

**Moray Economic Strategy
Inward Investment and Business Growth Group meeting
15th September 2014, 9.00am
Board Room, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) Moray, Forres**

Meeting note

Attendees	David Oxley (DO), Andrew Anderson (AA), Steven Hutcheon (SH) & Nicole Green (NG) – HIE; Mike Ramsay (MR) – Scotland Electronics International Limited; Jim Grant (JG) – Moray Council
Apologies	Gordon Sutherland & Cllr Douglas Ross (DR) – Moray Council

1) Spaceport Proposition – Update

Consultants have now been appointed by Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE) to undertake a SWOT analysis of the four sites in the HIE area. They will also undertake a less detailed SWOT analysis of the other UK sites. The first report is expected this week. Following this, they will focus on stakeholder analysis and engagement before devising an action plan for HIE. On the 2nd of October, the consultants will present their findings and recommendations to Alex Paterson, Chief Executive.

A meeting of the Moray Strategic Business Forum was held to gain insight into the business community's views on the subject. MR presented an overview of the key actions required to gain the most from this opportunity. 'Golden Keys' include – having a customer pledge of interest, potential funding identified, infrastructure, supportive land owners and use of current potential (compliance, weather, safety). A need for a professional image throughout was also identified, with logos and acronyms discussed.

Suggestion made that in consultation response it is stated that, if Moray sites invited to bid, HIE and the local authority require to be consulted in the bid process and express support of the final bid.

DO meeting with an advisor from Space Scotland this afternoon.

HIE Universities contact looking into support from academic institutions.

MEP to report to Moray Council Economic Development & Infrastructure Services Committee on the 30th of September.

NG to circulate report from consultants to this group when received.

2) AOB.

None.

3) Date of next meeting.

TBC – early October.