

Board Members Present:

Ursula Lidbetter – Chair; David Dexter – Deputy Chair; Cllr Ray Oxby, Cllr Rob Waltham; Mark Tinsley; Herman Kok; Pat Doody; Richard Wills; Steve Middlebrough

Apologies from Board Members:

Cllr Colin Davie; Baroness Redfern; Andy Orrey, Chris Baron; Prof Mary Stuart

Observers: Pete Holmes; Angela Blake

LEP

Ruth Carver; Clare Hughes; Sue Groves (Note Taker)

Item 1

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

The minutes of 30th September 2016 agreed as a true record and can be published.

Declarations of Interest on the Agenda

Ursula Lidbetter – GD project - Boole Park, Lincoln Transport Hub

Herman Kok – Unlocking Housing Project – Tytton Lane Boston

David Dexter – LEP Directors report – the FSB is an applicant for the Feasibility fund.

Directors Business

- All Declaration of Interest forms require checking and updating by Board Directors.
- The Financial Statement and Review for the year ending 31st March 2016 was approved for publication and for consideration at the AGM. The accounts have been audited by Streets, who gave a clean bill of health and was considered by the Finance & Audit Committee, who recommended to the board of directors that the Financial Statement and Review were accurate and can be considered at the AGM in 2017. The Board approved the Financial Statement, subject to typing errors being amended.
- The AGM is on 27th January 2017 and will follow the LEP Board meeting. At the AGM, the Financial Statement and Annual Report will be received and the auditors for the next year will be appointed .

Matters Arising from previous minutes

Actions:

- **Produce a SEP Action Plan to be finalised for the next Board meeting – LEP Secretariat**
- **Minutes to be published – LEP Secretariat**

Item 2

North East Lincolnshire Growth Plans

Angela Blake, Director of Regeneration at NEL gave a presentation on the North East Lincolnshire Economic Strategy, which was approved in March and the key themes being Business, People and Place. This was prepared in partnership with local businesses and overseen by the private sector.

The "Vision for North East Lincolnshire 2032" is for businesses to invest and grow, entrepreneurs can flourish, workforce is skilled, infrastructure is first class and that young people's aspirations hold no bounds.

Success might look like:

- Leading centre for offshore wind in Europe
- UK's leading seafood processing centre
- Successfully diversified Port of Grimsby and Immingham
- Deliver SHIP – North East Lincolnshire's largest ever infrastructure investment programme
- Developers delivering speculative office/industrial floor space
- Doubled rate of housing delivery
- "place" offer is competitive and attracting people/investment to North East Lincolnshire
- GCSE attainment exceeds the England average
- All 16-19 year olds in full time education, employment or training
- Young people's aspirations raised
- Internal/external perceptions transformed

The key sectors are:

- Renewable energy:
 - improve vessel access and berthing
 - provide development sites with quayside access
 - supply chain development
- Ports and Logistics:
 - relocate VTS facility to Port
 - Ro/Ro market development
 - lobbying re further rail freight investment and intermodal opportunities
- Food Processing:
 - revitalise role of HIS
 - develop food grade incubator units
 - develop trade/export programme
- Chemicals/Petrochemicals:
 - supply chain development (eg, shutdowns)
 - identify opportunities for further integration (heat networks, shared feedstocks)
- Visitor Economy (a Cultural Strategy is currently being drafted)
 - further develop DiscoverNEL brand and marketing activity
 - establish Destination Management Organisation
 - arts/cultural strategy and co-ordinated events programme
- Cross-sectoral priorities:
 - will develop compelling inward investment proposition and prospectus for key sectors and develop delivery role/capacity of Sector Groups

	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise Zones create employment and DCLG have been asked for enhanced capital for FEZs • Pleased to see that North East Lincolnshire are working with SMEs and private sector, but would like to see more work with self-employed, as they represent 15% of the total workforce. Confirmed that they are fully engaged with self-employed. • Skills and productivity are key • Staff from BEIS will be attending meetings around the county to talk to North East Lincolnshire Council regarding renewables, the Energy Strategy Plan and to understand the area.
Item 3	<p><u>Headlines from the Autumn Statement</u></p> <p><u>RC gave an overview of the Autumn statement as they relate to the GL LEP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Productivity Investment Fund of £236bn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £2.3bn Housing Investment Plan (in areas of high demand) - £90m Future Transport Technology - £1.1bn for Local Roads (Pinch Points) as per the Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan - £45m Rail Technology - £1bn Fibre Broadband G5 – priorities for local areas - £2bn for Research and Development (Universities and local businesses, ie, Innovate UK) • Aspirations for medical training, 1,500 training places will be available – in for Greater Lincolnshire – LEP to work with the Lincoln University.. • Growth Deal of £1.8m to be released. • Midlands LEPs have been allocated £392m for SLGF, but allocations for individual LEPs have not yet been announced – PH stated that negotiations will be taking place. • Midlands Engine – further announcements are awaited. • Northern Powerhouse submitted their strategy to Govt on 23 November and the Midlands Engine will be submitting theirs in the near future, with a similar format. Conversations with partners will be requirement to implement. • Business and Corporation Tax. • National Living Wage. • Rural Rate Relief – only a small number of businesses will be able to take advantage of this <p>Discussion took place regarding the above announcements and concerns were raised that the National Living Wage would have a huge impact on the care sector in Greater Lincolnshire and disappointment in that there was no mention of the care sector.</p> <p>Concern was raised that the Tax allowance for Research and Development is only available to limited companies, PH was asked to take this back to Govt regarding unlimited companies.</p>

<p><u>Item 4</u></p>	<p><u>Devolution</u></p> <p><u>An discussion around devolution across Greater Lincolnshire was undertaken.</u> Disappointment from some Board members regarding the vote for Devolution after coming so far, and especially with all the work that was put into the process.</p> <p>It was agreed that a sense of team work had been built up between all the Authorities and that this should continue and to look at alternatives to a Combined Authority. Agreed that there could be challenges ahead, but all agreed that the GLLEP is now a strong model and the profile should be raised and will still be able to influence Govt.</p> <p>The Board members agreed that they should still aim to work collaboratively to build on the work that has already been done. The GLLEP will continue to work with key sectors, ie, skills, housing etc. Good relationships/leadership have emerged and could see no reason why this should not continue.</p> <p>Board members who attend the Greater Lincs Leaders/CX & Greater Lincs Leadership Board (Joint Committee) Meeting will keep the Chair informed of the outcomes from the meeting to be held on 25th November.</p> <p>A De-implementation Plan will now be discussed, identifying the commitments involved, PH to discuss with Ministers about items that can be continued, ie, skills.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair to write to Ministers, with copies sent to Leaders, outlining the ambitions of the GL LEP.
<p><u>Item 5</u></p>	<p><u>LEP Director's Report</u></p> <p>Financial Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The projected outturn for this financial year is £517,027, slightly over due to the cost of administering the Growth Deal projects and an increase in comms and events activities, such as the Big Debates and launch of a new website. The LEP team expect that the budget will be on target by the end of the financial year due to a revision of the forecasts, and communications activity in the last quarter of the year. <p>Industrial Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This will be discussed at the LEP Strategy Session to be held on 5th December 2016. <p>Midlands Engine Investment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Midlands Engine Investment Fund to be launched during February and a nomination is sought to sit on the Regional Board. It was agreed that any candidates would be considered by the Appointments Board. <p>Feasibility Fund – to note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DD declared an interest in this as an application has been submitted <p>Annual Conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The annual conversation with Govt has been arranged for 5th December 2016, RC will feedback to the Board at the next meeting.

	<p>LEP Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The only Amber area is the "Growth Deal Performance". The reason for this is that the challenging spend target with a number of projects reporting slippages and the current forecast suggest that we may be underperforming. The Investment Board will consider recommendations from officers to close this gap at its meeting later today. There are also delays on the Grantham Southern Relief Road and the Lincoln Transport Hub. A full discussion to take place at the Investment Board following this meeting <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Letter to be circulated asking for MEIF RAB nominations - Secretariat ➤ Feedback to the Board regarding the Annual Conversation - Secretariat.
<p><u>Item 6</u></p>	<p>ESIF Update</p> <p>Pat Doody, Chair of the ESIF Committee gave an update on the European Structural and Investment programmes. The Board was updated on the European Structural and Investment Programmes and given the highlights.</p> <p>There have been three calls for activity since the ERDF programme was launched and DCLG have confirmed that there will be a fourth call in December 2016, but there will be restrictions on how much of the total allocation to 2020 will be allowed.</p> <p>The paper recommended that GLLEP continues to promote its need for future programmes, and it is recommended that a detailed piece of work is carried out to establish an agreed position statement. The report was endorsed by members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any projects signed prior to the Brexit vote will be funded, but priorities will be Value for Money, the UK and SEP. • Ensure that the Growth Hub is secured, but need to know what budget is required. • ERDF monies still to come. • One area still struggling is PA6 to get monies to. Requests are from small organisations whose projects are too small. Large projects needed, for example from Local Authorities, but they would have difficult with match-funding. • LEP is looking at what funding will be available once the UK has left the EU. • Look at the demands/needs of businesses in the future. • Stability is needed, ie, funding needs to be consistent with long term planning from Govt and resources to follow it up.
<p><u>Item 7</u></p>	<p>Growth Deal 3 - Presentation</p> <p>Following the pitch to Government for £106.5m for Growth Deal 3. The autumn statement confirmed regional amounts - £392m for Midlands LEPs, but allocation to GLLEP unknown as yet, but will be announced in the coming weeks. Once the figure is known, it is likely that a quick turnaround will be required, including projects information, match and outputs.</p> <p>RC gave an overview of three scenarios and board members agreed the three scenarios, and agreed that the final sign-off would be with the Chair due to the timescales involved.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Once a financial envelope is available, the chair would sign off on behalf of the GL LEP Board.

<p><u>Item 8</u></p>	<p><u>Careers Advice</u></p> <p>The Board members were asked to note the contents of the report about the Skills Gap and how employers are not able to recruit due to the lack of skills, particularly for the Agricultural, Food and Manufacturing Sectors. Examples given in Appendix 1.</p> <p>Over the last few years, there have been a number of changes to the way careers guidance has been delivered. Until 2012, responsibility rested with local authorities and this was delivered through the Connexions service. The Education Act 2011, and subsequent extension, means that schools and colleges have the statutory duty to "secure access to independent careers guidance " for pupils aged 12-18, not the local authority.</p> <p>Career guidance is services and activities intended to assist individuals to make educational, training and occupational choices and to manage their careers. However, Career Advisers are not required to know about local industry, but they would be expected to know where to look for information about it.</p> <p>The Employment and Skills Board has considered this topic many times and has carried out a joint initiative with LCC to raise awareness of Greater Lincolnshire's important sectors to schools, parents and teachers through a variety of projects, which include teacher workshops, conferences, seminars, bus advertising campaign, options booklet for parents of children in Year 6.</p> <p>Asked what the LEP can do. Example of when Manufacturing employers are looking to recruit, it is assumed that they only need engineers. This is not the case as they also require administrative staff.</p> <p>DD said that careers guidance for self-employment should be included.</p> <p>Suggested that whilst teachers are being trained, careers guidance should be part of their training. This has already been discussed with Bishop Grosseteste University.</p> <p>Actions - The chair of the ESB to ensure that the deliverers of Careers Advice have access to good local information about sectors and industry, and explore opportunities and develop a scheme that helps engage local employers and schools.</p>
<p><u>Item 9</u></p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Action - Nick Hurd, MP, is visiting British Steel on 1st December 2016 and the board was asked if there any volunteers who could attend, representing the LEP.</p> <p>Action - The LEP team to update the Ministerial visit opportunities list.</p>
<p><u>Meeting Closed at 12:40</u></p>	

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