



## **LEP – Sub Committee**

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

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### **Innovation Board Membership**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Board is invited to discuss the 3 current vacancies. Potential gaps are suggested, but further gaps are invited to be identified.

#### **Recommendation**

The Board is asked to suggest names of candidates for officers to approach.

## **Background and Advice**

The Innovation Board still has capacity for 3 more Board members if desired.

These were left vacant during the initial recruitment of Board members for a number of reasons, including difficulty finding suitable candidates at the time, some initial candidates who chose not to continue with the process, and to give the Board some flexibility to identify their own gaps once established.

The gaps in representation / background identified during the initial recruitment process are as follows:

- Someone in the technology / software / digital space (ideally an SME (small or medium sized enterprise) to improve our SME membership)
- Someone representing the Blackburn area (again ideally an SME to improve our SME membership)
- Someone with a public facing international role

The Board is invited to discuss the vacancies outlined above and suggest potential candidates for the roles or suggest different criteria or gaps in the membership of the Board which Officers can then explore.



It is not required that we fill these roles immediately. If the Board wishes simply to note these vacancies at this stage and hold space on the board for when a more obvious need arises, they are welcome to do so.

For reference, the current membership of the Board is as follows:

Chair	Graham Baldwin	Vice Chancellor UCLan
Deputy Chair	Claire Whelan	Managing Director, Ansuka Group
Co-opted LEP Member	Tony Attard OBE	Chief Executive, Panaz
UKRI Rep	Rick Holland	Regional Manager, Innovate UK
Universities Rep	Dion Williams	Director of Research, Enterprise & Innovation, Lancaster University
Research & Science Rep	Natalie Jones	Head of Regional Engagement, EPSRC
Start-up, Micro & SME Rep	Jane Binnion	Managing Director, The Growing Club CIC
Strategy & Branding Rep	Jane Dalton	Director, Groundswell Innovation
Thematic – Health & Life Science	Lorna Green	Director of Enterprise and Growth, Innovation Agency (AHSN Network)
Thematic – Energy & Environment	Lindsay Roche	Director of Government Affairs, Westinghouse UK
Thematic – Manufacturing & Construction	Pete Lee	Continuous Improvement & Quality Director, Victrex
Thematic – Professional Services	Gaynor Dykes	Senior Manager, British Business Bank

## List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
N/A		

Part II  
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