



# LEP DIRECTORS BOARD

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Boston Borough Council, Municipal  
Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR  
Minutes

# Minutes

## Present:

Board Directors: Ursula Lidbetter (Chair) (Lincs Co-op), David Dexter (FSB) , Cllr Craig Leyland (ELDC), Cllr Peter Wheatley (NELC), Cllr Rob Waltham (NLC), Cllr Ric Metcalfe (CLC), Chris Baron (Butlins), Prof Mary Stuart (UoL), Pat Doody (Nat West); Dean Fathers (Health), Richard Wills (LCC AB)

LEP Executive: Ruth Carver, James Baty, Sue Groves (Note Taker)

Observers: Pete Holmes (BEIS), Chris Duffill (NELC)

Apologies: Herman Kok (Lindum), Cllr Colin Davie (LCC), Steve Middlebrough (Siemens), Pete Moore LCC, (S151 Officer at LCC)

Guests: Phil Drury (Boston Borough Council), Angela Andrews (City of Lincoln Council), Kevin Fenning & Jose Reis (MetroDynamics)

## Welcome by the Chair

### Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Formal apologies were received from the following Directors: Herman Kok (Lindum), Cllr Colin Davie (LCC) and Steven Middlebrough (Siemens) and from Peter Moore, Executive Director for Resources at Lincolnshire County Council.

### **Declarations of Interest:**

#### **There were no declarations of interest received for this meeting**

Full declarations of interest can be found at

[https://www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk/assets/documents/LEP\\_Rols\\_LIVE\\_list\\_March\\_2018\\_.pdf](https://www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk/assets/documents/LEP_Rols_LIVE_list_March_2018_.pdf)

The board were reminded that declarations of interest are required as part of LEP governance and must be updated at least annually, and if anything changes to the LEP office at the earliest convenience.

## Minutes and Matters Arising

The meeting started with the Chair congratulating MS on receiving a CBE and the Guardian's "Inspirational Leader of 2018" award within Higher Education .

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 were accepted as a true record and can be published on the website. Any matters arising are included on this Board's agenda.

### Matters Arising

- Judicial Review Scunthorpe United Football Club and Greater Lincolnshire LEP limited - RC stated that papers are currently being considered by the judge as to whether a review hearing is required - RC the LEP Board would be kept fully informed.
- Letter regarding LIS and LEP Overlaps sent to SoS Greg Clark. Response has now been received and UL will be meeting with Claire Perry, MP, over the next month.
- RC updated on the East Coast Main line announcement that the Franchise would be brought back under public control from June 24<sup>th</sup>, and DFT

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<p>have confirmed that it is their intention to deliver service enhancements, which should mean an additional five trains to London, and six returns from London from May 2019.</p>	
<p><b><u>Boston Borough Council - Priorities for Growth</u></b></p> <p>Phil Drury (Chief Executive) and Clive Gibbon (Economic Development Manager) of Boston Borough Council gave a presentation on their priorities for growth In the Boston area. The detailed presentation will be sent around to Directors and Officers.</p> <p>The chair thanked Boston Borough council for their presentation, and suggested a follow up meeting to ensure that the LEP and BBC were working closely together.</p> <p>The board asked questions, around the know problems in recruitment for the Hospital and Health Trust, assurances from the Environment Agency on flood risk being reduced after the installation of the Boston Barrier, and the challenge locally on utilities and water</p>	<p>LEP Executive</p>
<p><b><u>Lincolnshire Business Rates Pilot</u></b></p> <p>An update was given by Angela Andrews, City of Lincoln Council on the national pilot for business rates being undertaken by 9 local authorities in Greater Lincolnshire. The Lincolnshire area was one of only ten councils selected to carry out this pilot scheme for one year and only started three weeks ago. The total cost to the UK Government is £0.8bn. The principle being that the Local authorities involved will be no worse off than last year when the Government allocated the business rates to individual councils. It is predicted that the local authorities will retain more than previous years.</p> <p>The Board asked what this additional income would be spent on and AA stated that this would give financial stability to the Council and spent on economic growth. The only down-side is that this is an estimated sum, so risk and management will be monitored. Regular meetings are held with the Government and will be able to influence the Government once the pilot is complete.</p> <p>An updated report will be brought to the November Board.</p>	<p>AA</p>
<p><b><u>LEP Directors Report</u></b></p> <p>Policy - It is anticipated that the LEP Review will be published before summer recess and LEP's will be asked to develop an implementation plan over the summer Time will be allocated at the next Board meeting in July to discuss.</p> <p>Prime Minister's LEP Council to be held in mid June and all LEPs Chairs are invited. These will be held 6 monthly and organised by the LEP Network.</p> <p>It had been announced that Graham Pendlebury, DFT Director for Local Growth has been assigned our Senior Government Sponsor. Graham is planning to visit on 12<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>Updated work plan for Team Lincolnshire was agreed</p>	<p>LEP Executive</p>

<p>Delegation was given from the Board to submit a proposal for a Careers Hub in Greater Lincolnshire., as a priority for both the ESB and the LEP.</p>	
<p><b><u>2017/18 Financial Update Report - Report from the Accountable Body</u></b></p> <p>RC talked the board through the year end position, and the unaudited accounts. The audited financial statement will be discussed at the next Board meeting in July, after being considered by the finance and audit committee in early July. Recommendations for the uncommitted reserves will also be discussed at the July Board</p>	
<p><b><u>Business Plan 2018/19</u></b></p> <p>RC presented the Business Plan for the year, with the five priorities for the coming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership in economy policy and strategy for Greater Lincolnshire:</li> <li>• Future Investment for Greater Lincolnshire:</li> <li>• Delivery of our services to businesses and their workforces, including Business Lincolnshire, the Enterprise Adviser Network, Team Lincolnshire and Marketing Lincolnshire, to increase economic competitiveness.</li> <li>• Robust governance and transparency</li> </ul> <p>RC will take into account the comments from the Board, and recirculate for electronic approval</p>	<p><b><u>RC</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Update on Local Industrial Strategy</u></b></p> <p>James Baty, Policy and Research Manager at the LEP updated the LEP Board on progress since the last meeting on LIS. The Chair has secured a meeting with our Senior Government Minister to discuss our place within the MIS.</p> <p>MP Roundtables have been arranged with local businesses, one already having been held in Holbeach with Rt Hon John Hayes, MP on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. One has been organised for Boston for the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 with Matt Warman, MP, one in the Lincoln area with Karen Lee, MP on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 and one in the NKDC area on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, but no MP will be present.</p> <p>At the next LEP Board, more discussions on themes will take place.</p> <p>Cllr L asked whether a Roundtable had been organised for the East Lindsey area. Victoria Atkins, MP, has been approached, but not available at the moment. Cllr L to emphasise that health will be a priority, which is the MP's area of interest.</p>	
<p><b><u>Annual State of the Economy Report</u></b></p> <p>James Baty presented the Annual State of the Economy Report for Greater Lincolnshire 2017. It is an annual update on the performance of Greater Lincolnshire's economy. This gives an overview of the past year and uses the latest available indicators to update on Greater Lincolnshire's performance and position in respect to the UK. . This year, an extra indicator has been added to monitor productivity in line with the Local Industrial Strategy research programme and ongoing monitoring.</p> <p>UL said she would like to see "forward looking" data, ie, predictions, instead of</p>	

<p>what has already been achieved. MS suggested that from historical data, trends could be looked at to see where growth had happened, ie, there has been big increase in the visitor economy.</p> <p>A one page dashboard will be available for next year and will show what changes there have been in the last two years</p>	<p><b><u>LEP executive to prepare an additional economic dashboard</u></b></p>
<p>Cllr Leyland and MS left the meeting</p>	
<p><b><u>Impact of Brexit on Greater Lincolnshire Sectors</u></b></p> <p>The chair welcomed Kevin Fenning, Jose Reis from Metro Dynamics and James Baty (GLLEP), who presented the initial and draft research on the forecasted impact of Brexit on the Greater Lincolnshire Economy. It is to be noted that this is a draft report and is intended for Board Directors only .</p> <p>The board discussed the report and agreed that an Action Plan would be produced that covered the following</p> <p>Emerging Policy Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support local businesses to become "Brexit" ready: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To address new administrative challenges and costs.</li> <li>○ Provide advice (strategic and legal) and financing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Develop local skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mitigate against the impact of Brexit on workforce.</li> <li>○ Ensure young people are ready for work.</li> <li>○ Ensure current workforce has access to continuous learning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Strengthen Key Sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Encourage innovation in key sectors.</li> <li>○ Collaborate with other regions with common interests.</li> <li>○ Continue to develop priority sector plans.</li> <li>○ Comprehensive review of the area's infrastructure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensure Greater Lincolnshire is "open for business" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strengthen strategies for place marketing and inward investment.</li> <li>○ Continue to support the growth of the visitor economy.</li> <li>○ Project an image of Lincolnshire as a welcoming place to live, work and visit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> None.</p>	

**Items to come back to board**

<b><u>GLLEP Board Date</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Person Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Carried Out</u></b>
<b>20 July 2017</b>	Progress relationship with HCA	Pete Holmes/Ian Fytche	ongoing
	Explore options for smart/futuristic homes	Cllr Davie	Report July 2018
<b>29 September 2017</b>	Assurance Framework training for LEP Board and Investment Board members	Linsay HillPritchard	Awaiting new national assurance framework
	PR on Skills Capital Fund, use the grants being given to Lincoln and Stamford as a way you can demonstrate that GLLEP is investing in the digital agenda	Ruth Carver/Clare Hughes/Halina Davies	ongoing
<b>24 November 2017</b>	Update on progress and a report on enhancing scrutiny arrangements	Richard Wills	Jan 2018 – complete – detailed report July 2018
	Decarbonisation Project – Humber LEP & GLLEP to share	Humber LEP & GLLEP - Simon Green	
	Self-Employment Project – figures captured Growth Hub	Samantha Harrison	
	Actions from the Digital Action Plan being implemented and reported back	Angela Driver	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January 2018</b>	Visitor Economy website and national profile	Ruth Carver	