

Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP Update	National News
<p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An announcement on both the Start Up Fund bid and Enterprise Zone submission have been delayed by Government. No date has been given for the EZ announcement as yet. The Start Up Fund announcement could be made within the next two weeks. <p>Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gordon Marsden meeting – Neville Reyner CBE DL, Alex Plant and Laura Halstead met with the Shadow Business Minister, Gordon Marsden, to brief him on the progress of our LEP and highlight the challenges we felt LEPs faced. - Opportunity Peterborough Bondholders lunch – Neville presented an introduction to the LEP to around 200 business people at the OP Bondholders lunch last week, and spent time (along with Neil and Laura) networking with local businesses afterwards. - BIS Meeting – Michael Mealing from the FSB attended a BIS meeting about the future of Business Support. - House Builders Federation (HBF) – Neville met with James Stevens and Simon Butler-Finbow from the HBF to discuss linkages with the LEP. <p>Board meeting feedback</p> <p>The LEP Board met on Monday 18th July at Bishop’s Lynn House, Tuesday Market Place, King’s Lynn. The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The direction of travel for the Business Plan and the Legal Entity papers, and requested more work is carried out - To set up a Science, Innovation and Skills Sub-group, and to review the need for other groups alongside the development of the Business Plan - To work further with UKTI to create an MOU - To continue to engage with the Environment Agency on growth and business related issues - To continue working with the Technology Strategy Board (TSB) to seek ways for the LEP team to create stronger linkages between the organisations, including promoting funding opportunities via the LEP website. <p>You can view the Board papers here: http://www.yourlocalenterprisepartnership.co.uk/board-meetings</p> <p>Contact us: info@yourlocalenterprisepartnership.co.uk</p>	<p>LEP coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark Prisk has announced that LEPs cover ‘almost all of England’ following the approval of the Dorset LEP (covering Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Councils). <p>Minister for Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greg Clarke has been asked by the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to take on the role of Minister of Cities in addition to his current responsibilities. - The new role will act as “a champion for the economic, social and environmental role of cities”, and “be the first point of contact in understanding the challenges and opportunities for cities in creating growth and prosperity”. - A Ministerial Group on Cities has also been created, which will be chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister.
	<p>Forthcoming events</p> <p>Historic Towns Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 28th July the Historic Towns Forum will be hosting a seminar focussing on LEPs relationships with Market Towns in Bury St Edmunds. Alex Plant is amongst the speakers, and you can find out more by visiting: http://www.historictownsforum.org/bury11 <p>Next Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next LEP Board meeting will take place on 15th September 2011. <p>Start Up Fund announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due soon...