

# **GLLEP FOOD BOARD MEETING**

11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 4.00pm MS Teams Meeting

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## Agenda

4.00pm	Welcome and introduction	Sarah Louise Fairburn
	LEP Update	
4.10	Notes of previous meeting (19 <sup>th</sup> November 2020) & matters arising (Annex 1)	Martin Collison
	LEP activity in the Food Chain since November 2020 (Annex 2)	
4.20	Water Management in Eastern England & the Food Sector	Robin Price, Managing
	<ul> <li>Introductory remarks on the long term challenges with water supplies and how the agriculture and food sectors can be part of the solution</li> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	Director, Water Resources East
4.40	Covid-19, post Brexit Trade and Labour Supply	Sarah Louise Fairburn
	Open Forum - feedback from Board Members on:	
	<ul> <li>Impact of lockdown 3 on the food chain</li> <li>End of Brexit transition impacts: what has worked well, what challenges have arisen, what help does the food industry need to sustain/grow food trade</li> <li>Labour supply situation for 2021 and beyond</li> <li>The LEP is reporting weekly to government on these issues and is keen to gather feedback to inform this process</li> </ul>	
5.20	UK Food Valley Proposal (Annex 3) Discussion Paper	Martin Collison
	<ul> <li>Key changes to the proposals: increased focus on a co- ordinated programme of business, investment and innovation support</li> <li>Programme outline and plans for 2021-'22</li> </ul>	
	<b>Open discussion</b> - the proposals are presented as a draft paper for open debate as we work to refine the proposals and secure support from partners for delivery. Key questions:	
	<ul> <li>What would benefit industry in the LEP area</li> <li>What role can business play in supporting the Food Valley development</li> <li>Update on DIT High Potential Opportunity for Greater Lincolnshire Food Processing and Technology Cluster</li> </ul>	
5.45	AOB	Sarah Louise Fairburn
5.50	Future Meeting Dates:	Sarah Louise Fairburn
	<ul> <li>Additional event: 17<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 Launch of South Lincolnshire Food Enterprise Zone featuring a presentation by Judith Batchelar, Brand Director Sainsbury's</li> <li>13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 GLLEP Food Board</li> <li>What do members want future meetings to focus on?</li> <li>Future meeting format (quarterly, virtual and/or face to face when circumstances allow)</li> </ul>	

#### **Attendees**

- Sarah Louise Fairburn, Chair
- Martin Collison, Agrifood advisor to LEP
- Alric Blake, Daniel Fairburn, Darren Bevan, Duncan Worth, James Arnold, James Dallas, James Truscott, Neal Collishaw, Nigel Terry, Oliver Shooter, Rhonda Thompson, Robert Smith, Simon Pearson, Will Naylor, William Burgess
- Ruth Carver, GLLEP Chief Executive
- Kate Storey, GLLEP
- James Baty, GLLEP (observer)
- Paul Ward, Greater Lincolnshire Growth Hub Agriculture and Horticulture advisor (observer)

#### **Guest:**

• Robin Price, MD Water Resources East (WRE)

#### Tentative:

• Simon Dwyer

### **Apologies:**

• Justin Brown

#### TBC:

• Emma Seamer, George Read, Hugo Marfleet, Jonathan Oldfield, Mark Aitchison, Mark Suthern, Mos Kalbassi, Nick Hay, Richard Priestley, Robert Hiles