

Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership

Finance & Resources

Report theme: 2021/22 Workplan

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Summary: the draft 2021-22 workplan is attached for F&R review ahead of sharing with the April Board.

Recommendations: that F&R note the plan and the proposal for final sign off to be delegated to the Chair and Chief Exec

Background

Over the last 12 months, capacity has been added in the LEP around the key sector opportunities and clean growth. Alongside supporting response and recovery to the pandemic, the Build Back Better plan has now been agreed with a clear focus on transformational opportunities. Concurrently, delivery of Growth Deal is nearing its end, Getting Building Fund will run to end March 2022 and Government will be reviewing the role of LEPs through the coming months. This sets the context for the 2021-22 workplan.

In previous years Government has required all LEPs to publish an annual delivery plan by 1st May; this year timings and requirements are still to be confirmed. The attached workplan has therefore been written with one eye on previous Government requirements but largely as a tool to guide and monitor work over the coming year. Those previous Government requirements have been that delivery plans should cover:

- Summary & strategic objectives
- Delivery of funding and growth programmes
- Strategic activity

The plan attached is a draft at this stage with a few highlighted gaps. Key points are:

1. Three major priorities for the year are set out:
 - i) Making a difference to the economy: delivering existing programmes such as Getting Building Fund, Growth Hub etc
 - ii) Making a difference to the economy: driving forward the transformational opportunities and their supporting programmes as set out in Build Back Better
 - iii) Ensuring highly effective LEP operations: includes reviewing the operating model of the LEP once the LEP review conclusions are clear
2. Since the 2020-21 plan was published ([HotSW-Delivery-Plan-2020-21.pdf](#) (heartofswlep.co.uk)), the LEP has moved to using Objectives and Key Results method across all parts of its operations and this year's plan reflects this.
3. Progress will be reported to F&R quarterly and to the Board 6-monthly and by exception

Timescales

- April F&R: review draft plan
- April Board: review draft plan
- By end May revise and publish final plan, signed off by Chair of F&R and the CE