

Greater Lincolnshire LEP Board
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014
Enterprise@Lincoln Boardroom,
University of Lincoln

Present: Ursula Lidbetter – Chair, David Dexter – Deputy Chair, Richard Wills, Councillor	Actions
Colin Davie, Councillor Ray Oxby, Chris Baron, Councillor Doreen Stephenson, Herman	
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Observers: Sarah Hendry (DEFRA), Rowena Limb (BIS)	
Officers: Ruth Carver, Kate Storey and Emma Mumby (LEP Executive)	
Guests: Samantha Harrison, Grant Lockett and Manjeet Gill (WLDC)	
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Welcome by the Chair – Ursula Lidbetter	
Apologies, Declarations, Minutes and Matters Arising	
The Chairman laborated the Board	
The Chair welcomed the Board.	
Apologies were received from: Neil Corner, Dr Tony Hill and Councillor Chris Shaw	
There were no declarations of interest. The minutes of 13th November 2013 were	
agreed for publication.	
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Matters Arising: The agreed cross over lunch for the Skills Board and LEP Board needs	ESB
to be arranged.	
Operational Report	
Ruth Carver presented on this item:	
RGF – RC outlined the 3 RGF bids that were submitted from Greater Lincolnshire in the	KS
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last round. Board Members were asked to discuss the bids with MP's, highlight the	
economic benefits, and seek their support. A summary of the bids will be emailed to	
the board. Cllr Stephenson put forward a question about a proposal from Lincoln BIG –	
the Secretariat would work with Lincoln BIG to ascertain whether RGF 6 would be	KS
suitable.	
Round 6 for the RGF – is due to open in summer.	
Visitor Economy	
A VE bid was not submitted due to the perception of displacement issues. LEP and LCC	
officers along with CB are meeting with BIS and the business economists later this	
month to discuss data sets and evidence from the LRO to form a strong case for VE	
projects moving forward. A case is being prepared for Visit England, and DCMS.	
Once this is done, the Secretariat through the Visitor Economy group would work with	
the districts and other bodies to ascertain needs going forward for funding CCF, and	
EAFRD.	
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The need to include district data and resources was discussed and RC confirmed this was an initial meeting to ascertain the economists issues and that the LRO had been contracted by the GLLEP to begin building a case based on evidence on data which all districts also feed into. RL to liaise with RC to progress from BIS perspective.

BIS/ Secretariat

RC highlighted a briefing note from the Environment Agency. It gives very useful information regarding the recent tidal surge across GL and the impact on businesses. The recent flooding was discussed including cost implications and the impact of the flooding financially and with regards to increased awareness on the political agenda.

## **Board Recruitment**

At the last meeting it was noted that Neil Turton had resigned and we were looking to recruit assign a new private sector board member from North Lincolnshire. The closing date for applications is the 31st January 2014. If needed the interview panel would be RC, UL and Cllr Redfern to interview.

## **Assisted Area Status**

RL confirmed that with regards to Assisted Area status. The Board were delighted that wards within North Lincolnshire had been included in the consultation. The GLLEP would be considered likely to present a challenge to the decision regarding Lincoln but that it was unlikely to change. Lincoln City may challenge the status allocated, supported by the LRO.

UL proposed Justin Brown's alternative suggestion to seek similar benefits outside of the AA status with a task and finish group which was agreed.

JB

DD questioned the omission of a finance paper and RC confirmed this had moved to quarterly reporting.

## Governance

The paper was presentation by Ruth Carver. It was agreed at the last meeting that an incorporated structure was the right vehicle, the Secretariat and partners had progressed the thinking around the incorporation and board members were asked to give their views.

It was agreed that local authority members would be appointed by the LA onto the board of directors, with a code of conduct developed for all directors.

## It was agreed that:

<u>Recommendation 1</u> - That the LEP board confirms its wishes that the LEP becomes an incorporated body, with the preferred form of incorporation being a company limited by guarantee.

**Recommendation 2** - That the Secretariat develops proportionate memorandum and articles of association with a view to incorporation at the next meeting.

<u>Recommendation 3</u> - That the Board recommends to its members and to the constituent bodies that form the LEP that, through their respective decision-making process they take all necessary decisions to effect the incorporation of the LEP.

A sub-group would be formed to take forward the governance issues – it would consist of RW, UL and RC.	Sec
Strategic Economic Plan	
RC presented this item. The LEP submitted the draft Strategic Economic Plan for the area on 19th December and awaiting feedback by the end of January. The Board thanked JB and his team at Lincolnshire County Council for their hard work in preparing the first draft of the SEP.	JB
There are particular areas which we wish to expand on, namely: Water management work, Agri-food sector plan, Manufacturing sector plan,	
Housing sector plan.	
The next stage is to write an implementation plan – this is however well on the way.	
The plan will map projects and schemes already going ahead and bids for the future. The final version of the SEP and the implementation plan will be discussed and hopefully approved at the board on the 21st March. The submission to government will be the end of March.	
The Challenge Session with the Minister is early February,	
The Greater Lincolnshire and Humber LEPs and North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire are meeting in February.	
RC stressed that it is important that the public sector get officers to understand the importance of helping finalise all matters within the timescales.	
SH stated that detailed feedback will come through soon and work will give underpinning evidence. It is worth focusing on what would stick in Greg's mind about GL LEP: political, priorities, economy – what do we have to offer! It has to resonate.	
Finance Legacy Opportunity	
Samantha Harrison presented this item	
The LEP Board were asked note the progress report and way forward, and agreed to the future development work to be undertaken.	SH
Delivery of Housing Growth	
This item was presented by Richard Wills in Jane Trickers absence, HCA. It was discussed that housing is very important to Greater Lincolnshire and our economic growth. HK commended JT on the quality of the paper.	
HK suggested that the Housing groups get involved in the developer's forum that LCC highways organised. East Lindsey housing numbers were questions, and the HCA were	

asked to assess information on planning permissions.	
It was agreed to	
Procure a short-term resource to enable the Board and LEP executive to work in detail on the LEP's role in housing	SEC
Task the Executive and the LEP Officers Group with exploring whether the following	SEC
should be part of the SEP and implementation plan for housing.	
Food Matters	
Presentation by Manjeet Gill and Grant Lockett on agriculture and the food sector and the Food Matters Project they run	
Cllr Stephenson and DD suggested that the WLDC and the programme could work through the FSB and the Chamber. MG confirmed they engage with SME businesses as 86% of businesses are micro businesses with a value of £1billion, so understand their importance which can be developed further	
RC confirmed that the GLLEP are working on an agri-food sector plan to be completed in the next few weeks after which parties can meet to discuss the priorities. WLDC were asked to be involved and to continue champion the agri-food sector.	
Cllr Stephenson raised the issue of the quality of the local road infrastructure with particular reference to the A16/A17/A52/A158 need to be addressed to ensure the	
north/south links particularly for the food industry are fit for purpose.	
As there was no other business, the board was closed.	
Date of next meeting: Friday 21st March 2014 – The Collection, Lincoln.	