

Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP Update – w/e 2nd September 2011

Funding

- Capacity Funding – we have kicked off the first bit of work using some of the Capacity Funding we were awarded by Government. We are building on the existing Peterborough Model to map our LEP-wide infrastructure position and to draw together the existing evidence bases across the LEP.

Meetings

- Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities and Local Government, visited Cambridge and Alconbury on Friday to find out more about our LEP and our Enterprise Zone. More here.
- Alex Plant (AP) and Laura Halstead (LH) met with representatives from LEPs based within the Eastern side of England to share best practice & knowledge. It was agreed that these meetings would continue on a quarterly basis.
- Neville Reyner CBE DL (NR) met with representatives from Barclays Bank to talk about how they could work in partnership with the LEP.
- NR met Andrew Thomson from ACER, Susanne Stent, Principle of Huntingdon Regional College and Anne Constantine from Cambridge Regional College to discuss the links between Education and Skills provision within our LEP area. All parties agreed to get involved in future LEP work around skills.
- Julian Bowrey from CLG met with AP and LH to discuss the LEP and find out more about Alconbury Enterprise Zone.

Other work

- We are planning a Summit event for early November. An event proposal and draft agenda will go to the LEP Board on 15th September for consideration. Funding for the event has been secured through BusinessLink.
- We will also be supporting BusinessLink sponsored events run by Cambridgeshire County Council throughout October.
- We are working with a local design agency to create a new logo for the LEP – more news of this as it develops. The agency has kindly agreed to carry out this work for free for us.
- We have been working with BIS Local to supply information about our infrastructure priorities and rural events.

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National News

News

- Cambridge University has been [voted the best University in the world](#) by QS World University Rankings.
- [Autonomy is being sold to HP](#) for \$11.7 billion (£7.1 billion).

Forthcoming events

Future meetings

- Neil Darwin and Libby Kingsley (from Rutland County Council) will be attending the East Midlands Council LEP meeting on 12th September.
- LH will be attending the European Officers Group meeting with BIS on 14th September.
- On 15th September the first LEP Network event will be held in London. NR will be speaking at the event as well as representing our LEP.

Next Board meeting

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

