

Paper 2 Minutes of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP Board

Thursday 15th November 2012

	<p>Present: Ursula Lidbetter – Chair, David Dexter – Deputy Chair, Herman Kok, Andy Baxendale, Richard Wills, Cllr Liz Redfern, Prof Mary Stuart, Neil Corner, Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Rowena Limb, Dr Tony Hill</p> <p>Ruth Carver (LEP Secretariat)</p>	ACTION
1	<p>Apologies, Declarations, Minutes and Matters Arising.</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following board members: Cllr Mick Burnett, Marc Cole, Chris Baron, Mark Tinsley, Cllr Eddy Poll, Neil Turton. There were no declarations of Interest at this time.</p> <p>The Chair introduced and welcomed Leendert den Hollander as the Private Sector Board Member for North East Lincolnshire.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Secretariat to arrange for the Chair to follow up with the Planning Minister Nick Boles.</p>	Secretariat
2	<p>Operational Briefing</p> <p>Business Plan</p> <p>The Business Plan was discussed by the board, and it was agreed that the Secretariat would circulate a final version prior to publishing. Three further themes needed to be recognised within the plan, planning and regulatory activities, grants and funding support, and making it simpler to do business in Greater Lincolnshire.</p> <p>Cllr Doreen Stephenson suggested that the following comments be considered and woven into a final version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the emphasis on Local Plans and working together within this remit be emphasised more strongly. • That other providers of FE be mentioned • That more emphasis be placed on Housing • Specific Schemes be included – the board concluded that this was not needed at this level <p>Other board members suggested that the emphasis on Coastal Regeneration and Small Business be stronger.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat work on a final Business Plan version for Circulation, and that it tabled for a detailed review in September 2013 	Secretariat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Secretariat develop a longer term vision for the LEP to consider at the next board • That the Secretariat develops a top level action plan to support the business plan for the board to consider at a future board meeting, this will include a suggested lead board members for each ambition and their role • That LEP uses its logo to endorse partnership working <p>Core Funding The offer of Core funding and the terms and conditions of the offer were briefly discussed, and the Secretariat was asked to develop proposals for consideration at the LEP's next board meeting.</p> <p>Communications The communications activity during was noted</p> <p>Finance and Audit The Financial position presented by the Accountable body was noted, as was the Full Assurance.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>All</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
3	<p>Broadband</p> <p>Justin Brown, Lincolnshire County Council gave an update on the BDUK bid. He confirmed that the national state aid approval from the European Commission was not yet published. The Chair asked whether the LEP should lobby national government, and it was agreed that this would be necessary if the approval is not through by Christmas.</p>	<p>Secretariat to monitor</p>
4	<p>External Funding Opportunities</p> <p>Justin Brown gave a presentation on the External Funding opportunities available to the Greater Lincolnshire area. The presentation covered the European funding proposals for the next programme, and the board discussed LEPs role in this programme.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <p>The LEP should write to the Chief Secretary of the Treasury on structural funding activity</p> <p>The existing Business Plan be used as part of an economic statement that can be used to lobby for funding, that longer term a combined economic statement is development for greater Lincolnshire or a wider area</p> <p>That the DBIS official are invited to give more detailed proposals of funding opportunities available to the Greater Lincolnshire LEP</p> <p>That the LEP and LCC jointly work up a programme of bid writing training initiatives for both the private and public sectors and use the LEP website to publish this information</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>LCC and Secretariat</p>
5	<p>Coastal Regeneration</p> <p>Cllr Doreen Stephenson presented this item. It was discussed and recognised that the coastal communities are an important part of our economy, however that the Woodholmes study found that coastal businesses describe a lack of engagement with public authorities which may be leading to missed opportunities.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Burnett, Chris Baron and Justin Brown would meet to undertake a scoping exercise in line with the LEP Business plan in early January</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group to be formed</p>

6	<p>UKTI</p> <p>Peter Hogarth, and Steve Clarke from UKTI gave a joint presentation on working together with UKTI by helping businesses to trade overseas and invest in the UK.</p> <p>The LEP was asked to add its weight to encouraging local businesses to think about exporting and to use the services of UKTI and the chamber to support them.</p> <p>Retail Exports – the chair was tasked with taking this forward with the chamber</p> <p>The LEP was challenged to integrate export and investment into its wider growth plan, and focus on key sectors and countries.</p> <p>The LEP Board members were asked to submit case studies of economic immigration issues to the Secretariat. Examples included business visitors and visa.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All and LCC, and Secretariat</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>All</p>
7	<p>Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy</p> <p>Phillip Winn, Environment Agency, gave a presentation on the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy, the challenges, and the value of the assets. The Humber area has similar issues and challenges to Greater Lincolnshire. 31st January is the 60th Anniversary of the Humber Floods</p> <p>Greater Lincolnshire LEP is hosting a reception at the House of Commons on 4th February 2013, and plans to talk to MP's and Civil Servants about the Challenges we face.</p> <p>Andy Baxendale to lead a small working group to craft our case for improved flooding defences, and funding models for Greater Lincolnshire. Group to include Councillor Poll, and Richard Wills</p>	<p>Andy Baxendale</p>
8	<p>Visitor Economy</p> <p>Cllr Stephenson spoke to the board about developing a Greater Lincolnshire Tourism Strategy with partners across the GL area. This received support and an endorsement to proceed.</p> <p>Cllr Stephenson was to form a small working group, with a view to bring back the strategy to a future LEP board meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Doreen Stephenson</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
8	<p>The Board Meeting was closed</p>	