

Paper 1 - Greater Lincolnshire LEP Manufacturing Board Meeting

3rd July 2018 - Notes and actions

Time	Item and brief description	Commentary	Action
10.00	1 – Welcome, Apologies, Declarations of Interest • Minutes and actions from the last meeting	Present: Darren Joint, Marcus Pearson, Richard Allarton, Ray Newell, Neil Main, Garry Wilkinson, Sam Fells, Steve Middlesbrough (Chair), David Earnshaw, and Helen Doughty, David Talbot, Angela Borman, Samantha Harrison, Ruth Carver & Kevin Ross Apologies: Phil Ball, Kay Pryszlak, Dean Barnes, Paul Taylor, Edward Tong, Mike Hague Morgan, and Katie Hedges Guest contributors: Dr Megan Ronayne (EEF), James Baty (GLLEP Research Manager), Dr Bernie Rickson (IOM3) and No Declaration of Interests received. ———————————————————————————————————	Ray Newell /Bernie Rickinson

	 Some members have registered on World of work website www.theworldofwork.co.uk - please look at this, we need to include more information on the Manufacturing Sector and the types of jobs that are available. Kesteven Engineering Group have met Grantham college. Outcome to be discussed at the next meeting. Manufacturing Plan Refresh Feedback – 2018 Needs to include Infrastructure improvement in recommendations section – see AOB. Needs to ensure traditional skills have as much emphasis as new 'AI' et al skills in recommendations section. Needs to refer to Big Data and 'housing' in one central place. Need to review recommendation and action plan at the next meeting No further outstanding actions were discussed.	Kevin
Local Industry Strategy Update	Outline information included with board papers Each LEP is now working on their own industrial strategy and GLLEP are working on all aspects of how we move forward and can drive change and feed into the main national Industrial strategy. GLLEP are currently in the research phase, the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) has to be based on a robust evidence base. It will be co develop and co agreed with the government and will focus on the long term. Emerging local Industrial Strategy priorities (where Lincolnshire has distinction and expertise) will be identified. These local led solution required then feed into main government strategy – end 2019. LIS emerging areas to date: • Food processing productivity • National Centre for rural health • Industrial digitalisation and future skills needs • Rural energy solutions • Please send your ideas to Ruth.Carver@lincolnshire.gov.uk	All

Productivity

Presentation (enclosed) /workshop by Dr Megan Ronayne from the Engineering Employers federation (EEF)spoke about productivity, its inconsistency of measurement and alternative ways of improvement - based on recent research. We need to be clear in how this is measured on a local, national and international level.

Members were encouraged not forget the significant positive impact of some of the softer sides of leadership and management, eg employee welfare – improving wellbeing and mental health could add 10% to productivity figures.

These are often the differentiating factors for employees. For example, Siemens productivity improvements from replacing sodium lighting in their factories to LED lighting.

Do businesses in the UK manage too many processes at the expense of not managing employees?

For more info EEF produce a document called <u>"Unpacking the</u> puzzle", board members are asked to feed in their views

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Operational Activities

The first Manufacturing Sector e-bulletin was issued to 773 manufacturing businesses in May. Due to the new GDPR regulations, the mailing list has now dropped dramatically; please can you encourage your peers to sign up to receive future updated about support, funding and events design for the sector. Please sign up via www.businesslincolnshire.com/register

We are planning the next Manufacturing conference for March 2018 focusing on productivity through people, automation and trading post Brexit.

The Industry 4.0 event will run again in October (date TBC)

Go Digital Conference on the 18th July from 9.00am – 1.00pm at the University of Lincoln. Businesses will be able to learn about new technologies, to hear about innovative ideas and to begin to understand how the future of business is being shaped by them. BBC Click Technology Reporter, Kate Russell, will be our host enthusing us with insights into what's happening on the tech scene now, that will make businesses of all sizes more efficient, productive and profitable. Insights in to what business could look like in 2028 will be given from the Executive Editor at Wired magazine, Jeremy White.

For further information and to book http://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/2018/07/18/1952/g odigital 18-conference

The Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub will also be delivering a

	number of briefing events that focus on what businesses need to be put in place to navigate through brexit.
Economics &	National Economics – 2018 qtr 1 – ONS– Sunday Times
International Supply Chain Opportunities	UK Manufacture largest monthly fall in output for 5 years
опант срроговинию	 ONS report – fell by 1.3% y/e 2017 blamed falling demand in steel and electrical machinery.
	3. Quarterly growth -0.5%overall industry fell -0.8% when markets looking for 0.1% rise.
	a. Trade data provides an insight into real world demand for pound sterling as well as pace of economic growth.
	<u>Lincolnshire Economics – Lincs Research Observatory</u>
	Raw material price increases.
	2. Inflation replacing the concern for competition
	Balance of respondents reporting positive capital investment and training plans.
	Internationalization – Supply Chain.
	Lincs County Council - Economic Forum
	A delegation of 70 Chinese –Mr Zhou – chief man for High Tech Zone Investment and cooperation bureau – I have a list of delegates if interested. Trade has begun.
	Other opportunities –
	Brexit – Kings College
	 Supply chains becoming smaller – raw materials sourcing from the EU beware
	North Lincs fall of upto 15.9% of GDP
	 Food processing may see growth in domestic product existing imports decline
	Wood/paper/printing likely to go up.
	Rules or origin – how custom authorities classify where an export has come from – typically 50%+ must come from the origin country to claim a free trade agreement – average car in the UK 44% from UK Suppliers – 20-25% UK manufacturesour cars could attract a tariff from an importing country –

WTO – 10%4% components

Couple of businesses now using more recycled plastics

	 – surprised main impact reduced their costs reduced exposure to vagaries of the oil price. EEF had a Hackathon event in London – how tech can play a huge part in finding future manufacturers and engineers – BBC Click Kate Russell – designed an appRockstar. 	
Manufacturing Barometer update	Mach 2018 0 Jürgen Maier – Made Smarter Commission – Develop UK's own 4.0 As included with board papers	
Any Other Business	 More time was needed to discuss each section of the Manufacturing Plan Refresh. It was suggested we take each recommendation/action section and discuss in detail the desired outcomes at the next meeting The Skills section should consider Darren's recent visit to The Marches LEP, Centre for Manufacturing and Technology .Feedback to to provided at the next meeting . The Talent Retention Service was discussed and deemed not appropriate in favour of investigating the software Placer- TBC at next meeting BREXIT support is needed now! DIT and LCC do have workshop programme. EEF have a Brexit toolkit. East Midlands Chamber have a Brexit checklist. Currently scenario analysis is the only action businesses can carry out. Re-circulate DIT/Growth Hub Brexit training schedule. Up to 10% Apprentice levy can be transferred to a company's supply chain. How to create more awareness of help? – Each member have an area – engage professional services sector more – have a case conference ensuring a business is offered a 'package' . Boards help is sought with testing an energy and water app – helping utilities in understanding the infrastructure gap. Information on the LEP Utilities Study and Action Pan to be discussed at the next meeting . 	Samantha

Meeting closed at 11.50

Date of Next Meeting: October 2nd at UoL, Sport Centre Building, MoCap Hub 9.30-12