

Present: Ursula Lidbetter – Chair, Herman Kok, Andy Baxendale, Mark Tinsley, Richard Wills, Cllr Liz Redfern, Cllr Eddy Poll, Neil Corner, Marc Cole, Rowena Limb, Tony Hill

Ruth Carver (LEP Secretariat) Carolyn Tuscher (LEP Secretariat).

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1	<p>Apologies, Declarations, Minutes and Matters Arising.</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following board members: Cllr Mick Burnett, Chris Baron, Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Prof Mary Stuart, Neil Turton and David Dexter.</p> <p>It was agreed that at future meetings that there would be no substitutes for Board Members who were unable to attend.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Rowena Limb to the Board, highlighting her important role in connecting the GLLEP to Central Government.</p> <p>There were no declarations of Interest at this time.</p> <p>Nick Boles MP has now moved to planning in the recent Cabinet reshuffle and following on from the GLLEP work on this through Richard Hardesty it was agreed that Richard should prepare a briefing note for the Minister.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretariat</p>
2	<p>Update on BDUK and Broadband Project.</p> <p>We are still waiting for an update on the issues surrounding State Aid, although the procurement process has begun. It is believe that there will be an announcement on BDUK by the end of September.</p> <p>This is a European wide objective and therefore they are trying to find a European Wide solution to State Aid.</p> <p>In relation to the 90/10 issue Rowena has seen a map that has been overlaid with what they are thinking.</p> <p>There are now 1000 businesses registered on OnLincolnshire but this is still short of the target of 10,000.</p> <p>North Lincolnshire Council physically sent officers out to register target businesses.</p> <p>The LEP board agreed to develop case studies using their own business, The Secretariat would circulate a note.</p> <p>Tony Hill suggested that GP surgeries could be used as Case studies as well.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p>

	<p>Water Management</p> <p>Before this meeting can go forward we need to get sponsorship by one of the MPs in order to be able to use the facilities and the Palace of Westminster.</p> <p>Cllr Poll suggested that the LEP Board have a presentation by Phillip Winn following a meeting he had with the Humber Estuary Refresh Group, to work in partnership on our flood defences, which would cover the Coastal defences from Goole to the Wash. Central Government is going to be less involved than previously, we need to be responsible for our own area as well. We need to work closely with the North Bank on this issue. North Lincolnshire Council will send a letter of support.</p> <p>Mark Tinsley tabled the Fenland Waterway Project and thinks we also need to work in Partnership with Peterborough. The Fenland Waterways Project supports Tourism, flood defences and Winter water provision.</p> <p>Mark and Andy will liaise on this issue.</p>	<p>AB and MT</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Operational Brief</p> <p>Ruth Carver gave an update on funding. In respect of RGF 3, although the process is not public we are aware that two applications that the LEP supported have been shortlisted to go through to the next stage of discussions, although this is still a long process this is good news. The LEP now needs to lobby and support these two bids at every opportunity.</p> <p>Ruth will send out a short brief on both the applications for information so Board Members are reminded of the details of both applications.</p> <p>Further announcements were expected during the Autumn Statement but this is now scheduled for 5 December and therefore there may be an earlier announcement.</p> <p>There are two applications for the Invest and Grow Fund, which are currently undergoing due diligence. The Invest and Grow Board meet later today to discuss the applications further and to discuss the process for Round 2</p> <p>Round 2 will be launched at the end of September beginning of October and will be open to any public/private sector project which fulfils the criteria.</p> <p>The LEP are submitting a bid to the Coastal Communities Fund to improve coastal businesses and help them to embrace digital technologies</p> <p>Councillor Poll would like further details of this Bid to be forwarded to him.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
	<p>Communications Update</p> <p>The 1st Newsletter has gone out and there has been good feed back from the social media sites. The LEP Summit is planned for 12 October and there has been a great response for places. The Secretariat is to draw up a panel for the event</p> <p>A full list of the Buzz for Business Events will be circulated to the Board.</p> <p>Ruth Provided an up to date list of Minister's roles following the re shuffle.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>

	<p>Legacy Funding from Lincolnshire Enterprise</p> <p>The Secretariat has been looking into a grant scheme for the funding to be used by small businesses. A discussion followed concerning the options open to the board, and it was agreed that LCC would work with Herman Kok to select a suitable loan scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed that loans should be given to businesses that align with the GLLEP priority sectors.</p> <p>Board Recruitment</p> <p>Following a recruitment process, it was agreed by the Board that Ursula should approach Leendert Den Hollander from Youngs Sea Food to join the Board.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Transport Bodies and Intercity Franchise</p> <p>This item was presented by Richard Wills, it was agreed that a Greater Lincolnshire LEP Transport Body needed to reflect the GLLEP Boundaries and our response to the consultation would reflect this</p> <p>Infrastructure requirements – GL LEP needs to identify and quantify the infrastructure requirements for the area</p> <p>North Lincolnshire Council is now taking an active role in the development of the Airport following its recent sale.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Taking the LEP Forward</p> <p>There is optimism that there will be an announcement very soon about core funding for the LEPS this Financial Year. It is likely that next year there will be a requirement to match fund any money allocated.</p> <p>There were discussions about how the LEP could get this match funding from Businesses throughout the area and whether this could be a small donation from all through BIDs or Rates but the administration of this was huge</p> <p>There is still concern across the Board that funding from one or two businesses is a mistake and that there will be implications attached to that way of funding.</p> <p>It was agreed by the Board that Option 1 be adopted in relation to staffing the LEP going forward, drawing of the skills around the GLLEP area for specific roles and projects.</p> <p>Incorporation of the GLLEP Board</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <p>The LEP board should incorporate Options 1 of the staffing model should be put in place That LCC should remain as the Accountable Body That Directors Professional indemnity for the Board be put in place.</p>	<p>Chair to raise at LEP Network</p> <p>Secretariat</p>

**Presentation by Lincolnshire and Rutland Employment and Skills Board, Herman Kok
Geoff Middleton, Jon Allen and Clare Hughes**

Herman Kok introduced this item. The Employment and Skills Board is made up of 16 Board Members from Private Public and Third Sector organisations, to shape or influence employment and skills support to meet the needs of employers. It provides a specialist focus on the skills agenda for the LEP Board. This could be an effective model going forward for other themes

The Skills Agenda is wide ranging and therefore only certain themes were discussed with the LEP Board.

Some of the points discussed were as follows:

- The Skills Plan from 2010 found that the Lincolnshire Economy was one of low skills
- There is a need to inspire progression and career paths there are perceptions that this is not widely available with the GLLEP area.
- There are pockets of high unemployment in certain areas
- Working closely with the work programme and providers and highlighting areas where it is not successful
- There is a low employer demand for skills
- Those people in work now will need to be up skilled to be still part of the workforce in 20 years' time.
- 10% of the workforce in the GLLEP Area have no qualifications and below the national average on higher level skills to degree level.
- Take up of Apprenticeships in Lincolnshire is very low and there needs to be an improvement in information available for the vocational route.
- It needs to be easier for SME's to take on apprentices, the apprentice champions have been appointed to try and make this link
- The Aspirations Booklet has been well received
- There is much debate about the work readiness report

- Summary of Skills Gaps in Greater Lincolnshire

Hard to fill vacancies	Lack of technical and skilled labour e.g. food technology
Supervisory & management skills of technical staff	Difficult to 'grow your own'
Perception of sectors/opportunities within them make for a reluctant labour market	Lack of awareness amongst learners, parents & schools of career paths and technological advancements.

<p>Business skills of owners</p>	<p>Owner managers lacking skills to run the business, including recruitment and HR knowledge</p>	
<p>Work Readiness</p>	<p>Percentage of young people & adults lacking a willingness to learn</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two skills events taking place in October, one on the 8th at Briggate Lodge and one at the Epic Centre from 9-11 October • The Sector leads recognise the issues being discussed <p>The issues involved with education are also important</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAG is not impartial as it is given by the school and the funding follows the learner. The right advice needs to be given right back in primary school • Penetration in to schools is key • Apprenticeships will only work if the funding changes • Government is adamant that over 24 years of age will not be funded • Student Loans has definitely had an impact on choice <p>The ESB was thanked for an interesting presentation, and asked to summarise the actions for the LEP Board, and circulate to Board Members. The ESB invited LEP Board members to join an ESB board meeting, The dates would be circulated via LEP Secretariat.</p>		
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>Consider the LEP's role in Tackling Chinese and Indian markets The LEP and Central Lincolnshire was asked for its support for the planning enquiry for the Able Marine Energy Park The Secretariat would circulate dates for 2013 meetings</p>	<p>Secretariat Secretariat to co-ordinate</p>