

Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP Update – w/c 15th August 2011

Funding

- Our bid for an Enterprise Zone at Alconbury has been successful. You can read more about the announcement [here](#).
- BDUK have announced an initial allocation of £363 million worth of funding for rural broadband projects including:
 - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - £6,750,000
 - Essex - £6,460,000
 - Hertfordshire - £1,110,000
 - Norfolk - £15,440,000
 - Suffolk - £11,680,000
 - Leicestershire and Rutland - £3,880,000

Meetings

- Neil Darwin met with the Huntingdonshire Manufacturers Association (HMA) on 9th August and provided them with an update on current LEP work.
- Alex Plant met with Richard Cornish and Annette Pottinger from JobCentre Plus, who are keen to support the LEP generally, especially on skills related work.

Other work

- CLG are carrying out research into the links between LEP and the third sector. Our LEP has participated in the research and we will share the report once it is finalised by CLG.
- BIS Local have asked our LEP to coordinate information for a Rural Economic Growth report and to prioritise infrastructure projects for our area. We have explained that this will need to be an indicative list, based on pre-existing work around the partnership.
- Work is underway to create papers for the next LEP Board meeting, including an updated version of the Business Plan.

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National News

LEP coverage

- News of the Enterprise Zone announcement was covered in a wide variety of media outlets including BBC Look East, [LGC](#), [Cambridge News](#), BBC Radio 5 Live, [Peterborough Today](#), [Cambridge First](#), [Lynn News](#), [Norwich Evening News](#), [Cambridge Business Media](#), [BBC Online](#) and the [Hunts Post](#). A number of enquiries have been generated following the announcement.
- Further coverage of the LEP's Start Up fund has been found in the [Hunts Post](#).
- East Cambridgeshire Councillor Tom Kerby has created a petition calling for Newmarket to become part of Cambridgeshire – the LEP was name checked within [the article](#).

Other news

- Peterborough has bid, supported by Neville Reyner CBE DL as Chair of the LEP, to become home to the national [Green Investment Bank HQ](#). If the bid was successful it would create 100 jobs.

Forthcoming events

Future meetings

- Representatives from the Eastern side of England will meet for the first time for a LEP meeting in Histon on Monday 22nd August to share best practice and knowledge.

Next Board meeting

- The next LEP Board meeting will take place on 15th September 2011.