Haywod**  
DLUHC
- **Heather Waddington**  
Leeds City Region
- **Lloyd Broad**  
Greater Birmingham  
and Solihull
- **Felix Kumi-Ampofo**  
Sheffield City Region
- **Teresa Kirby**  
Newcastle City Region
- **Huw Jenkins**  
Liverpool City Region
- **Robin McDowell**  
Bristol City Council
- **Stuart Scott**  
Greater London  
Authority
- **Jem Woolley**  
Nottingham City  
Council
- **Alison Gordon**  
Manchester City  
Council
- **Maggie O'Carroll**  
The Women's  
Organisation

1. The sub-committee last met 28 March 2019 and have not met since, there are no substantive updates to make.
2. The next meeting of the sub-Committee has not yet been scheduled.