

Present: Ursula Lidbetter – Chair, David Dexter - Deputy Chair, Herman Kok, Andy Baxendale, Mark Tinsley, Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Richard Wills, Cllr Eddy Poll, Chris Baron, Neil Turton, Neil Corner, Cllr Mick Burnett , Marc Cole, Alison Penn.

Maria Lyle BIS, Justin Brown LCC, Ruth Carver (LEP Secretariat) Carolyn Tuscher (LEP Secretariat).

		Thursday 12 th July 2012
		ACTION
1	<p>The LEP Board were hosted by Damien Janes-White and Kate Walker from North East Lincolnshire Council for a tour of the Immingham port and CATCH before the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair wishes to record her thanks from the Board for a very informative visit.</p> <p>The key points from the visit were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are two main national competitors for Immingham Ports business, London and Teeside. The location of Immingham port and the surrounding area is a huge plus factor, together with the low costs of land for housing and development. There is room to grow. LEP Board to support the Inward investment activity. 2. There is a pinch point in relation to the Rail Freight which needs to be included in the infrastructure plan and lobbied for. 3. Containers are leaving the Port empty and this is a huge missed opportunity for increased trade. To be linked to the Lincolnshire Food Trade Corridor. <p>Damien Janes-White, North East Lincolnshire Council, gave an overview of the CATCH Facility.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All and UKTI Secretariat/RWills Mark Tinsley</p>
2	<p>Apologies, Declarations, Minutes and Matters Arising.</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following board members:, Cllr Liz Redfern, Dr Tony Hill and Prof Mary Stuart and from Rowena Limb BIS</p> <p>There were no declarations of Interest at this time.</p> <p>Matters arising from the Minutes - Neil Corner needed to be added to the</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>minutes as being present at the Meeting.</p> <p>Papers have been forwarded to the local authority Chief Executives.</p> <p>Richard Hardesty is taking the Public /Private Workshop forward, and in particular forming a working group to map the development process in Greater Lincolnshire, and encourage local councils to pilot a business friendly planning charter.</p> <p>Cllr Stephenson will take this to the Leaders and Chief Executives. North East Lincolnshire has agreed to have a pilot in their area.</p> <p>The process for the Board Member Vacancy in North East Lincolnshire was outlined</p> <p>Funding proposals for the legacy from Lincolnshire Enterprise are to be added to the September agenda.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>Cllr Stephenson</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Update on BDUK and Broadband Project.</p> <p>Justin Brown gave an update on the Broadband project for the Greater Lincolnshire area. He described the current challenges particularly the critical challenge of state aid. The support and voice of the LEP has and continues to be very helpful going forward.</p> <p>There is a market led approach to facilitate an improved supply, with an open network for all providers to use.</p> <p>The tendering process is hopefully planned to take place during October/November.</p> <p>JB offered to co-ordinate communications with providers, and this was accepted as useful by the board members.</p> <p>The LEP agreed that it would lobby DCLG re the time it is taking to agree match funding through ERDF.</p> <p>The LEP agreed to back the campaign for raising the demand across Greater Lincolnshire. Collectively we need to demonstrate why businesses need high speed broadband and the public sector needs to be as helpful as it can be when dealing with providers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The LEP needs to encourage through a call to action for businesses to sign up to the online revolution campaign 2) The LEP board members need to submit case studies that express what superfast broadband would mean for their businesses, and encourage other businesses in the area to do the same. 3) Local Authorities need to continue to campaign amongst their communities to show the levels of demand. An example was given, where Butlins have written to all their employees to get on board with this 4) LCC and NELC/NE need to continue to build the case for growth, and relay the potential to the providers. <p>The board members suggested using their networks to back the campaigns, comms through the chamber and the FSB were offered, as well as farming businesses through the Forum and the NFU.</p>	<p>To Note Justin Brown</p>

	Cllr Stephenson told the Board that this is also on the agenda for the leaders and Chief Executives meeting on Friday 13 th July.	
4.	<p>Feedback on Skills and Funding by Herman Kok</p> <p>Herman gave an update on the work and priorities of the employment and skills board, and highlighted the work of a Lincolnshire partnership teen info that challenges perceptions of our industry in Greater Lincolnshire. They have produced a newsletter which wide distribution called Aspirations. This will be circulated to the board with the minutes.</p> <p>Herman updated the board on Talent Match, a Lottery initiative aimed at NEET's.</p> <p>The SFA have regrouped and now wish to forge strong links with LEPs. Herman has been asked to sit on the East Midlands Board to facilitate this.</p>	Secretariat
5.	<p>Presentation from Andy Baxendale on the Environment Agency - Key water cycle issues for sustainable growth in the LEP area</p> <p>There was a detailed presentation from Andy (which will be circulated to the board members) concerning the complex and diverse issues of water management in Greater Lincolnshire.</p> <p>There must be communication, debate and planning at a Greater Lincolnshire level, which balances medium and long term economic development with water management. Especially when sea levels are rising and investment in flood defences is being pushed by Central Government to find a local solution to the costs. It was agreed that this debate should be had with government, our local MP's and DEFRA.</p> <p>Consider development projects that look at best practice in Europe -We need to look at technology and cross border solutions and collaboration for example look to how Holland has solved the issues. There may be European Funding available for such collaboration.</p> <p>Lincolnshire is ahead of the game in terms of Managing water and has been working with internal drainage boards. Planers need to engage so that land is allocated in such a way that it is sustainable for the next 20 years.</p> <p>There is a fine balance between getting the message out and about that Lincolnshire is a great place to develop business without shouting too loud about the risk of flooding.</p> <p>There is a need to get the MPs of this GLLEP Area together to discuss the way forward.</p> <p>The LEP Board agreed that the Local MP's should be lobbied</p>	
6	<p>Presentation on Business Support by Maria Lyle BIS</p> <p>Maria gave an overview of the national offer on business support ahead of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP review into the gaps. Maria ran through the products on the Business Support Map, Mentoring, MAS, Growth Accelerator, Access to</p>	

	<p>Finance etc. The full presentation will be circulated, and available on the website.</p> <p>The Greater Lincolnshire LEP is one of the pilot areas for syndication of national and local information. www.businesslincolnshire.com is the portal for business information across Greater Lincolnshire. The Secretariat was asked to compare the figures from www.businesslincolnshire.com with business link referrals from previous years.</p> <p>Government is pushing mentoring, and Maria was tasked with providing management information and performance figures for the key national programmes</p> <p>RDA legacy funds will be available in 2014 onwards it may well be the LEPs decide on this funding and what it will be used for. The total is not yet known as assets are still being realised but it is likely to be substantial.</p> <p>Lending to Agricultural sector seems to be buoyant according to the banks Finance Finder on the web site is a very useful tool.</p> <p>Need to engage with UKTI and MAS- surgeries to be held locally</p> <p>Technology Strategy Boards. Offers smart funding for small business Secretariat will forward an email from Maria concerning these.</p> <p>Part of the National Offer is UKTI on trade and investment – they are scheduled to present at the November board.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>BIS</p> <p>BIS follow up</p> <p>BIS</p>
7	<p>Presentation on “Taking Forward the Greater Lincolnshire LEP”</p> <p>Richard Wills presented this paper which outlined the options available to the board. It was agreed that the Secretariat could investigate the “incorporation” route as protection for board members in light of the decisions on funding Board members are being asked to make decisions on, ie directors liability. The Board will remain as an advisory body and will not employ staff or have assets such as bank accounts, it is agreed that LCC should remain the accountable body as there are already adequate checks and balances in place as well as policies for procurement etc. The downside to incorporation would be the issue of VAT Liability. The secretariat would pull together a position paper.</p> <p>The Government has not yet agreed to give LEPs core funding to maintain any administrative support for the future to help run the LEP and administer the funding that it is expected to. These discussions are on going with BIS.</p> <p>The board discussed increasing the resource available to the LEP and asked the Secretariat to bring a job description back to the next board.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
	<p>Consultation on the Interner City East Coast Franchise Replacement – Richard Wills</p> <p>There are possible plans for Regional Extensions and a lobby for more direct trains from Lincoln to London on a daily basis.</p> <p>There is a need to get as many business responses as possible to this consultation. Richard Wills will email the Board separately.</p>	<p>Richard Wills</p>

	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>We need to add communication with MPs on to the Comms Plan and find a way to get regular updates to Westminster.</p> <p>Secretariat to email out with a Save the Date email re the LEP Conference on 12 October 2012 at Market Rasen Racecourse to which we will also invite the MPs</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be 13 September 2012 at Enterprise@Lincoln at the University of Lincoln and will be a joint meeting with some members of the Employment and Skills Board to discuss the Skills Plan for Greater Lincolnshire, and priorities.</p>	<p>All</p>