

Agenda item 6c - Appendix (i)

Place Leadership Group Work Programme 2020/21

Work Strand	Priorities for 2020/21	Progress to date	Next steps
Natural Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed natural capital principles across the work of the LEP • Develop with stakeholders an action plan/prospectus to focus LEP activity relating to natural capital • Relate Natural Capital agenda to Covid-19 Recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Capital Advocacy Document agreed and formally adopted by HotSW • Workshop at Somerset Local Nature Partnership conference • Natural Capital stand at HotSW AGM in conjunction with SWEPP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop approach with the Business and People Groups and LEP PMO to ensure natural capital principles are embedded across HotSW LEP programmes • Establish Task and Finish Group with key stakeholders including Local Nature Partnerships and other stakeholders to develop a strategic approach to natural capital opportunities. • Task and Finish Group development of HotSW “prospectus” for natural capital action/investment for consideration by Place Leadership Group and LEP Board in Q3 of 2020/21. Potential need for revenue provision for this work
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen engagement of energy infrastructure bodies and sector bodies in LEP activity • Develop with stakeholders a prioritised set of actions relating to energy for the LEP • Seek to address Grid and Distribution Barriers <p>The LIS also commits the LEP to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Energy use in new buildings by 2030 • Work with neighbouring LEPs on shared priorities • Become a net exporter of electricity by 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of HotSW strategic perspective, technical support and co-ordination to South West Energy Hub • Establishment of HotSW Energy Working group to further energy sector involvement to be negotiated • HoSW has had 4 successful RCEF bids - Projects comprise large scale ground mounted solar, 300 home microgrids and smaller housing trust housing development micro grid projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure energy sector expertise in future membership of Place Leadership Group • Energy working group to develop a HotSW Action Plans by Q3 of 2020/21 • In this action plan identify one or two key actions, including focus on how activity links to recovery from Covid 19

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Rural Productivity (Farming, Food & Fishing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop HotSW rural productivity priorities and partnership approach Input into development of Great South West rural economy proposition (including post Covid 19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fishing Industry Development to create a plan for sustainable fishing and work to modernise and increase productivity of the fishing industry RDPE Growth Programme providing funding for Food Processing and Farm Diversification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish rural productivity a task and finish group reporting to Place Leadership group – operational September 2020 or earlier Recruitment of Rural Opportunities Lead to support task and finish group and advise LEP on rural economy matters – post advertised July 2020 Work with neighbouring LEPs and other Great South West partners to review recommendations in SW Rural Productivity Commission report against Covid 19 Recovery Plans and Local Industrial Strategies
Enterprise Zones, employment sites and workspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategic approach to employment land availability in HotSW area Work with partners to facilitate delivery and impact from HotSW Enterprise Zones portfolio <p>The LIS also commits the LEP to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Innovation Zones Unlocking investment for third development phase of Oceansgate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HotSW employment land study completed Workshop convened with local planning authorities about report recommendations LEP Strategic Investment Panel decision that Enterprise Zone implementation plans should be updated for November 2020 Dialogue with Oceansgate and Gravity Enterprise Zones about review and updating of their implementation plans Position paper developed about HotSW opportunities in response to Government's emerging Freeports policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue with National Park Authorities about workspace and employment land issues in context of employment land report Finalise action plan in response to employment land report Establish mechanism for regular engagement with HotSW commercial sector about employment land matters Update implementation plans for HotSW Enterprise Zones HotSW response to Government Freeports consultation (July 2020)
Digital Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with partners to facilitate extension of broadband and mobile infrastructure across HotSW area <p>The LIS also commits the LEP to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver improved connectivity by securing significant levels of gigabit capable infrastructure and at least 30Mbps services for all by 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three schemes to be signed off 1 July 2020 as a result of Growth Deal digital call for delivery by 31 March 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HotSW Digital Strategy to be presented to Place Leadership Group for formal sign off Monitoring of delivery of approved Growth Deal digital call schemes CDS partnership undertaking procurement in 2020 for superfast extension project Work with CDS partnership regarding remaining allocation in Growth Deal programme for broadband and mobile infrastructure

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<p>Place shaping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop evidence base and policy position for role and potential of small towns in HotSW area in delivery of LIS objectives and in context of Government Initiatives Coastal Communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three HotSW towns identified by Government for the negotiation of Town Deals – LEP supporting town partnerships with planning pre-Covid 19 Various towns in HotSW area have submitted Future High Street Fund proposals – LEP submission to MHCLG for shovel ready projects called for acceleration of decisions Brief scoped for Market Towns Futures report, funding approved through LEP F&R committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding (£7.5k) has been allocated to commission a Market Towns Future report – this was deferred due to Covid-19 – and will now be taken forward to be taken forward as part of the Recovery Plan. This will help to inform how towns will provide future services for their communities. This will support the work around the Future High Streets fund. Coastal productivity plan has been undergone review and comment from the coastal local authorities. Plan was due to be considered by Joint Committee but has been deferred due to Covid-19.
<p>Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support efforts to rebuild confidence in use of public transport following the Covid 19 crisis, to avoid congestion of highway networks and improve accessibility for businesses and residents. Contribute to the development of a transport decarbonisation strategy for the South West, in response to the challenge of climate change, including the move to electrification of both road and rail transport. Contribute to the development of strategic transport networks, including the A303/A358 road improvements, strategic planning of rail network routes, and proposals to reverse Beeching rail closures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence given at A303 Stonehenge DCO examination LEP supported HE as key stakeholder, including A358 Community engagement events LEP represented at Peninsula Transport and Peninsula Rail Task Force Board LEP participated in Williams Rail review Stakeholder role in Network Rail strategic planning work for Waterloo to Exeter rail route LEP engagement with Network Rail in development of Dawlish proposals Development of proposals for Cullompton and Wellington railway stations, and submission of Beeching Reversal bid LEP led development of Great South West transport proposals, and engagement with APPG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Highways England in promotion of the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel, A303 Sparkford to Ilchester dualling, and A358 dualling Make case for further A303 improvements to be developed through RIS2 Support case for improvements to the A38 Exeter – Plymouth – Bodmin Press for implementation of the Waterloo to Exeter line improvements Participate in Network Rail studies for the Bristol – Exeter and Bristol – Weymouth corridors Develop “Beeching Reversal” Plans including Okehampton, Tavistock, Cullompton & Wellington Development of transport strategy including decarbonisation, promotion of sustainable transport, and public transport recovery post Covid 19 Support transport element of Great South West strategy