



## **LEP – Sub Committee**

### **LEP - Lancashire Innovation Board**

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### **Proposed appointment of one new member to the Innovation Board**

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report refers to a nomination for the appointment of a new Board member to fill the vacant position 'UK Wide Research and Innovation' on the Innovation Board following the resignation of Rick Holland.

#### **Recommendation**

- (i) The Lancashire Innovation Board is asked to approve the appointment of the nominee as set out in the report, and recommend them to the LEP Board for approval.

#### **Background and Advice**

In June 2020 the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board approved the establishment of an Innovation Board, for the purpose of holding to account the delivery of the innovation activities in the Innovation Plan and to set future strategic innovation priorities.

The Board, which is a committee of the main LEP Board, can consist of a maximum of 15 members and meets four times per year, or subject to business need. The current membership of the Board is set out below.



1	Chair	G Baldwin	Vice Chancellor, UCLan
2	Deputy Chair	Vacancy	Vacancy
3	Independent Rep	T Attard OBE DL	(Corporate & Manufacturing)
4	Skills & International Rep	Melissa Conlon	AMRC North West
5	UK RI Rep	Vacancy	Vacancy
6	Universities Rep	D Williams	Director of R&I, Lancaster University
7	Research & Science Rep	R Jenkins	Research England
8	Start-up, Micro & SME Rep	Vacancy	Vacancy
9	Strategy & Branding Rep	J Dalton	Groundswell Innovation Ltd
10	Thematic – Health & Life Sciences	M Kenny	Innovation Agency (AHSN)
11	Thematic – Energy & Environment	Rory O'Neill	Westinghouse
12	Thematic – Manufacturing & Construction	Matthew Spinks	Victrex Ltd
13	Thematic – Digital, Creative & Marketing	Michael Gibson	Miralis Data Ltd
14	Thematic – Professional & Services	Russell McGrath	Sedulo
15	Thematic – Manufacturing & Construction	Judson Smythe	MGS Technical Plastics

Since the Board met on 6th February 2023, a vacancy for the 'UK Wide Research and Innovation' position has arisen due to the resignation of the previous Board member in this position, Rick Holland. A recommendation for a new board member was made by the outgoing board member as to a potential suitable replacement.

A new candidate for membership of the Board has therefore been identified and the Chair has had initial discussions with them regarding their suitability, interest, and potential contribution. Some background information about the candidate is presented in this report for consideration by the Board

Candidate:

**Matthew Chapman, Knowledge Transfer Manager - MedTech and  
Manufacturing, Innovate UK**

Matt has a background in engineering, manufacturing and consultancy, with experience across design, delivery and evaluation of innovation projects and programmes.

In his regional role, Matt has led Innovate UK KTN's place-based activity in the North West of England for the past 5 years, convening colleagues from across the wider Innovate UK group of organisations in the North West to work together more effectively and to share information & best practice.



In his sector-facing role, Matt leads on Medical Technology within the Health team at Innovate UK KTN, as well as working more broadly across health & life sciences as the point of contact in the North West.

Should the Board approve the nomination it will be necessary to seek approval from the LEP Board to formally confirm the appointments.

### **List of Background Papers**

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

None