



LEP – Sub Committee

LEP - Lancashire Innovation Board

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Innovation Plan Refresh - Progress Update

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Executive Summary

Steer Consultants have been engaged to develop and deliver a workplan to refresh the current Lancashire Innovation Plan in order to meet new socio-economic conditions as well as the latest Government and local policy.

The Board and officers organised a workshop to scope the brief with a sub-group of members so that the consultants could develop a workplan. A presentation will be delivered by Steer giving feedback on the workshop and the proposed workplan going forward.

Recommendations

1. To receive a report from Steer Consultants on outputs from the recent workshop at which members scoped the Innovation Plan refresh and to set out a proposed workplan.
2. To agree that, through the Chairman, Board members provide feedback and approve the next stages of the workplan for officer, member and stakeholder involvement.

Background and Advice

The current *Lancashire Innovation Plan* was developed in 2017 with the assistance of Steer Consultants, to align with the previous governments emerging National Industrial Strategy with a strong emphasis on innovation as a driver of productivity.

It provided a route map for innovation and the evidence base for five strategic aims with the objective to set a direction of travel for a LEP-led partnership approach by setting up an Innovation Board. Many of the initial actions set out in that plan have



been instituted thus requiring a refresh of actions for a new post-Covid and post-Brexit landscape.

More recently the LEP also worked with Steer Consultants on a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) and members of the Innovation Board considered the Innovation Chapter of the LIS as a starting point for a new LEP Innovation Strategy and from that a refreshed Innovation Plan.

At the Innovation Board in September 2021, Sarah Kemp, the Chief Executive of the LEP and Matt Wright as LEP Innovation Lead, expanded further on this with the key missions and clusters central to a future strategy for the county following the release of the UK Innovation Strategy from the current Government.

This work highlighted the importance of the LEP Sector Groups, emerging technology clusters and four Missions uniting and cross-fertilising Lancashire's related Industry 4.0, Security and Resilience strengths, as follows:

- Cyber, Digital & Secure Systems
- Advanced Mobility & Manufacturing
- Clean and Sustainable Growth
- Healthy Productive Communities

Each of those mission areas is now building out with interlinked initiatives and opportunities whether locally grown or targeted from inward investment insights and potential. Board members will have input into shaping some of those locally grown initiatives in other agenda items in this and subsequent meetings.

The Innovation Plan refresh will build on this local policy direction and review the 2017 plan, evaluating its outcomes and any changes in the socio-economic landscape using desk and fieldwork. A workplan will enable stakeholders to calibrate new priorities, revisiting specific strengths and the contribution of innovation assets to those new measures in order to set out a revised Innovation Plan for the Innovation Board.

These new indicators and performance measures will help the Board to steer and guide delivery going forward.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
N/A		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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