



## **LEP – Sub Committee**

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

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### **Innovation Festival 2021 Update**

Appendix A – Lancashire Innovation Festival Report

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#### **Executive Summary**

An update report for members of the Innovation Board on progress on the 2021 Innovation Festival.

#### **Recommendation**

That the update on the Lancashire Innovation Festival 2021, as set out in the report is noted and that all members of the Board have an opportunity to engage in at least one of the sessions during the week

## **Background and Advice**

The Innovation Festival series was commenced in 2020 as an on-line event to highlight the outstanding innovation activities and assets in the county, encouraging business awareness and engagement and allowing organisations to share knowledge and opportunities and raise the profile of Lancashire.

The success of the inaugural event, which took place over a month to support business during COVID-19, has led to a regular feature which this year will be held over a week with more focused and business driven content and live broadcasts from key locations. The revised format resulted from the analysis and contributions of Board members following a review of the 2020 Festival.

The dates of the Innovation Festival this year are the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of October. The days are arranged into key themes relevant to the county and will be broadcast from locations spread around Lancashire at relevant organisations. Each day will then involve a mix of sessions and events from a range of our key stakeholders with strong involvement of Innovation Board members.



The list below summarises the themes and locations and the report in Appendix A sets out the details of sessions on each day. Questions and further input from members will be encouraged and there is still a requirement to host some sessions for those who wish to engage further.

The daily themes and broadcast locations are listed below and described in more detail in the report:

Monday - Digital Theme, from Fraser House

Tuesday – Health theme, From EIC at UCLan (late change from Edge Hill which is now unavailable)

Wednesday – Social Innovation Theme – From Blackburn Youth Zone

Thursday – Manufacturing – From the AMRC

Friday – Low Carbon – From Blackpool and the Fylde Energy HQ

The report in Appendix A sets out the progress on the Festival to date.

### **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate  
N/A