

Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum



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Headline Updates

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE CHANCELLOR'S LUNCHTIME STATEMENT TODAY WILL BE SUMMARISED IN A SPECIAL EDITION TOMORROW.

Three key messages from the LRF:

1. *"The Businesses and People of Lincolnshire should be applauded for the manner in which they are managing the opening of the public space. At the weekend, with pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants opening, we experienced considerable effort by most to ensure the safety of each other whilst allowing the economy to slowly open. We will continue to focus on helping our colleagues in business to open safely with a view to Lincolnshire NOT returning to another lock down as experienced in other parts of the country.*
2. *We need to remind the public not to be complacent; the 2 metre rule is still in place. The change is that where 2m cannot be achieved a 1 metre plus rule with additional mitigation can be adopted.*
3. *Businesses who are opening must continually monitor and review Government guidance. Whilst we will seek to support and keep our businesses informed, as best we can, we are reliant on our businesses in Lincolnshire ensuring they keep themselves informed, recognising that national guidelines can change overnight."*

Business and Economy Updates

Greater Lincolnshire to Get £25.8m in 'New Deal'

The Greater Lincolnshire LEP has received a £25.8 million cash boost from the Government to fund 'shovel-ready' projects to help the local economy and create jobs. The 'New Deal' announcement today is part of a comprehensive plan by the Government to "build, build, build", delivering upgrades to local infrastructure and boosting skills in a move to fuel economic recovery across the UK.

Thirty-six 36 LEPs and combined authorities are getting a share of a £900 million Getting Building Fund that will support local infrastructure projects to support economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic and will be used to improve digital infrastructure, support skills and career opportunities, and transition to a low-carbon economy.

The Prime Minister has also announced that funding will be brought forward for the six towns across Greater Lincolnshire to help them meet the immediate challenges they face owing to the pandemic.

This fast-tracking of investment totalling £5 million will help kick-start activity in towns and high streets across Greater Lincolnshire, ensuring that people can see and feel the benefit as soon as possible. Read the full story [here](#).

Update on Local Authority Discretionary Grant Funds

- Boston Borough Council - Open with no current end date
- City of Lincoln Council –Round 4 opened 6th July targeting micro businesses with grants under £2.5k available
- East Lindsey District Council – CLOSED
- North East Lincolnshire council - CLOSED
- North Kesteven District Council – CLOSED
- North Lincolnshire Council –2nd round closing midnight 8th July (today)
- Rutland Council -Open
- South Holland District Council – Open and reviewing widening access in a further call.
- South Kesteven District Council –CLOSED
- West Lindsey District Council –Open and criteria amended to open up to a wider group of businesses.

Please visit local authority websites directly for more information.

Food Security and Supply Chains - 100+ Days of Lockdown

The Greater Lincolnshire LEP Deputy Chair and lead for the food sector, Sarah Louise Fairburn reflects on the first three months of the Covid-19 pandemic impact on the industry and extends thanks and acknowledgement to all those involved in the food chain who have worked tirelessly to keep the nation fed. Please read the newsletter [here](#).

£1.57 billion support package for cultural and heritage organisations

Britain's globally renowned arts, culture and heritage industries will receive a £1.57 billion rescue package to help weather the impact of coronavirus. The fund, which represents the biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture, will provide a lifeline to vital cultural and heritage organisations across the country hit hard by the pandemic and help them stay afloat while their doors are closed. Funding to restart paused projects will also help support employment, including freelancers working in these sectors. Further details of the announcement can be found [here](#).

Webinars

Date	Topic	Booking Link
16/07/2020	The New Normal: How to be a Star of the Small Screen	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1095&navigatedFromSearch=true
21/07/2020	Optimistic Leadership	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1096&navigatedFromSearch=true

Fixed Key Messaging

- Visit [Business Lincolnshire](#) or call 01522 782189 for continued support to your Greater Lincolnshire or Rutland business
- As lockdown eases many more businesses can open subject to being Covid-secure. Guidance is updated [here](#) and the full list of businesses eligible to open is published [here](#).

- The government wants help from businesses to increase COVID-19 testing capacity in the UK. Click [here](#) if you can help and to find out more.
- Feed business impacts into our [Business Intelligence](#) platform to help us continue to develop solutions with Government.

As we move from Response to Recovery, the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum has created a Recovery Comms Cell made up of county and district councils, NHS, and LEP/ Business Lincolnshire leads to ensure consistency of key messaging. This is not intended as a comprehensive list but to update on new and key messages relevant to business. Follow and tag @ [twitter LRF](#) [twitter LEP](#) [twitter Business Lincolnshire](#)

