



**Minutes from the Greater Lincolnshire
LEP Board
Wednesday 13th November 2013
ELDC, Tedder Hall, Manby**

Present: Ursula Lidbetter – Chair, David Dexter – Deputy Chair
Richard Wills, Dr Tony Hill, Mark Tinsley, Chris Baron, Cllr Colin Davie, Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Cllr Ray Oxby, Neil Corner, Leendert den Hollander, Andy Baxendale, Maria Lyle (Observer) , Sarah Hendry (Observer)

Officers: Ruth Carver, Kate Storey and Emma Mumby (LEP Executive) Justin Brown and Adam Peacock LCC

**Welcome by the Chair – Ursula Lidbetter
Apologies, Declarations, Minutes and Matters Arising.**

The Chair welcomed the Board, and thanked Cllr Stephenson and ELDC for hosting the meeting. Apologies were received from: Cllr Liz Redfern, Professor Mary Stuart, Herman Kok, Rowena Limb (BIS)

Declarations: None

Minutes of 18th September: These were agreed and attendees names updated.

Matters Arising: Neil Turton (North Lincolnshire Private Sector Board Member) has resigned from the LEP board and the LEP executive will start the process of recruitment in the new year.

Action

LEP Executive Report:

Ruth Carver presented this item:

Item 1 – This reports covered events and comms since the last meeting. The LEP Annual Summit was very well attended and had good feedback. Cllr Oxby praised the event. It was felt that a bigger venue may be needed in the future or a different set up with a look at a food sector related summit next year.

Actions

- To produce as summary and evaluation of the LEP Summit
- Write to thank Roland Aurich for support and speech at the LEP Summit
- Combine the event with the Business Live event in 2014 – Date confirmed for Friday 24th October 2014.
- Organise a food sector round table

MIPIIM – UL and RC will be attending from the LEP in March 2014, UL will speak at an event which will promote Greater Lincolnshire to agents, developers and investors. An investment prospectus is being developed.
It was agreed there needs to be a positive message regarding planning and development in Lincolnshire, Richard Wills would lead with LCC in developing this message, linking to the

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<p>work already being undertaken on the development charter.</p> <p>Cllr Stephenson asked about the districts involvement in investment, and in MIPIM particularly. RC said that the districts were aware and involved where there was the resource, and the investment prospectus would be discussed at the next lead economic development councillors meeting in the new year.</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p>Actions LCC to write out to districts re involvement in MIPIM and the investment prospectus Development Charter update to the March meeting of the LEP Board</p>	<p>RC RC</p>
<p>Presentation on European Strategy – The ESIF has been submitted to Government; The initial October feedback asked for additional around governance and opt-in models ahead of the final draft but in line with our expectations.</p>	
<p>Regional Growth Fund – Round 5 opened in October, LEPs and local authorities are not eligible to put a bid in however the private sector and Universities are. KS has put a lot of work into awareness of this and there have been a lot of enquiries into RGF and the LEP</p>	
<p>A discussion on RGF's took place and action points raised from this are as follows:</p>	
<p>With regard to an RGF5 SME grants bid, approach a private sector or membership organisation to lead Produce a summary sheet of government funding for board members Circulate final RGF5 bids for endorsement to Board in early Dec. To provide feedback on the Investing in Greater Lincolnshire Programme</p>	<p>RW KS KS ML</p>
<p>Coastal Communities – an update on the Coastal Communities programme was given by Justin Brown.</p>	
<p>2yrs funding remain and is roughly £20m per year. The next round is likely to be spring 2014 with two rounds combined but remains unconfirmed.</p>	
<p>All projects must how they will address the particular conditions in the coastal area. In Greater Lincolnshire that's mainly pockets of deprivation, seasonal economy, and lack of private sector investment. CCF is particularly interested in receiving bids that can deliver quickly and must for example, have planning permission and match funding in place – enabling swift job creation.</p>	
<p>Invest & Grow – Kate Storey gave an update on the Invest and Grow fund to the LEP Board. The first loan has been completed for the Golf Road development in Mablethorpe, with a further two schemes in due diligence, with one recently invited for application. An Invest and Grow Board has been arranged for Feb 2014.</p>	
<p>A discussion took place on the criteria and how the risk for the loan is assessed.</p>	
<p>It was agreed to resend the information on the Invest and Grow fund to the district councils (leaders and Lead ED Councillors) and our partners.</p>	<p>RC</p>
<p>LEP & ESB – Ruth Carver spoke to the paper concerning the remit of the Employment and Skills Board. It was agreed that the give the size and the importance of the education and skills agenda, and the increased emphasis and devolution of powers on skills within the European programme and the single local growth fund that the governance, role and remit of the ESB could be strengthened. It was agreed that the link would be formalised between the LEP Board and the ESB, and that the changes to the remit, in terms of remit, geography, and function be incorporated into the Governance review,</p>	

<p>The internal governance review of the LEP Board is currently being undertaken and is due to be discussed at the LEP Board in January 14. Ruth Carver outlined the current thinking around a company limited by guarantee and a leader's board. Board members were content with the general direction, and asked that partners now be engaged in the process.</p> <p>Assisted Area Status – Justin Brown updated the board on our consultation response on the Assisted area Status, particularly how the assisted area status works. A joint response with the Humber LEP, and North Yorkshire LEP has been submitted, and lobbying for retaining wards in North East Lincolnshire, and additional wards in North Lincolnshire and Lincoln. A discussion on the needs of coastal communities was raised by Councillor Stephenson, and it was felt that we needed to continue to push for the economic case of coastal communities.</p> <p>There was a detailed discussion and action points raised were: The Government publishes Assisted Areas map in December – circulate for feedback To research other EU funding options for coastal communities outside of Assisted Areas and feedback to LEP/Cllr Stephenson</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>RC ML</p>
<p>Quarterly Finance Report:</p> <p>RC presented this item, and talked to the paper. She reported that the LEP are projected to spend the core funding and growth plan funding by year end. She confirmed the expenses policy for board members</p> <p>Action Point – Circulate Expenses Policy and Procedures</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>KS</p>
<p>ESB & LEP:</p> <p>The Lincolnshire and Rutland ESB (Employment and Skills Board) agenda covers skills and employment opportunities. HK chairs this group. It was agreed that the given the size and the importance of the education and skills agenda, and the increased emphasis and devolution of powers on skills within the European programme and the single local growth fund that the governance, role and remit of the ESB could be strengthened. It was agreed that the link would be formalised between the LEP Board and the ESB, and that the changes to the remit, in terms of remit, geography, and function be incorporated into the Governance review.</p> <p>Discussion took place on this and action points raised: Circulate current ESB membership list to Cllr Stephenson Organise ESB cross over lunch with LEP and ESB Board Members LEP Board members to input own business case studies for "Aspirations" publication</p> <p>The internal governance review of the LEP Board is currently being undertaken and is due to be discussed at the LEP Board in January 14. Ruth Carver outlined the current thinking around a company limited by guarantee and a leader's board. Board members were content with the general direction, and asked that partners now be engaged in the process.</p>	<p>KS KS All</p>
<p>Growth Plan progress and next steps:</p> <p>Justin Brown and Adam Peacock gave a presentation on the progress that has been made on the draft Strategic Economic Plan. The potential increases to GVA, Jobs growth and businesses assisted were discussed and debated. Different scenarios for both the place and enterprise areas were examined.</p> <p>The LEP board comments on the draft were as follows:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emphasis "backing winners" • examine the impact of delivering key projects to deliver sooner. • UL highlighted the LEP needs more coverage of the Northern Lincolnshire. <p>Action Points</p> <p>JB to circulate Growth Plan draft to Board at the beginning of December for comment</p> <p>UL to sign of the plan prior to submission on 19th December</p> <p>JB/RC to turn their attention to the Implementation Plan</p>	<p>JB UL JB</p>
<p>As there was no other business, the board was closed.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th January 2014 at Enterprise Room, University of Lincoln</p>	