Monday 21st June 2021, 09:00 to 10:30

Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

**MEETING MINUTES**

| Attendees | | |
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| Andy Sparks – Federation of Essex Colleges (FEDEC)  Lara Fox – Objective IT  Richard Davidson – Willmott Dixon Construction  Eman Martin-Vignerte – Bosch  Kirstie Cochrane – University of Essex  Fiona Bodle – ARU  David Rayner – Birkett Long LLP  Trevor Scott – Simarco Worldwide Logistics |  | Cllr Tony Ball – Essex CC  Cllr Lesley Wagland - Essex CC  Cllr Marie Goldman – Chelmsford DC  Cllr Graham Butland – Braintree DC  Chris Brodie – SELEP  Claudia McKibbin – ECC Secretariat  Rob Willis – ECC Secretariat  Andrew Burgess – ECC Secretariat  Daphne White – ECC  Sam Kennedy – ECC |

| **Item** | **Subject** |
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| **Welcome**   * Updates on Register of Interests | Apologies:   * Miles Adcock – Teledyne e2v * Lindsey Hayward – Konica Minolta * Steve Evison – ECC Secretariat * Cllr John Lodge – Uttlesford DC * Claire Lewis – Visteon   This meeting was recorded.  **Register of Interests:**   * Andy breaking ground on the new Chelmsford College Construction Centre – a recipient of the SELEP GPF award * Cllr Marie Goldman has been elected as a Cabinet Member of Essex County Council |
| **Minutes of Last Meeting** | Approved. |
| **LEP Review**  Update | Future of LEPs still uncertain, but indications are that it is an evolution of LEPs: they will continue to have an important role. and provide a voice for voice businesses, Local Authorities, Education sector etc. More information should come soon.  Critical to continue to work on innovation as focus of LEPs.  It is a complex issue to decide future of LEPs. The LEP network are working to maintain the momentum of the LEP review.  Hope to report back with progress soon.  **ACTION**: Secretariat to send summary of the SELEP Strategic Board papers to wider board, not just to Strategic Board Reps. |
| **Climate Change Commission**  Engage with the board on the Climate Change Commission interim report | **ACTION**: Launch Event for final report on 20th July, invites to be sent out to Board  Part of PECAN group: Network of districts, counties / areas which are working together and sharing experiences  Political buy-in is strong – Leader in opening speech stressed that Climate Action is a priority for administration  ECC is actively working with neighbouring authorities to ensure the same level of buy-in to Climate Action goals  Already seeing large consumer shift and consumer power, for example rise in veganism in young people, increase demand in solar panels for homes  Importance of involving Trading Standards to ensure customers are well informed |
| **Green Innovation Network and Sector Development Interim Report**  Strategic project development as a way forward for identifying, scoping and delivering strategic project proposals for funding | **ACTION**: Feedback from board to be sent directly to Daphne, as well as request for access to shared Teams space  Important for Board to think ‘collectively on all of these’ different aspects specifically on Board’s role in championing its priorities e.g. hydrogen development |
| **Available Funding Stream**  SELEP, Innovate UK, including how funding streams can be accessed, eligibility criteria. Etc. | **ACTION**: Board to feedback directly to presenters  Difficulty due to lots of different funding pots available without clarity on accessibility and criteria  Young innovators unclear on the funds available to them – link on these funds provided below:  <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/935/overview#summary>  Align funding intelligence to fund criteria/process where Board can monitor opportunities, especially as regards to revenue programmes which can target change in behaviour  The aforementioned topics of Climate and Sector Development will need to focus on changing “hearts and minds”.  Can funding opportunities be combined to increased impact? Unfortunately, central government does not approve of funding pots being used in conjunction with others |
| **AOB**  Cllr John Lodge, SEB rep replacement request | **ACTION**: Persistent non-attendees, rules of substitutions to be discussed by Secretariat, Miles, Claire and David  **ACTION**: Leaders to decide on District representative replacement  Next board meeting: 27th September at 17:30  Next Business Members Workshop meeting: 2nd August at 09:00 |
| **Meeting Close** | 19:30 |