

LEP Endorsement Register (Sept 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>Project Outline: 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"> 1. Respond, Reflect and Report 2. Support and Invest: direct interventions 3. Reset and Redesign: strategic and planning interventions 	Endorsement sent
Plymouth Freeport bid	Richard May Head of Oceansgate and Marine Investment Plymouth City Council	February	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.	Endorsement sent

			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.	
Great Western Freeport Bid	Antony Corfield Programme Manager (Sector Development) WECA	February	The Great Western Freeport proposal supports our high value manufacturing & 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.	Endorsement sent
Bristol Airport expansion	Leanne.palmer@planninginspectorate.gov.uk	February	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.	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	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	Letter of support sent

	Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Trust		supporting employment, both direct and indirect in the hospitality, tourism and supply sectors of the local economy.	
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Endorsement sent
Defra Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund bid	Dan Cooke Tamar AONB Manager	March	<p>'Making the Case for Investment in The Tamar Valley's Nature-Based Services' has three core objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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; • To market test the attractiveness of investment in these services with regional and national businesses with whom the AONB has active relationships, and; • 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. 	Endorsement sent
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
DfT/Innovate UK competition	Geoff Clarke	April	DfT/Innovate UK Bid under the department's zero emission road freight competition. AECOM is submitting an application for innovation funding under strand 2, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, and	Endorsement sent

	Regional Director for Freight and Logistics AECOM		that if successful you would want to work across the region to understand where the greatest impact towards decarbonisation of freight could be undertaken. We are interested to note that you have included the Plymouth Freeport in this, which of course is of great interest to us.	
Somerset NEETs extension	Laura Jensen SomersetWorks Project Coordinator SomersetWorks	April	The project builds on the existing good practice within the Council's Education Partnerships Service and South Somerset 14-19 Partnership, extending the range of provision available to young people on their journey from education to employment. It provides new opportunities for young people in school years 11-13 who are, or at risk of, finding themselves, Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).	Letter of support sent
Torrige District Council application for Isaac's Yard to the Levelling Up Fund	Chris Fuller Economic Development Officer	June	Isaac's Yard project for submission to the Levelling Up Fund. Although not funded as part of the Future High Street Fund, the project remains a hugely valuable piece of work to address the range of issues which continue to impact on the local community and economy. It has received widespread support from every level of the local area, from local MP through to Devon County Council, Bideford Town Council, local businesses, residents, voluntary sector, as well as environmental bodies such as Doug Eltham at the Devon Carbon Plan.	Letter of endorsement sent
Business West	Phil Smith Managing Director	June	Extension to International Trade support for companies in HOTSW funded via ERDF– Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership Support MHCLG have suggested the submission of a Project Change Request for the existing project, to extend until March 2022, we are looking at requiring fresh ERDF funding of circa £150k.	Letter of support sent
Torbay Council Levelling up fund	Carl Wyard	June	This will enable Southern Torbay to seize upon local opportunities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending the fish market and increasing landing capacity at Brixham Harbour to accommodate the growing demand for landings that will 	Letter of support sent

			<p>ultimately double the value of fish landed entering the market and support additional jobs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of a Photonics and Micro-electronics Production Park on Torbay Business Park to support the growth of this high value sector creating high value jobs and accommodating local growth. 	
Mid – Devon District Council – Oakhampton Parkway	Chris Brook Mid Devon DC	June	<p>A proposal for an additional station, together with a surface car park and bus interchange, on the eastern fringe of Okehampton. This would complement the existing station; it would not just cater for Okehampton residents, but also for those from a wider catchment of West Devon and Torridge, together with travellers from Cornwall who are using the A30 trunk road to gain access to the rail network.</p> <p>The</p>	Letter of support sent
Destination Exmouth levelling up Fund	Jamie Hulland DCC	June	<p>Completion of the Dinan Way distributor road will remove heavy goods vehicles from the town centre, improve air quality and provide better access to the commercial developments in the east of the town.</p> <p>Creation of an enhanced interchange and mobility hub adjacent to the recently upgraded railway station will provide an upgraded gateway to the town. The location of the station can become a focus for sustainable transport, with the proximity of the Exe Estuary Trail and National Cycle Network as well as interchange with buses and taxis.</p> <p>The planned public realm improvements between the railway station and town centre, including removal of the unattractive subway, should act as a catalyst for future regeneration.</p>	Letter of support sent
Cullompton Levelling up fund	Jenny Clifford Mid Devon DC		<p>The delivery of a new relief road which would remove a substantial amount of traffic from the town centre and provide a free-flowing exit from the M5 motorway junction 28. The relief road scheme would mitigate the current air quality issues in the town centre.</p> <p>The scheme will include facilities to create safe walking and cycling routes through the corridor between Station Road and the Town Centre. This will encourage more travel for short distance trips by sustainable modes, and is important in the context of access to the proposed railway station.</p> <p>The relief road will relieve town centre of through traffic, which will be of great benefit to the Conservation Area which is designated as at risk. It is understood that the Historic England Heritage Action Zone project is reliant upon the reduction in town centre traffic that this road scheme will provide.</p>	Letter of support sent

Bridgwater levelling up fund	Mike O'Dowd Jones Somerset County Council	June	<p>This transport bid aims to enhance the corridor between Bridgwater town centre and M5 Junction 23 through capacity increases at two key junctions – The Cross Rifles roundabout on the edge of the town centre and Dunball Roundabout close to the M5 junction. The other element of the scheme is the provision of active travel measures on the corridor between the town and Junction 23, to create safe walking and cycling routes between the town centre and Dunball, as part of the route linking Bridgwater with the Gravity Strategic Employment site at Puriton.</p> <p>Sedgemoor, and Bridgwater in particular, must be priorities in the levelling up agenda; the transport infrastructure included in this bid is wholly complementary to the projects which the Local Enterprise Partnership has already supported through the Local Growth Fund and Getting Building Fund.</p>	Letter of support sent
Woolwell to the George levelling up fund	Philip Heseltine Plymouth City Council	June	<p>The transport infrastructure included in this bid tackles one of the remaining bottlenecks on the Northern Corridor – the single carriageway section between the Woolwell roundabout and the George junction. It is wholly complementary to the Northern Corridor projects which the Local Enterprise Partnership has already supported through the Local Growth Fund.</p> <p>This improvement on the A386 Northern Corridor will help ease the pressure resulting from the housing growth in the Woolwell area and the continued expansion of employment opportunities at Derriford and in the city centre. It will not only reduce congestion for car drivers, but also support sustainable transport including cycling and buses.</p>	Letter of support sent
North Devon Council Ilfracombe levelling up fund	Dominie Dunbrook North Devon Council	June	<p>The investment will play a significant role in rebuilding the region's economy and attracting visitors to enjoy the superb environment and be delivered through a series of coordinated investment in cultural and public realm assets on the Seafront. The project will promote a new ferry link with Wales that will open new visitor markets to Ilfracombe. A series of enhanced way-finding initiatives will then ensure any economic growth is spread between the High Street, Seafront and Harbour.</p>	Letter of support sent
Highways England A303	Alice Darley	June	<p>Re prioritisation on the remaining single carriageway sections of the A303/A358 corridor between the M3 and Taunton. The LEP is strongly supportive of the completion of dualling the whole corridor, and therefore wishes to see all the remaining sections improved once the existing RIS projects for A303 Stonehenge, A303 Sparkford to Ilchester and the A358 dualling have been completed. Indeed, the</p>	Letter of support sent

			<p>economic impact study conducted by the LEPs and Local Transport Authorities demonstrated the potential growth of £41bn in GVA over 60 years from upgrading of the complete corridor.</p> <p>Of the four remaining sections of the A303, we would prioritise the dualling of Ilminster Bypass (A303 Southfields to South Petherton) as the next improvement for development.</p>	
DCMS Cultural Development Fund	Carl Wyard For Torbay Council	Sept	<p>The Picture House is a distinctive part of the town's heritage and has the potential to be a key part of the renewal and recovery of the local area. Torbay Council and TDA have committed support by confirming that £1.1m of the Future High Streets Fund will be invested in the project from April 2022, and additional FHSF money is being used to support the early development phase now underway with Historic England and the Architectural Heritage Fund.</p>	Letter of support sent