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# **A Local Perspective**

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**Greater Lincolnshire LEP**

# (Greater) Lincolnshire food sector

- Major food production
- High quality agricultural land
- Quality local food
- Food sector charter: promotion planning



# Greater Lincolnshire LEP

- Humber to Wash and permeable boundaries
- Fish, snacks, greens
- Lincolnshire Forum for Agriculture/Horticulture
- Strategy, EAFRD, FRN, Market development



# Agri – Food strategy

- Engaging employers – critical mass
- skills
- 25 year water plan
- Economic case for transport infrastructure
- Exports and investment



# Ways of doing this



- HE/FE links
- Strategic programming of council funding
- Government relationship (LEP+)
- Grant influencing (EAFRD)
- Great applications (ERDF, SLGF, ESF)

# Fresh Perspectives

- The Investor
- The senior manager/technician
- The academic
- The supply chain

..... Why come to Greater Lincolnshire?





# ... because it's a centre of Excellence

- Active employer forum
- Skills provision – levels + locations
- Water technology school, reservoirs, win win
- Steps for stronger infrastructure
- Technology Centre, adaptable products

