



LEP DIRECTORS BOARD

20th July 2018

Bishop Grosseteste University, Longdales
Road, Lincoln

Minutes

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Present:

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

LEP Executive: Ruth Carver, Liz Shutt (LEP and UoL), Louise Kempton Sue Groves (Note Taker)

Observers: Pete Holmes (CLOG BEIS), Ange Blake (NELC), Pete Moore (S151 LCC),

Apologies: Herman Kok (Lindums), Steve Middlebrough (Siemens), Prof Mary Stuart (UoL) Richard Wills (LCC), Graham Pendlebury Observer (DfT)

Guests: Louise Kempton Newcastle University)

Welcome by the Chair

Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Formal apologies were received from the following Directors:

Herman Kok, Lindums, Steve Middlebrough (Siemens), Prof Mary Stuart (UoL), Richard Wills (LCC), Graham Pendlebury (DfT)

Declarations of Interest:

Full declarations of interest can be found at:

<https://www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk/documents/declarations-of-interest-nov-2016/>

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Rob Waltham - Report on the Northern Junction Roundabout (Paper 2)

Simon Green - Report on the northern Junction Roundabout (Paper 2)

Cllr Colin Davie - Promotion Investment (Paper 7)

The Chair welcomed Pete Moore, LCC S151 to the meeting, and reported on a meeting with Graham Pendlebury, a Director at DfT, who is our new Senior Government Sponsor.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the 25th May 2018 were accepted as a true record and can be published on the website. Any matters arising are included on this Board's agenda.

Paper 1: Matters Arising

- Meeting with Claire Perry, MP still to be arranged, early September.
- LEP Review is part of the Directors Report
- LIS - Three successful LIS roundtables held to date in Spalding, Boston and Lincoln. Louth scheduled for 24th July 2018, and working on northern Lincolnshire MP roundtable during summer recess.
- Paper 1.1: Review of Actions - the action list will be updated as and when actions are completed.
- Paper 1.2: Forward Plan -September agenda LEP Review, Brexit Monitoring, UKSPF and future funding for Greater Lincolnshire, Housing and Infrastructure, Midlands Engine to be on September Board agenda, move the Skills, Energy Strategy, BREXIT Action Plan to the November Board agenda.

CLoG

Cathy Jones

LEP Team

Simon Green NLC left the room

Paper 2: Discharge of Condition - Report on the Northern Junction Roundabout Scheme and the Southern Junction Proposal, M1181 at Scunthorpe

Following consideration of the Officer Report published on 13 July 2018 with Appendices and the letter from Pinder Reaux dated 19 July 2018, the Board made a decision as to whether or not to proceed with the contracting stage with North Lincolnshire Council ("**NLC**") in relation to the Northern Junction scheme now taking into account all information currently known or to await the outcome of the judicial review challenge before deciding whether or not to enter into the contracting stage with NLC.

Action - That the Greater Lincolnshire LEP should proceed with the contracting stage with NLC now.

The decision was made, following review of the Board's decisions to date and taking all information currently available, including the points raised by SUFC in its judicial review challenge and representations for the reasons set out in the Officers Report. These reasons include but are not limited to the importance of the Northern Junction scheme proceeding and in particular that:-

- i) The Northern Junction scheme is capable of being delivered within the required timescales for SLGF funding;
- ii) The Northern Junction is pivotal in providing the infrastructure to access the Lincolnshire Lakes Development;
- iii) The Northern Junction will also provide access to the Strategic Mixed Use Area which has an existing planning permission to host a commercial park;
- iv) The Northern Junction scheme is crucial in order to unlock the Lincolnshire Lakes Development;
- iv) The Northern Junction scheme will also serve to alleviate congestion issues around Berkeley Circle roundabout in Scunthorpe;
- v) That it is unclear as to how the Northern Junction scheme can proceed without funding from the GL LEP.
- vi) There is a clear and overwhelming need to proceed with the Northern Junction scheme given the importance of the Northern Junction and the deliverability of the scheme may be placed at risk if the scheme does not proceed now.

Conditions to be included within the contractual agreement with GL LEP will be as follows:

- That NLC provide written confirmation that they will be responsible for meeting any increased costs and overruns that may arise;
- A revised programme for the delivery of the project and quarterly forecast for the drawdown of the SLGF to be provided;
- NLC shall ensure that outputs are delivered by 2021 and the contract shall contain clawback provisions if a proportion of the outputs are not achieved within that timescale;
- GL LEP is provided with written confirmation of sign off of the scheme by Highways England before any funding can be released to the project.
- The contractual agreement will also include a clause relating to shared risk between NLC and GL LEP should clawback need to be instigated following the court decision, prior to the scheme having physically begun on site.

Simon Green returned to the meeting and Cllr Rob Waltham from NLC joined the meeting

Paper 6 - Brexit Impact

The impact of BREXIT on Greater Lincolnshire had been presented to the Board at the last Board meeting, where it was suggested that an Action Plan would be developed and agreed at the November Board. The paper under consideration outlined the approach that would be taken with workstream activity over the summer and autumn in place making, skills, business support and innovation. A quarterly intelligence report on the impact and opportunities is being produced with the first quarter in September. Businesses are being monitored in order to see what they believe the impact will be.

The challenges stem around and each of the areas should assess:

- a) Work already being undertaken locally, but may need to be tweaked;
- b) The challenge is UK wide and one that is not within the gift of LEPs or local partners to resolve;
- c) There is a specific local challenge or opportunity distinctive to Lincolnshire and the Action Plan should include resources and impact.

The proposed Action Plan will include the following:

- Support local businesses to become "Brexit ready".
- Develop local skills in line with demand within the skills base and potential decline in some areas of workforce.
- Ensure Greater Lincolnshire is seen to be open for business by strengthening local strategy on place marketing and investment.
- Strengthen key sectors by encouraging innovation, collaborating with other regions and the continued implementation and development of sector plans.
- Integrate the findings into Strategy.

Local Industrial Strategy - Presentation

A presentation was given by Louise Kempton of Newcastle University, who has been employed to gather together the first phase of the LIS work. The work develops a framework to understand key areas that build on existing competencies and emerging technologies in the context of local challenges and opportunities.

The work therefore

- Review existing data on Lincolnshire's economy
- Synthesise findings into framework
- Consultation with key stakeholders, including academia and public
- Review, revise and finalise model
- And will produce report

The findings were discussed in detail, and it was agreed that

- That the LEP Team should review the remits of the existing boards to develop further the areas of focus for the LIS
- Where there are gaps new groups to be developed, Dean Fathers should chair a Health Economy Board on behalf of Greater Lincolnshire
- Greater Lincolnshire should publish its research phase, and move to the next stage of producing a LIS, and develop the six areas of focus, and identify Government departments and policies to work with

CLlr Colin Davie, LCC, declared an interest in Paper 7 and left the room

<u>Paper 7 - Investment Promotion</u> The Board Directors noted the continued development of Team Lincolnshire and the success of the investment from Foreign Owned Companies during 2017/2018 and were happy to approve a contribution of £15,000 towards Team Lincolnshire attending MIPIM 2019.	
<u>Any Other Business</u> None.	
<u>Meeting closed at 12.30pm</u>	