

Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership

LEP Board Paper agenda item – 8a)

Report title: 2021-22 Workplan

Date: 23rd April 2021

Purpose: This paper is for **decision**

(overwhelming papers should be for decision)

Link to LIS: Indicate by **bolding** which area the paper links to.

Inclusive Growth		Clean growth		
Energy		Engineering		Digital
Ideas/ Innovation	People/Skills	Infrastructure	Bus. Environment	Places

Non- LIS purpose:

Timing: immediate

Financial Impact: (cost or cost saving): links to 21-22 LEP operational budget

Decisions requested: To review and approve the workplan

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Summary

The 2021-22 workplan sets out the key outcomes and milestones the LEP will be working to through to the end of March 2022. A slide summary, linked to the 21-22 operational budget, will be given at the Board meeting.

Board members are requested to

- a) review the plan and provide feedback to eifion.jones@heartofswlep.co.uk by 30th April
- b) agree to delegate sign off of the final plan to the Chair of F&R and the Chief Executive.

Attachments

Heart of the SW 2021-22 Workplan (draft)

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 which has been reviewed by Finance & Resources. 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 \(heartofswlep.co.uk\)](https://heartofswlep.co.uk/HotSW-Delivery-Plan-2020-21.pdf)), 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 CEX