

## LEP Endorsement Register (January 2018 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date requested	Notes	Endorsement
Taunton Deane & West Somerset District Council Merger	Penny James CEO of Taunton Deane	Jan 2018	From DCLG – a period until 19 Jan 2018 to make further representation to Secretary of State for any modification to original proposal. Penny James requested a letter of support from the LEP, but we have been asked by all our authorities not to comment on democratic representation agendas impacting on any individual authority as we are not a democratic body as such nor a statutory body or consultee, but agreed to send a note to Sajid Javid to explain as above. Please do not infer from this that we don't support this proposal; simply that our legitimate interest is in LEP wide organisation rather than changes to local democratic arrangements.	Email explanation sent
Bristol Nucleate Project	Corinne Matthews for Prof David Knowles Director of SW Nuclear Hub		<p>UOB have asked for a letter of support for their Nucleate project which is being submitted to WECA for one of their funding pots.</p> <p>One being provided from NSW - signed by Matt Burley, but given relationship with NSW, LEP to provide one, as well as GFirst.</p> <p>Corinne will be asking Jamie (who is writing the bid) to reference within the business plan the links that Nucleate will have with other innovation hubs – such as the SEIC.</p>	Letter of endorsement sent