

GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE

Local Enterprise Partnership

Present: Ursula Lidbetter – Chair, David Dexter - Deputy Chair, Neil Corner, Mark Tinsley, Cllr Eddy Poll, Cllr Mick Burnett, Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Chris Baron, Cllr Liz Redfern, Richard Wills, Winston Phillips, Professor Mary Stuart, Dr Tony Hill, Neil Turton, Marc Cole, Marcus Walker, Ruth Carver (LEP Secretariat) Carolyn Tuscher (LEP Secretariat).

Thursday 12th January 2012

1.	<p><u>Apologies, Declarations, Minutes and Matters Arising.</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Herman Kok and Andy Baxendale</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Cllr Burnett and Neil Turton to their first Board Meeting on behalf of the rest of the Board.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest given at this point and the minutes from the board meeting of 11th November 2011 were agreed.</p> <p>Matters arising: BDUK Richard Wills informed the Board that for Lincolnshire match funding was still being sought and for North Lincolnshire, the bid was on target to be submitted. It was agreed that this item be kept on the agenda for future meetings. It was requested that a progress note for Greater Lincolnshire be sent round with the minutes.</p> <p>Rural Enterprise Professor Stuart is keen to hold a breakfast seminar for LEP Members and others to brainstorm around Excellence In the Rural Economy and then to map this through to gather evidence to support our claims.</p>	ACTION
2	<p><u>Operational Brief</u></p> <p><u>Item 1 Proposed Code of Conduct</u> The proposed code of conduct was agreed, and declarations of Interest forms to be forwarded to all members of the Board for completion.</p> <p><u>Item 2 Growing Places Fund Governance</u> The details of the Invest and Grow Board outlined in the Meeting Papers were agreed by the board after discussion. The LEP board agreed to delegate the decision making authority on the fund, to a new Invest and Grow Board. The draft terms of reference for the Invest and Grow board were agreed with a change on quorum consisting of four members, and at least one private sector and one public sector member, and defining what information would be redacted for the minutes. The Invest and Grow board be tasked with further defining the criteria of the fund, and considering the monitoring and evaluation plans.</p> <p><u>Item 3 – Delegation for the Rural Growth Network</u> Ruth Carver gave details of the Rural Growth Network Pilot Scheme and It was agreed that Mark Tinsley as rural champion would work with Justin Brown and the working group to submit the Bid by 31 January 2012.</p> <p>It was agreed that the criteria for the Rural Growth Network would be circulated. Those interested in finding out more information should refer to the Rural Economy and Business page at the Defra website: http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/economy</p>	All Richard Wills

	<p><u>Item 4 – Delegation for Capacity Fund 2</u></p> <p>Ruth Carver gave details of Capacity Fund 2, and it was agreed that the Secretariat would work on the profile with the chair to meet the February deadline.</p> <p><u>Item 5 – Ministerial Visit</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the topic for discussion with the Minister should be specific and focus on successes to date and highlight our ambition. The Secretariat will look at developing the brief based on the discussions.</p> <p>Suggested areas were Infrastructure Sectors, including details from the Renewables presentation Key lobbying points from the sector task and finish groups Greater Lincolnshire is a partnership that can deliver and we collectively have a significant track record Who we are, what we have achieved so far and what we are doing next.</p> <p>A lobbying point could be about sustainability for those LEPs that do not have an EZ.</p> <p>David Dexter highlighted that the Minister is actually the Minister for Small Business and that whatever lobbying was done should refer in some respect to that section of the Business Community. He also suggested that a brief be sent to the Minister in advance.</p> <p><u>Item 6 – Coastal Communities Fund</u></p> <p>The criteria for the Fund have not yet been issued by Government; however the group are working on several scenarios to be ready for whatever the criteria might be. This item is to be left on the agenda for an update at future meetings.</p> <p><u>Item 7 – University Technology College</u></p> <p>The LEP had sent a strong letter of support for the propose University Technology College in Lincoln, and would equally support a UTC in north and north east Lincolnshire.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Improving Rail Services between Lincoln and London</u></p> <p>The Board were happy to endorse the letter of support for presenting the business case to Dft to improve the rail services between Lincoln and London, which is to be submitted in January 2012.</p>	
4.	<p><u>The Role of the Housing in Economic Development, and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)</u></p> <p>Graham Dobbs, Head of Midlands North Area, HCA, gave a presentation to the board on the role of the HCA, and their new team structure. There are 10 members of the new team to cover the areas of the GLLEP and D2N2. Their role is to help stimulate activity in the marketplace and work as an enabling and investment agency.</p> <p>Graham spoke about the funding available for affordable housing, and the recently announced Get Britain Building Initiative. Asked the LEP to confirm 2 or 3 of our top priorities.</p>	

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	Two members of the HCA team have been asked to attend the Officer Group meetings in future to be part of the debate and to be ready for any future funding announcements.	
5.	<p><u>The Opportunities for the Renewable Sector and Economic Development in the Wider Humber Area</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Marc Cole, North East Lincolnshire Council and Marcus Walker, North Lincolnshire Councils on the plans for renewables on the Humber Estuary. The Humber estuary is a prime location in the entire UK and the possibilities for new industries and supply chains have the potential to be massive. This combined with the largest EZ in the UK, and a strong tradition of Engineering across greater Lincolnshire makes the opportunity for investment high.</p> <p>One of the challenges is to raise the profile of the industry and communicate the opportunities to both the public, partner organisations, and the business community companies throughout the region. To address the skills shortages locally and ensure that local people can access jobs in the industry. There will be opportunities for all size of businesses and there needs to be a way of cascading this information out through the media. The Chairs of the two LEPS are meeting in the near future and this will be added to the agenda.</p> <p>It was important also to sell the quality of life offer across Greater Lincolnshire.</p> <p>It was agreed that an update be given to the board in future, and that the Officers group are tasked with taking forward the actions.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Update on Funding Streams</u></p> <p>Ruth Carver updated the Board on where we are with current allocations of Funding and reminded members that the Final Claim for funds and accruals needed to be in to BIS by 5th March 2012.</p> <p>Ruth asked that the Sector leads could contact her, if they had any activities from the task and finish groups that were read to be implemented. The Sector Research brief would also be circulated to board members.</p>	Secretariat
7.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The Chair had received an invitation to attend the All Party Parliamentary Group on Local Growth, Local Enterprise Partnerships and Enterprise Zones. It was agreed that we would send a letter back to the Group explaining our support of their work.</p>	All
8.	<p><u>The Date of the next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be 9th March at the Engineering School at the University of Lincoln, at 10am.</p>	LEP Secretariat