



LEP – Sub Committee

LEP - Lancashire Innovation Board

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Update on Membership of the Board

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Executive Summary

An update on the appointment of two new Board members to fill the vacancies following the resignation of L Green and P Lee as reported at the meeting on the 6th September 2021.

Recommendations

1. That the Board agree that Mr M Spinks replace Mr P Lee as the Board member representing the chemical manufacturer, Victrex, and recommend the appointment to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board for formal approval.
2. That the appointment of Mr M Spinks as specified at 1 above, together with the appointment of Mr M Kenny from the AHSN Innovation Agency (to replace Ms L Green) as approved by the Board on the 6th September 2021, be presented to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board on the 23rd November 2021 for consideration and formal approval.

Background and Advice

As reported at the meeting on the 6th September 2021 there are two vacancies on the Innovation Board following the resignation of the health representative from the AHSN Innovation Agency, and the representative from the chemical manufacturer, Victrex.

At that meeting the Board was provided with information about a replacement nomination from the AHSN Innovation Agency and noted that to date no such nomination had been received from the Victrex.



The Board subsequently resolved:

- To thank Lorna Green and Pete Lee for their contributions to the work of the Innovation Board since its creation.
- To agree that Mike Kenny, from the AHSN Innovation Agency, replace Lorna Green as the Board member representing the health thematic seat and recommend his appointment to the LEP Board for formal approval.
- That the Chairman work with officers to identify a suitable nomination from Victrex to replace Pete Lee as the manufacturing thematic seat and present details to the Board for consideration and, if suitable, recommendation to the LEP Board for approval.

As the Innovation Board met on the day before the LEP Board it was not possible at that time to have Mr Kenny's appointment approved and so the intention is (provided that the Innovation Board agree the nominee from Victrex) to present both recommended appointments to the LEP Board on the 23rd November 2021 for formal approval.

In accordance with usual practice the nominee's CV has been vetted by Officers in collaboration with the Chairman of the Board. Officers have been in touch with Mr Spinks who has accepted his provisional nomination, subject to formal approval by the LEP Board. Both Mr Spinks and Mr Kenny can attend the Innovation Board as observers until such time as they are formally appointed.

The biography below provides some background relating to Mr Spink's employment and is presented for the information of Board members.

Matt was born and raised in the South East and having secured a degree in Economics and Politics moved to the North West in 2001 to pursue a career in Finance, becoming a CIMA qualified accountant in 2005.

He worked for a number of organisations across the North West in roles that increasingly lay on the boundary of classical Finance, with roles within the Global Retail & Commercial Bank at Barclays including contract management, outsourcing, insourcing and Technology Project Portfolio management.

He joined Victrex in 2012, initially in Finance where he was responsible for compiling the Group-wide 5-year strategic plan and led financial aspects of a number of M&A transactions that included minority investment, full acquisition and establishment of a Joint Venture. During this time he was also instrumental in establishing an innovation portfolio management process across the Group. Having transitioned to Product Management in 2016, Matt gained diverse experience ranging from oversight of Industrial and Medical Polymers and Compounds, to management of disruptive new product lines in downstream medical devices. In his current role as Head of Product Management, he leads a global team responsible for management of the entire Victrex product range.



If both appointments are approved by the LEP Board the membership of the Innovation Board will be as follows:

Graham Baldwin	Chair	UCLan
Claire Whelan	Deputy Chair	(Corporate & Finance)
Tony Attard OBE	Co-opted LEP Member	(Corporate & Manufacturing)
Melissa Conlon	Skills & International Rep	AMRC NW
Rick Holland	UK RI Rep	Innovate UK
Dion Williams	Universities Rep	Lancaster University
Natalie Jones	Research & Science Rep	Engineering & Physical Sciences Council
Jane Binnion	Start-up, Micro & SME Rep	Growing Club Ltd
Jane Dalton	Strategy & Branding Rep	Groundswell Innovation Ltd
Michael Kenny	Thematic - Health & Life Sciences	Innovation Agency (AHSN)
Lindsay Roche	Thematic - Energy & Environment	Westinghouse Ltd
Matthew Spinks	Thematic – Manufacturing & Construction	Victrex Ltd
Michael Gibson	Thematic – Digital and Technology	Miralis Data Limited
Gaynor Dykes	Thematic - Professional & Services	Grant Thornton
Judson Smythe	Thematic – Manufacturing & Construction (additional)	MGS Plastics Limited

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
N/A		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate
N/A