

TravelGreater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP Update – w/e 16th September 2011

Funding

- ND is following up Local Authority offers of funding.
- BIS Start Up Funding forms have been officially signed and the money should be sent across shortly.
- BIS have also announced there will be a Round 2 of Capacity Funding, more news on this as we receive it.

Meetings

- The LEP Board met at Duxford Imperial War Museum on Thursday 15th September. The key outcomes of the meeting were as follows:
 - Agreement to recruit a small core team, but more work needed on the detail
 - Agreement that GCGP LEP should be a company limited by guarantee
 - Agreement sub-groups should be created (but not all at once), starting with the CleanTech sub-group proposal
 - Agreement another LEP Summit should be held, and LH should start work on this
 - BIS Local are following up a small number of infrastructure priority projects following the submission of our long list
 - Further work around European Funding needs to take place, and will be included on the next agenda
 - UKTI Memorandum of Understanding was agreed
- ND and Libby Kingsley from Rutland County Council attended the East Midlands Council event
- NR spoke at the first LEP Network event in London
- LH attended a Special European Officer's Group with BIS to discuss future of structural funds at Eastbrook
- AP and NR met with SQW to discuss previous work they have carried out in the local area
- LH attended the [MENTA Trade Fair](#)/ Launch of the Bury St Edmunds Business Festival

Other work

- A recruitment strategy is being created and job descriptions finalised to allow the swift recruitment of Core Team Members.

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National News

News

- [RDA staff transfer](#) to the Homes and Communities Agency to deliver Economic Assets programme
- [Cambridge Online survey reveals](#) that 42% of technology companies grew their sales by 10% or more during 2009/10, and 64% of respondents thought LEPs will be more effective than RDAs.
- Cambridge University say that [demand is 'higher than ever'](#) for computer science students.
- [Alconbury open day](#) attracts many visitors.

Forthcoming events

Future meetings

- AP and NR will be attending the Alconbury Design Day on 23rd September.
- ND will be attending the Domino consultation day on 23rd September.
- NR will also be speaking at the West Suffolk Chambers event in Bury St Edmunds on 23rd September.
- LH will be attending the BIS Automotive Group meeting on 29th September.
- NR will be speaking at the Two LEPs – One Meeting – Your Business event in King's Lynn on 26th September.

Other events

- [Peterborough Skills Summit](#) will be taking place on 5th October.

Next Board meeting

- The next LEP Board meeting will take place on 13th October 2011.