

**Minutes of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP Meeting 6 May 2011
At the Enterprise@Lincoln Building**

Present: Ursula Lidbetter – Chairman, David Dexter - Deputy Chairman, Chris Baron, Neil Corner, Mark Tinsley, Herman Kok, Cllr Eddy Poll, Richard Wills, Dr Tony Hill, Marc Cole, Winston Phillips, Ruth Carver, Carolyn Tuscher(notes).

<p align="center">Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership</p>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">STRATEGY DAY</h1> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">Friday 6th May 2011</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">9.30 am to 14.30 in Meeting Room 1 – Enterprise@Lincoln, University of Lincoln Campus</p>
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1.	<p>Apologies Apologies had been received from Andy Baxendale, Prof Mary Stuart, Cllr Doreen Stephenson. There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed a new member of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board Winston Phillips from Cosalt Wind Energy and also welcomed a new member of the Officers Group, Marc Cole Director of Regeneration for NE Lincs.</p> <p>The NE Council board Member will be appointed on the 26th May.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Overview of the Economy of NE Lincolnshire.</u> The Board had a presentation on the Economy of North East Lincolnshire from Marc Cole, Director of Regeneration for North East Lincolnshire Council.</p> <p>Q and A Fish comes into Grimsby from Iceland and Scotland it is no longer landed at Grimsby but imported to be processed and packed. Iceland is moving to process it's own fish and therefore new business is being sort from Norwegian and Russian markets. The processing of fish is moving to where the fish is just one of the ingredients within food processing. There is massive potential to process raw materials that have been shipped in not just fish and then ship out new products. The introduction of new super chill technologies will hopefully open up new markets that were previously not possible. However we need to something radical about training and skills otherwise migrant workers will take these jobs rather than</p>	

	<p>local residents.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation will be distributed with the minutes.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Overview of the Lincolnshire Economy.</u></p> <p>Katy Thomas Team Leader from the Lincolnshire Research Team gave an overview of the Lincolnshire Economy to the Board.</p> <p>There is a need to be able to understand what is going on in our area to be able to tackle the issues and best spend the available resources. However the statistics gathered are not always current and GVA data is collected from 2008. Lincolnshire is a unique economy and LEP Boards need to challenge Government about these statistics, for example food manufacturing figures can not be extrapolated from Manufacturing figures as a whole.</p> <p>The LRO is already working with teams from NE Lincs. The two economies have many issues in common:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Sector Figures- In Lincolnshire the RAF have a big impact. 2. Flood Risk – The Environment Agency have started to use LRO Maps 3. Aging Population and Growing Population <p>Lincolnshire has a very resilient economy but very low value.</p> <p>A copy of the Lincolnshire Economic Assessment, and a economic fact sheet were distributed.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation will be distributed with the minutes.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Discussion Groups</u></p> <p>Andrew Atherton facilitated a session on priorities and aspirations.</p> <p>The feedback from these discussion groups is attached under a separate document.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Funding - Regional Growth Fund Round 1 Update and Capacity Fund</u></p> <p>The Greater Lincolnshire LEP was not successful in any of the Bids for Round 1, initial feedback suggested that the key criteria were amount of private sector leverage, and volume and delivery of jobs in the short to medium term, plus the impact of public sector job losses in vulnerable areas.</p> <p>RGF2 has an additional area of “programmes” and the</p>	

	<p>GLLEP may be more successful in this round.</p> <p>A report on feedback on round 1, and a summary of the criteria for Round 2, as well as known bids for RGF will be brought to the next board meeting.</p> <p>The point was made that any applications that the LEP supported would need additional lobbying, and makes a strong case in how it contributed to the economy of GI, and indeed UK Plc.</p> <p>There had been no news on the LEP's application for the Capacity Fund. The Secretariat were asked to follow this up</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
6.	<p>Enterprise Zones</p> <p>Richard Wills led on this item and informed the Board that it may need to choose between the bid which has the most merit or the bid which has the most chance of being successful.</p> <p>Each of the proposals was considered in turn, and examined against the criteria within the Enterprise Zone Prospectus. Concerns were expressed over deliverability and it was agreed that proposals should be "oven ready" as well as likely to succeed in a national competition. It was recognised that each of the proposals had merits. The point was made that rural areas may not benefit from Enterprise Zones, due to the sparscity of business, the size of business and the impact of potential leakage. It was agreed that this would be a point raised with the BIS minister on his forthcoming visit.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the LEP would support the proposal from South Humber Gateway as the Enterprise Zone for the LEP area.</p> <p>Additionally members felt that the Road/Rail Hub proposal should consider RGF and ERDF as a source of funding. LCC would work with SHDC and Private Enterprise.</p>	
7.	<p>Structure, Communications and Networks</p> <p>Following on from Richard Wills' outline paper on Governance, after discussion it was agreed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a schedule of meetings is planned for a year in advance, so that there is always a span of a year of meetings fixed. 2) The Board will meet no less than 8 times in the next 12 months; but that the Chair keeps this 	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Chair</p>

	<p>frequency under review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) It was proposed that the principle of remote collective decision taking is accepted and that some rules are brought back to the Board for approval. 4) It was proposed that the Board agrees that some decisions are delegated to a sub group of the Board on a case by case basis. 5) It was proposed that the Board agrees that where the Chair considers a matter needs to be dealt with urgently, then a decision can be taken by the Chair, Deputy Chair and one other director with the secretariat; and that the decision is reported at the next Board meeting. <p>It was proposed that the Board agrees to the principle of forming Working Groups which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. are led by a Board member chosen by the Board for their expertise and credibility on the issue being considered; b. would be expected to deliver a defined outcome in a specific period of time; c. have participants that are selected by the appointed Board member. d. Either take a decision or more usually report back to the Board with recommendations. 	
8.	<p><u>Update on Ministerial Visit</u></p> <p>Details were confirmed for the visit of Mark Prisk, but it was still not confirmed who else would be attending the visit.</p> <p>It was agreed that Board Members would be asked to submit any issues they wanted to raise to the Minister to Ruth Carver who would coordinate the responses. It was agreed that the Board should prepare three points.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Any other Business</u></p> <p>Following on from the discussions on private sector led sector groups, Mark Tinsley explained to the board that there would be little change required to enable to Agricultural and Horticultural Forum to work closely with the LEP Board.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting is 10.00am on 10 June at the Enterprise@Lincoln Building, University of Lincoln, Brayford Pool.</p>	