

<b><u>In attendance:</u></b>	Actions
<p><b><u>Board Members:</u></b> Ursula Lidbetter (UL), Mark Tinsley (MT), Cllr Rob Waltham (CllrW), Cllr D Watson (CllrW), Herman Kok (HK), Pat Doody (PD)</p> <p><b><u>Board Support:</u></b> Richard Wills (RW), Pete Holmes (PH), Ruth Carver (RC), Halina Davies (HD), Cathy Jones (CJ), Angela Blake (AB), Susannah Lewis (SL)</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Cllr Colin Davie (CllrD), Chris Baron (CB), Cllr Redfern (Cllr Waltham attending in her place)</p>	
<p><b><u>Welcome by the Chair – Ursula Lidbetter</u></b> The meeting commenced at 13.30pm with The Chair welcoming everyone in attendance. It was noted that the Board could be regarded as quorate for all matters.</p> <p><b><u>Declarations</u></b> HK declared an interest in Seabreezes, Skegness.</p> <p><b><u>Minutes</u></b> Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as drafted and can be published on the website.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> None</p>	
<p><b><u>First Calls for EU Funds in Greater Lincolnshire and an Update on the ESIF Committee - PD</u></b> PD gave an update on the progress made in relation to ESIF and the good response received to first calls for EU funds.</p> <p>The ESIF Committee will ensure that LEP priorities are recognised when recommending projects. The Committee felt that a number of projects strongly linked in to local strategies and in particular the Strategic Economic Plan, but there were more schemes bid for than funds allowed and some bids were asking for more funding than could be allocated.</p> <p>The Investment Board supports challenges on the quality of ESIF schemes and a forward plan will be discussed in relation to the SEP refresh at the November Board.</p> <p>MT asked why a bid relating to flowers was not considered by the ESIF Committee. PH stated that horticulture is not included, but agriculture is.</p>	
<p>Unfortunately ERDF funding can no longer be used specifically towards infrastructure/sustainable transport in Greater Lincolnshire. RW stated that projects should look to see if funding could be found from other sources and also that a more collaborative approach to Local Government Capital should be taken.</p>	

<p>It was noted that a National Growth Board meeting will be held on 24 September 2015.</p> <p>Board members agreed that Government need to see the value of tourism and the economy it supports. PH stated that the Midlands Engine will include a Visitor Economy Plan which would include exchange rates and other key challenges.</p> <p>RC asked how the ESIF Committee communicates decisions to applicants and PH explained that technical assistance is given to help promote and deal with applications.</p>	
<p><b><u>Managed workspace across Greater Lincolnshire</u></b></p> <p>The Humber and Greater Lincolnshire LEPs commissioned a joint study to identify and assess the availability, suitability and access to business premises and managed workspace, and its impact on both LEPs efforts to stimulate new business start-ups and the growth of existing firms.</p> <p>The analysis identified that there is a good level of business demand across the two LEP areas and numerous business sectors requiring managed workspace provision. There are clusters of particular industries that remain strong and are growing, leading to a demand for new and additional space. Food and agricultural services are present in most of the more rural and market town locations, and food processing is also notable in port related areas such as Grimsby, where seafood processing plays an important part in the local economy. Specialist manufacturing can be seen in locations such as South Kesteven, where there is a traditional manufacturing base, and skills have been retained and transferred to new areas of business. This produces a need for good quality industrial space. In areas such as South Kesteven and Lincoln, knowledge based sectors are also resulting in a requirement for high quality office space to meet the needs of small but growing clusters.</p> <p>The findings of the study will be shared with District and Unitary Authorities.</p>	
<p><b><u>Seabreezes, Skegness – Unlocking Rural Housing Programme (Due Diligence )</u></b></p> <p>HK left the room after declaring an interest.</p> <p>The Board agreed to allocate a maximum of £150,000 under the auspices of the EU SGEI programme to facilitate the delivery of Seabreezes in Skegness, an 18 unit housing scheme for older people, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of the working arrangements between Lace Housing and Lindum Group are to be provided and reviewed to ensure that the scheme is deliverable on the basis proposed.</li> <li>• As the scheme is still within the feasibility stages and is yet to complete the detailed design process, GLLEP is to be kept informed of all progress with the scheme and provided copies of final specification, scheme plans and final agreed costings for review prior to any commencement of works on site.</li> <li>• Planning permission for the scheme is to be secured within 6 months of the date of the GLLEP Funding Agreement.</li> <li>• In view of the current position of the scheme, the amount of funding to be offered by the GLLEP is fixed, subject to any reduction in costs, whereby the deficit position on the scheme would be reviewed, and funding from GLLEP would be reduced accordingly.</li> <li>• A Red Book Valuation is to be provided to support the complete value of the scheme as proposed and to ensure that the report and valuation accords with GLLEP's requirements in terms of the funding to be offered.</li> <li>• A detailed construction programme identifying timescales for delivery of the scheme and outputs is to be provided by the applicant.</li> <li>• A profile of drawdown of SLGF is to be provided by Lace Housing.</li> <li>• Drawdown of grant is against construction costs for the flood mitigation works on the basis of a validated cost report, verified by a Quantity Surveyor with a duty of care to GLLEP.</li> </ul>	

- Clawback provisions are included within the funding agreement in the event that the development is sold by Lace Housing and the completed project value reported herein or otherwise agreed is exceeded.
- In relation to the HCA funding being sought for this scheme, liaison between the HCA and GLLEP will be required to ensure that respective funding agreements are compatible in relation to the conditions and provisions contained therein.

HK returned to the meeting.

### **Update on Growth Deal and Invest & Grow Fund**

HD explained that Information in relation to Growth Deal progress will be provided in a simpler more concise format for future Investment Board meetings, but will continue to be produced regularly in a very detailed format for BIS as required.

As of 10 September, all expenditure and output information for Growth Deal, Growing Places Fund and Growth Hubs will be reported quarterly into a central electronic system (LOGASnet).

National Audit Office Review - GLLEP may be asked to participate in the survey and to provide case studies.

The GLLEP Annual Review has been arranged for 30 November 2015.

HD attended a workshop in London on 29 July where the Social Value Act was discussed; GLLEP should consider how it directly/indirectly contributes to the requirements of the Act. Recommendations will presented at a future meeting.

### **Sustainable Transport**

In March 2015, GLLEP was invited by Peter Orban, Acting Senior Development Manager for Sustrans (England) and Matthew East, East Midlands Regional Director at Sustrans, to consider a new programme funded by DfT focused on best practice and guidance on Sustainable Transport Delivery. The programme will be supported by a number of partners, including Sustrans, TAS Partnership and Living Streets, brought together as the Active Travel Consortium (ATC).

Building on the successful Transport Delivery Excellence Programme delivered by Local Partnerships Ltd last year, the TDEP Programme aims to directly support the detailed design process for growth deal projects and emerging ESIF schemes. It will provide 20 days of fully resourced design/development expertise, reducing risks to delivery and ensuring that the best possible sustainable transport approach is taken forward for each scheme involved.

The four projects confirmed for this support will be Lincolnshire Lakes, Scunthorpe Town Centre, Go Skegness and Access Lincoln/Lincoln Transport Hub and the final reports will be provided by the ATC this autumn.

### **Growing Places Fund**

HD asked the Board to note that loan agreements for Boston Quadrant and Bomber Command Memorial have now been approved.

### **Growth Deal Progress**

UL left the room after declaring an interest.

HD reported that the Tentercroft Street Growth Corridor Phase 1 scheme funding agreement has

<p>been signed and that the project was proceeding according to plan. Phase 2 will be appraised early in the New Year.</p> <p>UL returned to the room.</p> <p>Grantham Southern Relief Road – Tenders for Phases 1 have been awarded and construction will begin on 1 September. Procurement for Phase 2 will commence in 2016.</p> <p>Boston Quadrant Infrastructure– Agreement has been signed and the scheme will be on site in November 2015, subject to planning permission.</p> <p>Skegness Countryside Business Park – Contractual agreement has been provisionally agreed with LCC and is being considered by Croftmarsh's legal team. The Board expressed concern over the level of time being taken with negotiations on the scheme. A deadline of the next Investment Board was given to resolve outstanding areas of concern and move the scheme forward.</p> <p>Roseberry Meadows - The applicant has failed to provide the level of detail needed to comply with the requirements of the programme, application and appraisal process. The Board agreed that funding should no longer be regarded as ring-fenced for this scheme, but should instead be available for reallocation. Under the sequential approach already agreed at July Investment Board, officers will liaise with East Lindsey District Council and Boston Borough Council to identify alternative schemes. If none have been identified by the date of the Board's November meeting, any unallocated funding will be made available for schemes across the GLLEP area. In the meantime, Roseberry Meadows can be considered afresh if new information which meets the requirements of the appraisal process is subsequently provided. Unallocated housing programme funds stand at £610k.</p>	
<p><b><u>Forward Planning and Risk Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>At the July meeting it was agreed that alternative scenarios for growth deal funding would need to be considered should allocated projects be delayed or unable to proceed to contracting post due diligence appraisal. Officers have now explored potential options should there be any unavoidable slippage against allocated projects currently identified. A number of scenarios were presented to Board for information.</p>	
<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>26 November 2015 at Witham Park House, Lincoln.</p>	