

LEP Endorsement Register (Nov 2019 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date requested	Notes	Endorsement
Expanding Excellence in England (E3) Research fund	Adrian Dawson Director of Research and Innovation	Jan 2019	Mayflower Centre for Offshore Renewable Energy (MCORE). the project directly delivers to the marine opportunity in the Productivity Strategy which recognises the potential of the offshore renewables sector to create high value jobs for our area. We understand that the University will be building on its cutting-edge research and leadership in coastal and ocean engineering to continue to extend its research and knowledge exchange to have a direct influence and benefit to off shore renewable energy, engineering, including materials and structures, marine autonomous systems and robotics, marine cybersecurity, power systems integration and data analytics.	Letter of endorsement sent
HIF	Mike O'Dowd Jones Strategic Commissioning Officer – Highways & Transport Somerset County Council	Feb 2019	Housing Infrastructure Fund Forward Funding Business Case for Hinkley Housing Zone/Taunton Garden Town	Letter of endorsement sent
South West Centre of Excellence in Satellite Applications (SWCoESA), Phase 2	Amie Fulton Head of Innovation, Impact and Business (Cornwall) University of Exeter	Feb 2019	The South West is home to a globally significant aerospace sector, stretching from Filton (north of Bristol) to Goonhilly (at the tip of the Cornish peninsular). The HotSW LEP is strategically placed at the heart of this cluster and host to critical aerospace companies such as Leonardo, Centrax, Eaton and aerostanrew, amongst others.	Letter of endorsement sent

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) funding for fibre connection	Amanda Ratsey	March 2019	requested by Plymouth City Council who have joined together with South Hams and West Devon Councils, NEW Devon CCG Western Locality, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust. The bid will provide full fibre connections to over 200 public sector buildings across Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon, with a particular focus on council buildings and GP surgeries in Plymouth, bringing significantly faster services which in turn will improve productivity, as well as providing much needed bandwidth and good quality connections to support patient consultations, particularly in rural areas.	Endorsement sent																																													
Future High Streets Funding	Various	March 2019	<p>EOIs received from various District Council, towns.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="824 571 1915 1212"> <thead> <tr> <th>Bidding Authority</th> <th>Contact</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>East Devon</td> <td>Richard Cohen</td> <td>Axminster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exeter City Council</td> <td>Victoria Hatfield</td> <td>Exeter Hig</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mendip</td> <td>Jenny Pitcher</td> <td>Shepton M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mid Devon</td> <td>Jenny Clifford</td> <td>Tiverton T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Devon</td> <td>Sally Nelson</td> <td>Barnstaple</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plymouth</td> <td>Amanda Ratsey</td> <td>Plymouth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sedgemoor</td> <td>Samuel Harper</td> <td>Bridgwate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Hams</td> <td>Tom Jones</td> <td>Ivybridge T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Somerset</td> <td>Ian Timms</td> <td>Yeovil Tow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Taunton Deane</td> <td>Mark Wathen</td> <td>Taunton T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teignbridge</td> <td>Tom Butcher</td> <td>Newton A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torbay</td> <td>Pat Steward</td> <td>Paignton T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torridge</td> <td>Sean Kearney</td> <td>Bideford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Devon</td> <td>Caroline Ellis</td> <td>Okehampt</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Bidding Authority	Contact		East Devon	Richard Cohen	Axminster	Exeter City Council	Victoria Hatfield	Exeter Hig	Mendip	Jenny Pitcher	Shepton M	Mid Devon	Jenny Clifford	Tiverton T	North Devon	Sally Nelson	Barnstaple	Plymouth	Amanda Ratsey	Plymouth	Sedgemoor	Samuel Harper	Bridgwate	South Hams	Tom Jones	Ivybridge T	South Somerset	Ian Timms	Yeovil Tow	Taunton Deane	Mark Wathen	Taunton T	Teignbridge	Tom Butcher	Newton A	Torbay	Pat Steward	Paignton T	Torridge	Sean Kearney	Bideford	West Devon	Caroline Ellis	Okehampt	Endorsements sent
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<p>RED Fund call for University Enterprise Zones Plymouth Health Tech and Innovation University Enterprise Zone</p>	<p>Adrian Dawson Director of Research and Innovation</p>	<p>April 2019</p>	<p>Research England have made a total of £10 million available to support a high quality portfolio of projects that advance the Government's UEZ programme, contribute to successful university delivery of business incubation and further good practice. To create a University Enterprise Zone as the focal point for the interaction between the world class research in the University, the University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust, and businesses able to exploit this research in the creation of innovative new products and services. Over the past three years the University has spun out three high value companies to commercially exploit intellectual property arising from its life-sciences research, and the UEZ would provide a specialist incubation environment for these and future spin outs as well as wider start up enterprises. The focus is on supporting the establishment and scale up of a few very high quality, high potential health tech and innovation companies with the potential to rapidly reach scale and secure investment. This potential is demonstrated by the success of the three spin out companies in this area:</p>	<p>Endorsement sent</p>
<p>RED Fund call for University Enterprise Zones Exeter University Enterprise Zone</p>	<p>Ben Nield Senior Impact & Development Manager</p>	<p>April 2019</p>	<p>The University of Exeter Enterprise Zone will create a community of entrepreneurs, innovators, start-up and early-stage growth enterprises of sufficient scale to generate the vortex effect required for long-term sustainability and success. It will addresses poor regional productivity and low business start-up rates by delivering a step-change in the incubation facilities and incubation support offered on Exeter Science Park, at the edge of the South West's fastest growing city and knowledge economy. It builds on academic and industrial strengths that are reflected in regional productivity and industrial strategies focused on developing Greater Exeter as an international centre for environmental, digital and data science. It fills a gap in the current innovation ecosystem, enhancing the University of Exeter's offer to match the best-in-brand offer delivered by other SETSquared universities, recognised as the 'Global No. 1' incubation offer.</p>	<p>Endorsement sent</p>
<p>Not Equal Network Research Funding for Exeter University</p>	<p>Prof Hywel T P Williams</p>	<p>April 2019</p>	<p>The research will further support two of three of the Heart of the South West LEP's Productivity Strategy cross cutting themes of 'Inclusive growth for our people, communities and places' and 'Maximising the potential from digital technology'. The findings of the research will test the 'perceived known's' of digital inclusion across the</p>	<p>Endorsement sent</p>

			<p>region and this information will enable us to tailor delivery and services as per the LEP's Productivity Strategy's aims:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across our geography - Our cities, urban, rural and coastal areas all contribute to our economy. We recognise that productivity growth is currently uneven within the HotSW area. We want to unleash the potential of all our places. • For everyone – We want to maximise every individual's potential to contribute to, and benefit from, our economic success. 	
Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down	Planning inspectorate	May 2019	This response relates to the Written Questions G.1.3/ G.1.4 (Need for the scheme and conformity with NPSNN); Socio- Economic Impact SE.1.11 (Socio – Economic Effects); Transport Assessment Tr.1.11/ Tr.1.17 (Standard and capacity of the proposals)	Support letter sent
University of Exeter NERC Digital Environments	Beccy Mitchell	May 2019	To fund a small feasibility study that would help look at the possibility of developing a digital twin for the South West which would bring together all sorts of environment data with other types of data to support decision makers. The hope is to use the feasibility study to highlight to gov't funders how much opportunity there is in the SW to support businesses to use environmental data for business decision making, not just for "green purposes".	Letter of endorsement sent
University of Exeter Business School	Chris Evans	May 2019	For funding The Future of Work Initiative (FoWI) a cross-University programme established to drive multidisciplinary and collaborative activity with partners in order to create solutions to the biggest social and technical challenges that businesses and policy makers are facing as a result of the changing nature of work in the digital and data centric era. The initiative champions an engaged research approach whereby we will co-create opportunities with local, national and international partners.	Letter of endorsement sent

University of Plymouth Research England funding	Jennifer Milligan	May 2019	The University of Plymouth (UoP) proposal will establish a specialised maritime cyber lab (Cyber-SHIP Lab) that will address the risks associated with maritime-cyber whilst also working with industry to economic and productivity gain associated in an emerging market. The maritime-cyber lab will combine maritime technology and traditional cyber-security labs thus creating a national resource for academic and industry research and support a centre of excellence in Maritime-Cyber.	Letter of endorsement sent
Plymouth City Council MRN bid	Philip Heseltine	June 2019	<i>Major Road Network Funding Bid - Plymouth MRN Phase 1 Scheme</i> proposals for improvement of the A374 and A3064 routes between the A38 expressway and Plymouth city centre.	Letter of support sent
Devon County Council MRN Bid	Dave Black	June 2019	<i>Major Road Network Funding Bid - A382 Widening, Newton Abbot</i> proposals for improvement of the A382 between Newton Abbot and the junction with the A38 trunk road at the Drumbridges junction.	Letter of support sent
TDA Heritage Action Zone	Pat Steward Town Centre Regeneration Programme Director	July 2019	This focuses on Torquay's proposed future high street of Fleet Street, the Harbour area and Torwood Street. This refocusing of the existing high street in Torquay is part of the Council's Transformation Strategy for Torbay's Town Centres. There is good strategic, political, community and business support for the proposal. Requesting £2m of Heritage Action Zone funding, match funding this at a BCR of more than 12:1. We believe that provides an excellent return on investment and will generate significant socio-economic benefits.	Letter of Endorsement sent
Torrige District Council Heritage Action Zone	Chris Fuller Economic Development Officer	July 2019	The proposals will create immense economic and social wellbeing development for the town and surrounding area, whilst seeking to create the first ever degree-level course offer in Torrige District, taking steps to address our long-term skill deprivation issues.	Letter of endorsement sent

Plymouth City Council Heritage Action Zone	Mike Page Funding Strategy and Partnership Officer Economic Development	July 2019	<p>The proposal to create a HAZ on the footprint of a City Centre Conservation Area, designation of this area will ensure that an area of major architectural and historic interest is preserved and enhanced for future generations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the creation of a comprehensive Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan; • Deliver a programme of events that will both engage the public and increase understanding of the built environment within the Conservation Area; and • Create a programme of targeted investment to improve the built environment. <p>The investment could enable the transformation of key heritage assets within the HAZ that are most in need of improvement, including: the former Civic Centre building, Civic Square, Royal Parade and the building facades along Royal Parade.</p>	Letter of endorsement sent
Western Maritime Training	Phil Davey	Aug 2019	Western Maritime Training Centre proposal to convert the ex-studio school at MarJon in Plymouth into a maritime training centre.	Letter of endorsement sent
University of Exeter Strength in Places Bid Stage 2 for Environmental Intelligence Accelerator	Beccy Mitchell	Sept 2019	<p>SIPF Bid: £30 million Lead: University of Exeter</p> <p>Partners: Universities of Exeter, Plymouth and Falmouth; Met Office; Rothamsted Research; Plymouth Marine Laboratory; South West Centre of Excellence for Satellite Applications; South West Water; Exeter City Futures; Exeter City Council; Greater Exeter Growth Board; HotSW LEP; CIOS LEP; Exeter Science Park; SETsquared; Plymouth College of Arts</p> <p>The Environmental Intelligence Accelerator builds on the south west's global strengths in Environmental Science and Digital Innovation, recognised in the 2016 Science & Innovation Audit and the Industrial Strategy; it exploits the power within data to optimise environmentally-related decision making.</p>	Letter of endorsement sent
University of Exeter	Chris Evans	Sept 2019	The Industrial Digital Technology Centre (IDTC) is a proposal that spans the Heart of the South West and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP areas which will bridge the gap between lower level TRL and commercialisations focusing on autonomous systems, manufacturing	Letter of endorsement sent

Strength in Places Bid for Industrial Digital Technology Centre			4.0, machine learning and AI by responding to the needs of industry. The Centre will bring together emerging digital technologies, such as Autonomous Systems, AI and Machine Learning, Data Science, Digital Twins and Simulation, Hybridisation and Electrification, Supply Chain Platforms as well as law and regulation, and product innovation and management. It is also encouraging that the Centre concept has attracted companies from a range of key sectors for the Heart of the South West economy: Aerospace; Defence; Manufacturing; Infrastructure; Marine; and Energy.	
GWR	Mark Hopwood Managing Director	Sept 2019	Retention of Class 143 Pacer Trains to support the proposal that Class 143s, operating in tandem with PRM-compliant trains, should be kept in use so that rail customers in Devon can be sure of a four carriage service on these busy Devon services, and there are sufficient resources available for initiatives such as the introduction of trains to Okehampton.	Letter of support sent
South West Nuclear Hub University of Bristol	Jamie Townes Industrial Engagement Manager	Sept 2019	EOI for Technology Development Pipeline for Advanced Nuclear Applications Strength in Places Fund Bid	Letter of endorsement sent
South West Floating Offshore Wind Strength in Places	Sheldon Ryan on behalf of Steve Jermy Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP	Oct 2019	To exploit the FLOW opportunity, the Great South West region and industry, led by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (CIOSLEP), is in advanced discussion with BEIS and HMT to secure the revenue and capital support mechanisms to unlock the sector, and establish Britain as a FLOW world leader.	Letter of endorsement sent
Transforming Cities Fund	Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Plymouth City Council	Nov 2019	Submitting final business case to the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund, part of (£1.2bn) Government's Industrial Strategy and Plymouth is one of 12 city regions who have been selected to take part in the programme. The funding will facilitate the delivery of a co-ordinated package of sustainable transport interventions which will drive up productivity through investment in improving intra-city connectivity. The funding is entirely capital and will enable us	under consideration

			to deliver a transformative sustainable transport programme spanning buses, trains, cycling, walking and electric vehicles, by March 2023.	
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