

AGM – speech – Steve Hindley, Chair

Within the Heart of the South West, we've made great progress this year and we're reaching forward with our plans for a Local Industrial Strategy to deliver the productivity boost that we need.

This will build upon the robust evidence base we have and the Productivity Strategy we created with our partners in the Joint Committee.

Following a nationwide LEP review, the role of LEPs in general have been strengthened by Government this year.

Much of what we have achieved has resulted from the strong partnerships we have created through the public and private sectors working together.

This has clearly impressed decision makers in Westminster and Whitehall who have awarded us with many new “designations” this year, based on our past performance and our potential.

A key coup was being named as one of the six areas in the second wave of the Local Industrial Strategies, which will help us get the investment and strategic support that we need to generate transformational high value growth.

Our achievements have been set out in our Annual Report which is on our website published together with our progress report.

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