

## LEP Endorsement Register (March 2021 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date requested	Notes	Endorsement
PCC Health Foundation	Anna Peachey Economy, Partnerships and Regeneration Manager	January	Plymouth City Council submission to the Health Foundation Economies for Healthy Lives programme	
Interreg FCE programme for funding for the Covid-19 Channel Area Response Effort (C-Care) project.	Mike Page Funding Strategy and Partnership Officer Plymouth City Council	January	<p>The project partnership is being led by Kent County Council and includes New Anglia LEP, Norfolk County Council, Plymouth City Council, Région Hauts-de-France, Pas de Calais Tourisme, the Département of Finistère and the Campus d'Enseignement Supérieure et de Formation Professionnelle (CESI). Each partner will involve a number of local stakeholder organisations which have been involved in Covid-response activities.</p> <p><b>Project Outline:</b> C-Care aims to tackling the economic and social impacts of the pandemic through implementing three main work strands:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Respond, Reflect and Report</b></li> <li>2. <b>Support and Invest: direct interventions</b></li> <li>3. <b>Reset and Redesign: strategic and planning interventions</b></li> </ol>	Endorsement sent

Plymouth Freeport bid	Richard May Head of Oceansgate and Marine Investment Plymouth City Council	February	<p>Gov'ts bidding process to establish new, innovative Freeports that will boost the economy, create thousands of jobs and turbo-charge post-Brexit trade opened today.</p> <p>Seizing on the opportunities presented by leaving the EU, ports and their communities across England can now apply for Freeport status in a move that will transform historic sea, air and rail ports into national hubs for trade, innovation and commerce to regenerate communities in our industrial heartlands as the nation levels up and builds back better.</p>	Endorsement sent
Great Western Freeport Bid	Antony Corfield Programme Manager (Sector Development) WECA	February	<p>The Great Western Freeport proposal supports our high value manufacturing &amp; engineering and digital clusters, building on our innovation strengths and assets in these areas and supporting the growth of trade and investment across the wider region. By incorporating the Gravity site, the bid also delivers to our levelling up ambitions with the potential to bring much needed investment and jobs into the region, particularly in light of the immense effect that Covid-19 has had on the Heart of the South West's economy.</p>	Endorsement sent
Bristol Airport expansion	<a href="mailto:Leanne.palmer@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">Leanne.palmer@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a>	February	<p>We recognise the importance that Bristol International Airport brings to the wider South West. It is a significant resource that provides enhanced connectivity for a rurally peripheral area which supports businesses within the LEP area to trade around the globe. However, in terms of realising our LEP and the wider South West's priorities to clean growth and to tackle the climate emergency and realise zero carbon emissions by 2030 the Airport expansion should not be detrimental to achieving this.</p>	Support letter sent

Heritage Lottery Bid for National Marine Park	Amanda Ratsey Plymouth City Council	February	Plymouth City Council led application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund's Heritage Horizon Awards programme to help create the UK's first National Marine Park (NMP) in Plymouth Sound.	Endorsement sent
Lynton & Barnstaple Restore Your Railway Fund	Peter Miles Chairman  Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Trust	February	We recognize that your ambition is to restore the entirety of the railway from Lynton to Barnstaple. That could have a 'step change' impact on tourism in North Devon, improving access to the heritage of North Devon and Exmoor and supporting employment, both direct and indirect in the hospitality, tourism and supply sectors of the local economy.	Letter of support sent
Tawlink, North Devon Restore Your Railway Fund	David Hoare c/o of Selaine Saxby, MP office	February	<p>TawLink is a light rail/tramway extension to the Network Rail Barnstaple branch. It will reconnect Braunton with the national network, serve substantial new residential and light industrial developments along its route, and provide Barnstaple with a centrally-located railway station.</p> <p>It will alleviate the chronic congestion and appalling air quality issues associated with the A361, and also has huge potential as a tourist attraction on the beautiful Taw estuary.</p>	Letter of support sent
Gravity Restore your Railway Fund	Tom Curtis CEO Gravity	March	The principle of restoring rail access to the Gravity site, ideally for both passengers and freight. The outcome of the study by Network Rail indicates the re-connection of the site to the national rail network is practical, and could be achieved without significant impact on either the network or current operations. There is scope within the Gravity site for both rail freight facilities and provision for passenger trains.	Letter of support sent

Tavistock to Plymouth Restore Your Railway Fund	Jamie Hulland Devon County Council	March	Extending the existing railway line from Bere Alston to Tavistock would provide an excellent sustainable transport option for travel between Tavistock and Plymouth, enabling residents to access the city for work, education and other purposes without recourse to the congested A386 road corridor. It would also give direct access to employment at Devonport Dockyard and the Oceansgate employment site.	Letter of support sent
Defra Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund bid	Kevin Bishop CEO Dartmoor National Park	March	<u>Net Zero with Nature for Dartmoor</u> This proposal is a unique opportunity for farmer-led governance structures to inform the creation of an investment model based on the sale of stacked ecosystem services. If granted, it will give farmers of Dartmoor the chance to co-design a dependable livelihood based on the restoration of nature in one of England's most cherished landscapes. The proposal has been developed in partnership between Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA), farmers of Dartmoor, National Parks Partnership (NPP), and Palladium.	Endorsement sent
Defra Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund bid	Rob Passmore Biosphere	March	The North Devon UNESCO Biosphere is a natural capital asset within our region and the LEP has supported the Biosphere, most recently with a £150,000 'Getting Building Fund' grant to enable the Smart Biosphere pilot. The North Devon Biosphere has been a critical national contributor to the 25 Year Environment Plan, involved in two of the four Pioneer programmes. They have a highly developed Natural Capital strategy, both on land and in the marine context. The Natural Capital Impact Fund represents an environmental & climate mitigation opportunity for Devon & Somerset and an economic development opportunity. The inflow of £50m of private investment into nature-based projects would positively impact our local community, create jobs, increase average salary and create a genuine green recovery, especially for our young people.	Endorsement sent
Defra Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund bid	Dan Cooke Tamar AONB Manager	March	'Making the Case for Investment in The Tamar Valley's Nature-Based Services' has three core objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To use a number of active and specific intertidal and riverine habitat project areas to define the unit value of various nature-based services (including carbon sequestration, biodiversity, natural flood management and enhanced natural</li> </ul>	Endorsement sent

			<p>beauty and access to nature), this will include and enable comparison with existing funding sources being utilised or considered for these project areas within the AONB;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To market test the attractiveness of investment in these services with regional and national businesses with whom the AONB has active relationships, and;</li> <li>• To develop a set of template contracts to enable investment in defined nature-based services and to define the financial mechanism for a return on that investment.</li> </ul>	
STEP Bridgwater Bay nomination to the siting	Professor Ian Chapman Chief Executive UK Atomic Energy Authority	March	The Heart of the South West LEP is very pleased to be the lead applicant for the STEP Bridgwater Bay nomination to the siting competition for the proposed STEP Fusion Research Centre and Test Reactor.	Endorsement sent