



LEP – Sub Committee

LEP - Lancashire Innovation Board

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Proposal to Establish an Observatory and Mapping web resource
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The Appendix to this report sets out a proposal to develop a one-stop web resource which would incorporate an interactive map that can display innovation assets and company clusters in Lancashire as well as an innovation dashboard, web feed of opportunities and best practice insights into technology and markets.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to approve officers to proceed to tender for a local web company to develop the necessary web pages to provide this resource using a fund allocated for this purpose from Lancashire County Development Limited (LCDL)

Background and Advice

The Innovation Plan called for the setting up of an Innovation Observatory for market and technology foresight and horizon mapping.

The work on the Innovation Festival highlighted the importance of having greater clarity about who our innovative companies and assets are and where they are based.

This work also highlighted the need for our clusters of innovative companies to know who to collaborate with and the opportunities for relevant projects and funding set in the context of best practice.

In addition the Innovation Board and other stakeholders have set out the need to have a simple dashboard identifying our collective challenges around innovation and the progress we need to make as Team Lancashire.



Appendix 'A' sets out a proposal for the development of a website for innovation that will meet the practical aims and objectives outlined above over the next 6 months.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
N/A		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A