

Heart of SW LEP CIC Board meeting

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Purpose of the report

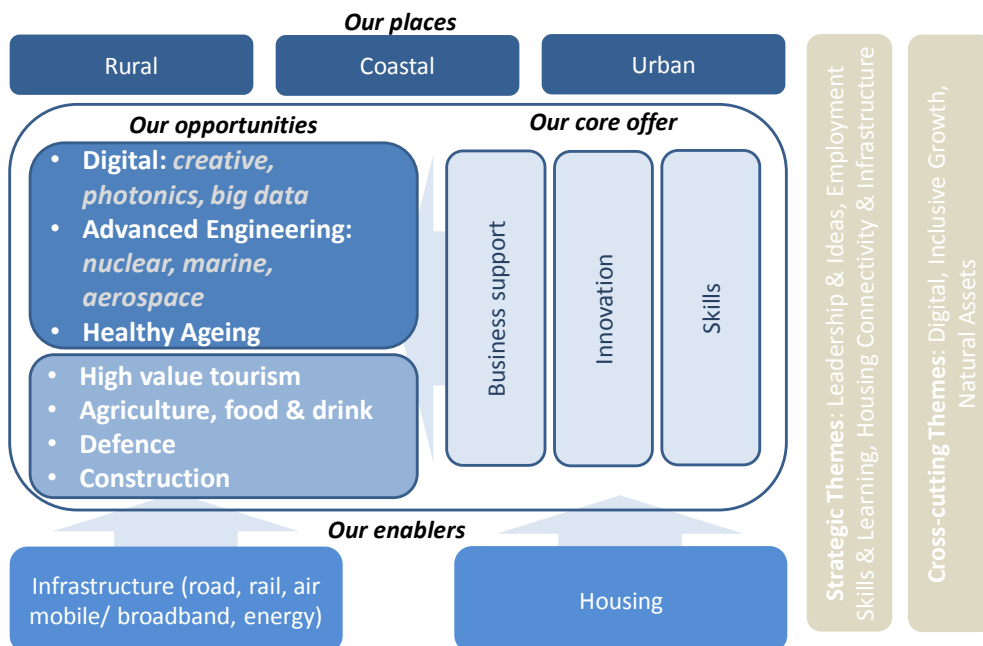
To update the Board on progress in the Productivity Strategy’s delivery plan and to highlight potential implications for the LEP.

Recommendations

That the LEP Board notes the progress in the delivery plan and agrees the approach and milestones.

Background

The May Board discussed the delivery approach for the Productivity Strategy and agreed an approach focussed around the particular opportunities across the HotSW area. Each of the opportunities have strong place dimensions and require combinations of business support, skills, innovation and other interventions to realise their potential. Alongside the opportunities a core offer targets all businesses and places in the areas and all this is underpinned by the need to deliver the area’s infrastructure and housing challenges.



Milestones

A high-level timeline is shown below; task and finish groups are now developing the substance of the opportunities and more delivery-specific milestones will come from that work. Local authority colleagues are working on the partnership's infrastructure and housing challenges. As previously noted, different opportunities are at different stages of development so whilst some are being worked up relatively quickly, others will require a longer timeline. A key staging point therefore, though not the end of the process, is the 2019 budget and a phase 1 delivery plan is targeted for that, with a later iteration to bring in the remaining opportunities.

Two 'products' are therefore being developed for the autumn; a delivery plan which will set out the potential for each opportunity and what is needed to realise that, and a communications piece, targeted at MPs and other key stakeholders and comparable to Cornwall & Isles of Scilly's well-received "10 Opportunities" document. Each opportunity's delivery plan will have a one-page summary, a draft of one of which will be circulated at the Board along with a mock-up of what the comms piece could look like:

July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP Board and Joint Committee
Summer 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T&F groups developing content
18 th Sept/ 5 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP Board/ Joint Committee review of first phase delivery plan
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First phase of delivery plan complete. At this stage this is likely to cover Digital (photonics); Advanced Engineering (marine; nuclear); High-value Tourism; Agriculture, food & drink. • Healthy ageing, Defence and Digital (creative) will definitely come in the second phase. Big data and construction may make the autumn
Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westminster engagement ahead of Budget 2019 • Wider engagement to refine ahead of second phase
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring: second phase delivery plan complete targeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2019 Comprehensive Spending Review - UK Shared Prosperity Fund (late 2019)

A wide range of partners are leading on the T&F work which where possible draws on existing groups. Where a new group is being established, it is expected that as a minimum it will have representatives from business, innovation, skills, local authority and the LEP. Note that more work is being undertaken on the Defence opportunity to understand its scope before a lead is agreed.

<u>Opportunity</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Opportunity</u>	<u>Lead</u>
Digital (creative)	University of Plymouth	Healthy Ageing	UoP & UoE
Digital (big data)	University of Exeter	<i>Defence</i>	<i>TBC</i>
Digital (photonics)	TDA	Agriculture, food & drink	GSW
Adv Engineering (marine)	South Coast Marine Cluster	High-value Tourism	GSW
Adv Engineering (nuclear)	Nuclear SW	Construction	TDA/LEP
Adv Engineering (aerospace)	iAero		

Engagement

The LEP hosted two LEP conversations in Somerset and Devon in July, through which over 40 businesses have contributed to the content of the opportunities. In addition, Richard Stevens is meeting the business representative organisations (date TBC at the time of writing) to enable them to also input to the actions needed. The LEP will work with the Joint Committee PMO to develop further engagement through the summer and autumn as the work progresses.