



## **LEP – Sub Committee**

## **LEP - Lancashire Innovation Board**

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## **Spotlight Member Reports**

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### **Executive Summary**

At the Innovation Board in September 2021 the Chairman introduced the first of a series of spotlight reports from individual Board member organisations these being in relation to Social Innovation and the development of a Food Cluster.

Spotlight reports are a key opportunity for member organisations to highlight important areas of work of relevance to the Innovation Board and enable initiatives to be shared with support provided across sectors for Innovation Strategy propositions that can be developed in the interests of the Lancashire economy.

### **Recommendation**

To receive and note the member spotlight reports presented at the meeting and advise of any partner opportunities arising from the reports that can further enable their development.

## **Background and Advice**

At the Lancashire Innovation Board in September 2021 the Chairman initiated a slot for the first of a series of spotlight reports from member organisations and a report was received on Social Innovation and on the development of a Food Cluster.

This approach was received well as it enabled greater engagement around items from members of the Board and a focus on relevant and timely issues connected with the wider agenda. Those members who engaged with the presentations were keen to allocate slightly more time to this section of the agenda and this feedback has been noted.



At this meeting the Board will receive three Spotlight reports as follows:

- A report from Westinghouse by Lindsay Roche on the Clean Energy Technology Park and opportunities in the nuclear cluster arising from a working group working with the LEP.
- A report from UCLan by Prof Darren Ansell on the opportunity for developing an Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) cluster and work to date with stakeholders and partner opportunities going forward.
- A report from Innovate UK by Rick Holland on a proposed Cluster event to be trialed across Lancashire and Cumbria building on work with the Electech sector and feeding into UK Innovation Strategy plans.

All three reports link with the Lancashire LEP Innovation Strategy aligning with the:

- Energy and Low Carbon Sector Group and the nuclear cluster working group focused on the Clean Growth Mission.
- Manufacturing Sector Group and Aerospace Task Force relating to UAVs and the joint LEP-NW Space Sector Strategy, both focused on the Advanced Mobility Mission.
- Digital Sector and Electech Cluster and joint IUK work focused on developing Lancashire clusters and capabilities in line with the UK Innovation Strategy.

### List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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