
INNOVATION COUNCIL MEETING • 19th May 2020

Introduction:

- Reset our Provision to meet the issues of the crisis.
- Local groups need to think about innovation and support GLLEP to make this a rebound.
- Heading for a recession.
- Don't have enough data regarding redundancies as it stands.
- Greater Lincolnshire Business has a larger reliance on retail, leisure, and hospitality businesses.
- Lobbying hard with Government to help businesses to restart and longer term improvements.
- Innovate UK – support different requirement to standard business.
- Forward Innovate slides.
- 8500 applications to Innovate UK and have 1200 applications able to support.
- Work around PPE and food supply chain calls and issues.
- Consideration of assessors at Innovate UK being reviewed to consider applications with a place based emphasis noted, with a view to the future not the past ways of working.

Agri Food:

- Food industry growing concern around labour – Key area, lead the way in Agri food.
- 50,000 employed in food sector. Food service has reduced to 10%, retail is running higher but in certain areas, the detail is being worked on.
- Automation is key moving forward.
- Food service, is down to 50%, more through retail chain and this is likely to continue.
- Margins have been reduced across the food sector. Innovation across the piece is necessary, improved systems and new ways of working.
- Automation has been focused on but what can we look at from digitalisation, industrial logistics point of view.
- Student involvement in labour force, University of Lincoln promoting and well received.
- Not to lose sight of inclusive growth agenda.
- Food waste, what opportunities are being presented?
- Commercial partners required at Holbeach site.
- Expand the way we think about partnerships to drive innovation, not from traditional routes.
- Digital, savvy senior team and banks learning in food industry is required.

Rural Health:

- Requirements for healthcare strategy – build on National Centre.
- Rural ageing and skills and retention in the health care sector.
- Residential care business sector – what is the business model that would work?
- Uptake in tele health solutions from Commissioners – route forward.
- Move to rapid uptake in the telehealth area, not moving backwards.
- UoL can feed in more to LIS via Rural Health Medical School – trans disciplinary approach to add to funding applications.
- CCG requirements to change and time required. Work with secondary professionals to help raise confidence in using different methods of receiving health and care.
- Serious issue with residential care. Opportunity to work with providers, a new way of thinking and what the future may look like. Use innovations from other sectors.

Defence:

- Developing defence sector in the area – clusters and business support needed. How can we retain, maintain, grow our current business in the area?



- Key opportunity to move forward.
- Programmes and contracts are being delayed.
- MoD and J Hub working with SME's to drive defence and security forward.
- Grow the sector, it seems an opportunity for the area.
- LEP has recruited experts in the area to grow the sector. Focused investment is needed.
- Drivers in general for the economy are health and care and defence and security. How can we capitalise?
- Controlling cyber risk in health and food.
- What is the investment broking for funding? UoL variety of offers in and outside the county, being further developed. Procurement for SME's.
- Defence investment has high risk for individuals.
- Cross sector collaboration.
- Changes with speed and agility.
- Look forwards and not backwards
- Still keep sight of key strategic drivers: climate change, young people, skills.

