

LEP Endorsement Register (September 2017 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date requested	Notes	Endorsement
Force for Good	Dale Edwards Somerset Chamber of Commerce	4 Jan 2017	<p>Education Business partnership initiative for Somerset to bid to HPC Community Impact Mitigation Fund.</p> <p>To develop an Education Business Partnership which will provide a 'wrap around' service to make sense of the various Careers Advice and Guidance provision available: -</p> <p>act as a 'one stop shop' for businesses and education wanting to contact each other, but not sure how best to do so</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a vehicle for promotion of business/education activity and events • facilitate the dialogue and interaction between careers advice and guidance providers, businesses and education, to ensure the maximum benefit for the young people/adults and their influencers who are seeking to enhance their understanding of, and access to appropriate career pathways. 	Endorsement sent
Mayflower 400 National Trail Programme	Mike Page Funding Strategy and Partnership Officer Economic Development Plymouth City Council	March 2017	2020 is the 400 th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage, a seminal journey and symbolic moment in the shared history of Britain, the Netherlands and the US. The National Mayflower Trail Programme connects 11 destinations across England to commemorate this anniversary.	Endorsement sent
Local Highways Challenge Fund	Adam Luscombe Torbay Council	March 2017	A361 ref proposed investment in the main north-south coastal route in Torbay, linking the three centres of Torquay, Paignton and Brixham, complementary to the improvement of the Western Corridor, part funded through Growth Deal,	Endorsement sent

			and the recent completion of the A380 South Devon Highway, which created a dual carriageway link between Torbay and the national motorway network at Exeter	
Local Highways Challenge Fund	Stuart Jarvis Devon County Council	March 2017	The focus of this bid places is for comprehensive repair of the first section of the A361 North Devon Link road, between its junction with the M5 motorway and Tiverton, with the adoption of low noise surfacing in the vicinity of the urban extension at Tiverton, and replacement/ upgrading of the carriageway drainage. These works would be complementary to the proposed works, including an additional junction, to support economic growth at Tiverton.	Endorsement sent
Local Highways Challenge Fund	Sally Farley Strategic Transport Manager Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Plymouth City Council	March 2017	The focus of this is on the comprehensive repair of the A386 Tavistock Road, at Derriford on the Plymouth Northern Corridor. We understand that the proposed works involve replacement of the worn-out carriageway on this important part of the city's major network. This works would be complementary to the major improvement at the Derriford roundabout and the junction with William Prance Road, which has funding from the first Growth Deal.	Endorsement sent
Round 2 Discover England Fund	Esther Pearson South West Coastal Path	April 2017	Marketing Peak District & Derbyshire are working with the South West Coast Path Team, National Trails Partners and Natural England in partnership on a round 2 (large scale) Discover England Fund bid. This bid focuses on investment of £1m to develop an innovative walking holiday concept - and aims to establish rural and coastal England as a world-class walking tourism destination.	Endorsement sent
Round 2 Discover England Fund	England's National Parks Kevin Bishop Dartmoor National Park	April 2017	To help develop our international appeal by creating high quality visitor experiences in England's 10 National Parks. The working title of the project is "Make great memories in England's National Parks and Countryside".	Endorsement sent

			All 10 English National Parks are supporting the development of the business bid	
Round 2 Discover England Fund	Amanda Lumley Destination Plymouth	April 2017	<p>On behalf of up to ten destination partners nationally for an international product development programme aimed at the US market titled 'American Connections'.</p> <p>The partners who have expressed intent include Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Southampton, Hampshire, Kent, Essex, Visit East Anglia, Nottingham, Lincoln and possibly Liverpool and the grant application we are making is valued at circa £1.2 million to be spent in the financial year 2017 to 2019.</p>	Endorsement sent
Round 2 Discover England Fund	Lindsay Smith Employee Engagement Officer National Coastal Tourism Academy	April 2017	<p>The project focuses on England's coast.</p> <p>This is a product development initiative that will focus on a few key stretches of the coast that we believe align to the target market needs and suggested product themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project will run from July 2017 to March 2019 • Project fund is £1 million plus £200k cash match and £200k in kind match. (We have already secured the match funding) <p>We currently have Torbay, Teignbridge and the Jurassic coast committed to being involved in the project.</p>	Endorsement sent
Degree Apprenticeship Development Fund (DADF) bid.	Dr Claire Gray SFHEA Partnerships Development Co-coordinator Academic Partnerships University of Plymouth	June 2017	<p>Plymouth University is working on apprenticeship development, in collaboration with our network of regional colleges, commercial delivery partners and regional business.</p> <p>To support this, work, we are submitting a Degree Apprenticeship Development Fund (DADF) bid. A key focus of the project is how does the University, along with its partners, develop a more effective pipeline of aggregated employer apprenticeship demand data (for both large business and SMEs) to focus our</p>	Endorsement sent

			work on current and emerging demand. We are also working on how to fill gaps where demand exists but current HE provision does not cover this. We aim to build on existing relationships with individual employers and employer groups; as well as established communication channels.	
Application to the Community Impact Mitigation Fund: Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce “Supply the Supplier”	Steve Leahy Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce	June 2017	Engaging & Enhancing a business support network by forming a SME & Micro business brokerage.	Endorsement sent
National Productivity Investment Fund	David Black Devon County Council	June 2017	<p>The Exeter Eastern Corridor Package is complementary to the transport improvements on the eastern side of Exeter including the M5 Junction 29 interchange, Redhayes pedestrian/ cycle bridge and the Tithebarn Link, key elements of the comprehensive strategy to support the major developments east of Exeter including Cranbrook new community, Skypark and the Exeter Science Park.</p> <p>The Sherford Main Street scheme is complementary to the transport improvement at the A38/ Deep Lane junction which has recently been delivered through the Growth Deal funding. Together these projects are key components of the strategy for ensuring that the major new community of Sherford, east of Plymouth, can be delivered to its full scale of 5,500 homes and 83,000 sq. m of employment space.</p>	<p>Endorsement sent</p> <p>Endorsement sent</p>
National Productivity Investment Fund	Philip Heseltine Plymouth City Council	June 2017	The Forder Valley Interchange scheme is complementary to the Forder Valley Link Road major scheme which is already being delivered through the Growth Deal. Taken together, these projects will support the major housing, employment and retail growth planned for the Plymouth Northern Corridor.	Endorsement sent

			<p>The Morlaix Drive scheme is complementary to the transport improvements on the Plymouth Northern Corridor which are already being delivered through the Growth Deal, including the Derriford Transport Scheme and Derriford Hospital Interchange. Taken together these projects will support the major housing, employment and retail growth planned for the Northern Corridor, whilst supporting growth in non-car travel, particularly increased bus patronage.</p>	Endorsement sent
National Productivity Investment Fund	Mike O'Dowd Jones Somerset County Council	June 2017	<p>The M5 Junction 25 Pedestrian and Cycle bridge scheme is complementary to the major scheme for increasing the highway capacity at Junction 25 which is already being delivered through the Growth Deal. That scheme, which has also achieved support from Highways England, will provide direct vehicular access to the Nexus 25 Strategic Employment Site. The Pedestrian and Cycle bridge will provide a sustainable transport access directly into the Nexus 25 development & also more broadly remove the barrier to walking and cycling which is imposed by the M5 motorway.</p> <p>The Urban Traffic Control Modernisation scheme is complementary to the transport improvements in Taunton, Yeovil and Bridgwater which are already being delivered through the Growth Deal. While those schemes increase junction capacity at specific locations to facilitate growth in jobs and housing this project will ensure that capacity across the network of these key settlements is being used with greatest efficiency, to minimise congestion and to reduce air pollution.</p>	<p>Endorsement sent</p> <p>Endorsement sent</p>
Consultancy Support to Dept. of Transport	David Mitchell Technical Lead: Projects and Studies Highways and Transport Commissioning Somerset County Council	June 2017	<p>To support an expression of interest submission by Somerset County Council to the Department for Transport (DfT) for consultancy support of up to 30 days to prepare cycling and walking infrastructure plans for Taunton, Bridgwater and Yeovil. There is no financial or resource commitment being requested from the LEP.</p>	Endorsement sent

South Coast Marine Cluster – Connecting Capabilities	Adrian Dawson Head of GAIN Partnerships and Projects Research & Innovation, University of Plymouth	June 2017	<p>A bid to establish a single coordinated and coherent platform for the South Coast Marine Cluster. Marine has been identified not only as an area of Smart Specialisation in HotSW LEP but also as a Transformational Opportunity within our Strategic Economic Plan.</p> <p>This project, which will create a support network across a multi-LEP geography will create a single, easy-access contact point working together and enhancing a wealth of assets across the South Coast. It will support and enhance the innovation activity of our businesses and create more R&D collaborations.</p>	Endorsement sent
Heathrow Logistics Hub	Somerset County Council	July 2017	<p>Somerset are submitting an EOI to provide a location for a regional logistics hub serving the Heathrow expansion. These sites are perfectly located and equipped to host a regional logistics hub for this vital national project. Alongside other major projects in our area (such as Hinkley Point nuclear new build and the creation of a new expressway to the South West), this represents a transformational opportunity to boost skills, productivity and create a wider economic legacy – all major priorities in our Strategic Economic Plan.</p>	Endorsement sent
Network Rail	Jaime Rockhill Strategic Planner – Wessex Network Rail	August 2017	<p>As part of their gearing up for the next rail control period (2019 - 2024) Network Rail are starting to work on the development of projects to be implemented then. In the same way as they have "unblocked" the key approach to Paddington by the Reading station and flyover works they have identified the benefit of a flyover at Woking on the approach route to Waterloo.</p> <p>They are seeking the support of stakeholders for their bid to government for development funding. It is in our interests to support as the flyover will help improve the reliability of services on the Waterloo to Exeter route, and also</p>	Letter of support sent

			potentially help achieve journey time reductions with a different timetable pattern.	
Devon One Public Estate	Tom Dodd Devon County Council	August 2017	EOI for second programme, the DCLG Land Release Programme, which is a £45m capital pot to support the release LA-owned land for housing development.	Supporting statement given
INTERREG BCHT project	Andrew BELL Biosphere Coordinator North Devon Biosphere	August 2017	seeking the support from the LEP for the Interreg Funded project working with the other 3 UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in the Channel Region. The project is led by Devon County Council with partners from each of the Biosphere Reserves and University of Exeter providing academic leadership.	Endorsement sent
Interreg bid	Bev Hurley YKTO	August 2017	Accelerating Women's Enterprise (AWE) is a proposed project to help support disadvantaged women into enterprise, and to increase the sustainability of struggling early stage women-owned businesses. This project is needed to address the gender imbalance in enterprise start-up in the cross channel region, the lack of support tailored for women furthest from the labour market, and increase the number of women owned businesses; and, by improving their survival rate, create more jobs. It has received first stage approval from Interreg, an EU funding stream, and the partners are now working on the final submission ready for early October.	Endorsement sent
The Market Hall, Devonport, Plymouth ERDF PA3 Bid	Lindsay Hall Real Ideas Organisation	Sept 2017	To create new enterprise and incubation space, alongside related business support, at the Market Hall in Devonport, Plymouth.	Endorsement sent

<p>Plymouth University's bid to the HoTSW PA 1 call</p>	<p>Adrian Dawson Head of GAIN Partnerships & Projects Research & Innovation University of Plymouth</p>	<p>Sept 2017</p>	<p>EOI for the "Immerse" project The immerse project will create a new and unique resource in the region to support businesses in Devon. Operating out of the University of Plymouth, the immerse project will provide access to a range of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies. When coupled to the existing numerical modelling and high performance computing (HPC) resources of the University, the project will develop high quality, virtual reality environments (VREs) for its SME beneficiaries that showcase their ideas, future products, or services.</p>	<p>Endorsement sent</p>
<p>Oceansgate Phase 2 ERDF PA3 Bid</p>	<p>Anna Peachey Oceansgate Programme Manager Economic Development Plymouth City Council</p>	<p>Sept 2017</p>	<p>To create new enterprise and incubation space, alongside related business support, at the Oceansgate Enterprise Zone in Plymouth.</p>	<p>Endorsement sent</p>