



Minutes of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP Manufacturing Committee

19th January 2021

MS Teams

Draft Minutes

Present: Darren Joint (Chair, Viking Signs), Ruth Carver (GLLEP), Samantha Harrison (GLLEP), Charlotte Horobin (Make UK), Garry Wilkinson (NatWest Bank), Kevin Ross (NAMRC), David Talbot (HCF CATCH Ltd), Neil Harriman (Economic Growth Solutions), Robert Willey (Househam Sprayers), Edward Tong (Tong Engineering), Paul Taylor (Dynex), Helen Doughty (SHD Composites), Michael Gallimore (University of Lincoln), Ahmed Elseragy (Enterprise School of Engineering), Ian Scowen (University of Lincoln), Jeannine Thornley (LCC), Nick Broom (Siemens), David Earnshaw (Parkinson Harness Technology).

Apologies and Declarations of Interest -

Apologies: Justin Brown (LCC), Karen Seal (GLLEP), Michael Hague-Morgan (Autocraft Drivechain Solutions Ltd), Ray Newell (Oakwell Management Services Ltd), David Caddle (Economic Growth Solutions), Neil Main (Micrometrics)

Full declarations of interest for each individual Committee Member can be found at:

<https://www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk/about/boards/>

Minutes and Matters Arising (Paper 1) - SH

Actions completed

Matters Arising:

- Angela Borman has finished her term on the Employment and Skills Board, so steps down from this board as Skills Representative. Once recruited to, the successful candidate will join this board.

Greater Lincolnshire Manufacturing Network / Industry Council - link to Manufacturing Sector Plan actions (Paper 2) - DJ/MG/AE

AE stated that last year's GLMN launch event was successful. The next 3 virtual events are being planned.

UoL are keen to ensure that the Network directly meets the sectors needs and AE mentioned that UoL's Engineering School has been working with a number of businesses to put in applications for Innovate UK grants- future updates to follow.

The second event will be held on the 9 February, using the digital platform [Collab](#). Feedback from the previous event was that there was not enough interaction, hence the use of Collab, created by Gusto, as a local company, who have created an interactive shared space.

The Board was asked for help in sourcing an industry speaker on sustainable supply chains for this event.
ALL TO ACTION

The theme of Clean Growth is scheduled for the May event. July's theme has not been confirmed. However, the four themes mirror the sector action plan created by the board.

RC is interested in helping shape the May event and can suggest speakers, particularly on Decarbonisation.

DJ and AE have had discussions with James Wilkinson from long established and successful New Anglia Advanced Manufacturing Network, NAAME and learned how they operated within their geography, their staffing resource and how they has strategic support via and Industry Council. DJ proposed that the Manufacturing Board become the Industry Council provide the strategic direction for the network.

RC confirmed that the use of “Greater Lincolnshire” for the network but stated that in follow on text the GL term needed to include Rutland, North East Lincolnshire, and North Lincolnshire. This will show the collaboration between authorities.

The Manufacturing Board members agreed to act as a GLMN Industry Council, supported by AE and colleagues.

AE stated that NAAME have offered to collaborate in a joint event, themed around sector skills
DJ/SH/AE TO ACTION

RC has identified funding resources to support the Board and its outputs. This role will also be available to support the network.

DJ will ask NAAME for information on their staffing resource and job descriptions. **DJ TO ACTION**

An observation that the GLMN website seemed to be SME focused, and it might preclude large manufacturing businesses, UoL to look at this and revise the wording. **ACTION AE**

Discuss and sign off Terms of Reference and (ToR doc) - DJ/RC

DJ - referenced the inclusion of the Board role as Industry Council for the GLMN

The ToR was passed unanimously by attendees of the Board Meeting

Nominations for Vice Chair

SH - Nominations for Vice-Chair to be sent to SH. **ALL TO ACTION**

DJ - SH is to collate current terms of member roles, to then formulate a rolling programme to incorporate new members. **SH TO ACTION**

Covid Recovery Plan Action Update (Paper3, plus appendices) - SH

SH referred to Paper 3 and asked that everyone cascades information on the support programmes to their networks. **ALL TO ACTION**

Please contact SH if interested in being included in the Made in Lincolnshire Brochure. **ALL TO ACTION**
SH to circulate list of those signed up already. **SH TO ACTION**

Manufacturing Growth Programme & Supply Chain Programme - NH

The MGP is still in great demand and is ahead of plan for Capital Investments.

The third Peer2Peer takes place Thursday 20 January. Feedback is positive, with near target attendance. It is a great way to access high-level coaching.

The regional Manufacturing Barometer was included with the meeting’s papers for information.

The Bridge Programme -UoL Presentation - IS Head of the School of Science

Total Project Cost £6,258,952

-GLLEP external funding £1,949,946

-European Regional Development Fund external funding £3,702,170

-UoL £606,836

- Revised contracts have been agreed with external funders to re-tender and procure for the main construction services and extend delivery
- Main capital costs to be spent by June 2022
- Revenue delivery has to be complete by June 2023

Requirements :

- To develop a R&D centre which sits at the heart of and services Lincolnshire Science and Technology Businesses
- Multi i-disciplined ... organised as conduit to regional R&D capability
- Focussed on local needs in terms of equipment, expertise, research
- To be self-sustaining - not-for-profit ... accessing reinvestment models; offering high value propositions attractive for long-term partnership
- To grow the outreach of the University into the business community and hence grow the R&D Centre to offer expertise recognised within Lincolnshire, Nationally and Internationally.
- **The Bridge sits at the heart of and serves Lincolnshire Science and Technology.**
- It acts as a **Bridge between businesses**, the University of Lincoln and other institutes to **enhance the capability of Lincolnshire community to compete on the world stage.**
- A self-sustaining - not-for-profit facility - attracting **all sizes of businesses into long term partnerships** which strengthen the business community, R&D and research base of Lincolnshire.... **creating a sustainable, high value industrial base.**
- **To provide expertise, equipment, R&D techniques and research** which either does not exist or is fragmented within the region, to enhance the business, inward investment.

For further information please visit www.TheBridge-Lincoln.org or email iscowen@lincoln.ac.uk,

KR and IS to follow-up and discuss lessons learnt from the AMRC and how they have engaged SME's and R&D via programme offers. **KR TO ACTION**

RC - one of the GLLEP contractual conditions for project is that a member of the Manufacturing Board needs to sit on The Bridge projects Industry Partnership group. Neil Main from Micrometrics is already engaged with this group and could represent the board. IS stated it would also be useful to have wider connections with chemical businesses - ACTION IS to speak with DT

IS will be invited back to the board to give regular updates.

SH - suggested it was useful for the next phase of the GLMN to have The Bridge as a topic, and showcase to the network members case studies from industry and how they have got involved with the project.

Spark Festival 2021 - DJ

The STEM festival in Lincoln is not currently going ahead, but a virtual festival is being considered.

RC has been approached to think about funding an education pack that teachers and educators can use to showcase the sector and inspire STEM engagement.

Any Other Business

No comments.

The meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting

28th April 2021 -2.00pm to 3.30pm