

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Ursula Lidbetter – Chair (UL)  
David Dexter – Deputy Chair (DD)  
Richard Wills (RW)  
Cllr Colin Davie (CD)  
Ian Munnery (IM)  
Tony Hill (TH)  
Professor Mary Stuart (MS)  
Cllr Liz Redfern (LR)  
Herman Kok (HK)  
Neil Corner (NC)  
Chris Baron (CB)  
Mark Tinsley (MT)

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Ruth Carver (RC)  
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**OBSERVERS:**

Tim Cullen (Cabinet Office)  
Pete Holmes (BIS)  
Sarah Hendry (DEFRA)

**OFFICERS AND GUESTS**

Angela Blake (North East Lincolnshire Council)  
Samantha Harrison (LCC)  
Julian German (Peer Review)  
Jo Lapin (Peer Review)

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Ray Oxby (RO)  
Councillor Doreen Stephenson (DS)

**Declarations of Interest**

Ursula Lidbetter declared an interest in the Lincoln Transport Hub and the Boole Technology Centre  
Mary Stuart declared an interest in the Boole Technology Centre, and the Agri-food Centre of Excellence in Holbeach.  
Cllr Davie, and Richard Wills declared an interest in the LCC Schemes on the Agenda.  
Cllr Liz Redfern declared an interest on the NLC schemes within the agenda.

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

Agreed as a true record.

**Introductions**

Ursula welcomed and introduced the Peer Review Team, and Tim Cullen.

**Matters Arising:**

Agreed that the current vacancy for a public sector agency would not be filled following the retirement of Andy Baxendale. EA and LEP felt they were represented well in other areas of the LEP structure.

It was announced that Eddy Poll (previous elected member LCC and board member) has been appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as the Chair of the Anglia (Northern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) to succeed Robert Cauldwell.

**Operations Report****Actions**

A contribution of £5,000 was sought towards running the LEP network. Budget can accommodate and was therefore agreed.

**Sec**

A contribution of £3,000 was agreed towards a Tourism conference in Lincoln in February. Information on the event will be circulated

**Sec**

A letter of endorsement for housing zones was sought. West Lindsey requires a letter of support to become a housing zone. The Board agreed.

**Sec**

Midlands Connect is an LA led lobbying group for key infrastructure requirements across the East and West Midlands. They are seeking councils and LEP sign up to key schemes and rail and road enhancements including cross boundaries. Newark road scheme is key for the LEP area, so a letter of endorsement will be provided

**Sec**

LEP Officers are producing a joint infrastructure report for the LEP area on mapping priorities and will bring to board/leaders for discussion.

**ALL to feed in**

Additional items (not on paper)

1. EZ's – Secretariat seeking support for Food Enterprise Zones. Three expressions of interest were discussed in Greater Lincolnshire and supported. Ian Munnery to contact WLDC about bio-tech potential for FEZ.
2. DFT Challenge fund has been set up for LA's to bid into. LCC are seeking support. 2 bids are going forward for highways maintenance and street lighting. Road infrastructure is a vital part of LEP strategy and the Board will endorse bids from all authorities to support that. Cllr Redfern / Angela Blake to forward N & NE Lincs bids.

**NE/NL****Growth Deals**

GD1 On track for delivery. UL and HK declared their interests.

Assurance Framework will go to the Investment Board on 11th Feb. Evaluation and

<p>Monitoring Plan is also in final stages and will go to Investment Board to consider asap. Draft contracts for the first 6 projects are drafted.</p> <p>The Unlocking Housing Programme is experiencing some delays due to legal State Aid issues which the Secretariat are working though. LEP will always keep Investment Board updated in timely matter to enable decisions to be made. The Board asked for lessons learnt to be logged.</p> <p><b>GD2</b></p> <p>An announcement is expected next week. GLLEP are likely to be awarded c£15m. The top 4 projects were agreed with Holbeach NCFM being proposed to receive partial funding due to be the most eligible for attracting additional EU funding.</p> <p>Some funding for GD2 is (2020/21) and longer term which may cause some issues. Uncertainty of project sponsors will remain around long term funding guarantees from government. Government pledge to produce formal letters to confirm funding but ultimate confirmation will take some time.</p> <p>LEPs need to lobby now to all parties to offer assurances of certainty for economic development post-election.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p><b>Agri food sector board meeting/ Ministerial visit</b></p> <p>UL and MT cited this event as an exemplar of our key sectors driving the sector forward. George Eustice MP was excellent and knowledgeable. The need to harness support of enterprise experts (Food board members) who contribute is key and we need to build on this excellent model. MT gave thanks to LEP team for organising this strong event. Food Board asks will be circulated shortly.</p>	<p>MT</p>
<p><b>Rail</b></p> <p>Angela Blake presented a paper from North East Lincolnshire who were seeking LEP approval for funding to support a rail prospectus for the Greater Lincolnshire area. The board approved the expenditure and the timetable.</p>	<p>AB</p>
<p><b>Health Sector Plan</b></p> <p>Tony Hill updated the board on the work that he has been undertaking with Herman and Andrew Brooks on the Health and Care plan.</p> <p>The sector is currently importing skills with difficulty and needs to develop skills locally and better promote to entice skilled workforce in.</p> <p>Changes to the nurse education programme now fall under UoL with Bishop Grotetesste also offering courses. Strong need to professionalise the industry which is occurring. Very important to recruit and retain medical staff with a strong evidence base of people training somewhere staying there. Localised training will improve quality of joint academic and clinical appointments and begin an upward</p>	

<p>spiral.</p> <p>Technology around telehealth/ telecare offers opportunities for innovation. Need to ensure link with other priority sectors where overlap occurs is made and understood. Opportunities also exist within the EU programme.</p> <p>UoL and Health care provision are working closely together to graduate nurses and social workers providing health and care degree for upper end skills. Medical degrees are the next step. UoL research is considered one of the best in UK and has experts in diabetes, cardio vascular, cancer experts and ageing experts. LEP needs to create a forum to drive the sector and design the agenda into healthcare and to seek funding for an institute for health.</p> <p>Lobbying for a change to funding formulas would be beneficial – particularly to coastal areas. TH to review and return to the board.</p>	<b>TH</b>
<p><b>Manufacturing Sector Plan</b></p> <p>Neil Corner and Samantha Harrison presented the LEP's Manufacturing Sector Plan. Manufacturing within GL has huge differences between businesses. The plan has opted for generic themes. The aspiration is to double the value of the sector by 2030. Most manufacturing companies in GL are not exporting and need assistance to grow.</p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Business growth/ skills development/ R&amp;D + innovation/ infrastructure &amp; location. Detailed actions. Circulate slides (KS)</p> <p>Encouraging employers to talk to schools to develop curriculums – ie. UTCs. The sector needs more industry internships and graduate programmes as well as changing perceptions. The new BIS Science and Innovation strategy offers support.</p> <p>Accessing financial packages of support and lobbying banks to provide support are needed. <a href="http://www.businesslincolnshire.com">www.businesslincolnshire.com</a> offers a portal for funding opportunities. LCC are also developing a new financial instrument. Need to put mechanisms in place to develop supply chains.</p> <p>Innovate UK have 7 Catalyst centres. LCC to match UK programmes to maximise support/offer.</p> <p>This plan is delivered with no additional funding from the LEP. It will utilise EUSIF/ national programmes/ UKTI / and promote skills needs.</p> <p>LCC scrutiny has reviews the draft plan and asked LCC to focus on supply chains, financial instruments and skills.</p> <p>The next LEADERS board will ask if N/ NE Lincs would like to take the MSP through their scrutiny process.</p>	<b>KS</b>
<p><b>Growth Deal/ Cabinet office – LEP support and champion</b></p>	

<p>Tim Cullen introduced himself as the eyes and ears on the ground for our LEP, to 'land asks' and steer through the political landscape. Tim gave an overview of the Political Landscape in respect of growth.</p>	
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