

LEP Endorsement Register (September 2022 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date requested	Notes	Endorsement
Restoring your railway new ideas fund bid	Ian Harrison	22 Dec 21	Round 2 of the Restoring Your Railways New Ideas Fund bids for one of the successful projects to be allocated £50k for technical work for a new station serving Somerton and Langport. The bid was submitted by a community based group, with support from David Warburton MP. They have been assisted by Somerset CC who enabled them to use their framework contract to procure the technical work from their consultants WSP.	Endorsement sent
North Devon Biosphere	Rob Passmore Commercial Lead North Devon Biosphere Partnership	Feb 2022	A resubmission of their last bid into the EA's natural capital investor readiness fund.	Endorsement sent
Devon County Council application to the Future Farming Resilience Fund – Scale Up 2022	Heather Hillman Group Manager - Business Support & Innovation (Projects & Programmes) – Devon County Council	March 22	To bid into DEFRA's Future Farming Resilience Fund – Scale Up, for the provision of a comprehensive farm advice service. provides a comprehensive suite of advice, support, and signposting services for farmers and land managers concentrating on the transition from the Basic Payment Scheme to the newly formed Environmental Land Management programme. The	Endorsement sent
Dynamic Food Procurement Platform	Greg Parsons SW Food Hub	May 22	The new dynamic food procurement platform will allow direct access for Public Sector bodies to local food producers, suppliers and processors regardless of their capacity and capability to meet individual Public Sector contracts.	Endorsement sent
Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation	Torridge District Council Chris Fuller	June 22	The Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation Centre will establish northern Devon as a global leading R&D innovation space for clean maritime futures. It will feature cutting-edge research and industry partnerships from the Centre for Future Clean Mobility	Letter of endorsement sent

Centre @ Middle Dock			(University of Exeter) and the University of Plymouth. The Centre will draw in to its flexibly-designed spaces the best innovators from academia and industry, and will take the lead in producing new skills for clean maritime.	
Cullumpton Levelling Up Fund	Richard Marsh Mid Devon DC	June	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.	Letter of support sent
Exmouth Levelling Up Fund	Jamie Hulland Devon CC	June	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. It will also reduce the number of vehicles using residential roads in order to gain access to the main highway route between Exeter and Exmouth.	Letter of support sent
Okehampton Levelling Up Fund	Chris Brook SW Devon DC	June	The location of Okehampton station, at the top of the town, is less than ideal for some potential passengers. This proposal is 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.	Letter of support sent
Plymouth City Council Freeport Levelling Up Fund	Victoria Glennon Economic Development Officer	June	The bid is focussed on securing inclusive access to higher value jobs by utilising Plymouth's growth sector of marine. This proposal provides an innovative package of three transformational infrastructure projects to support the Freeport delivery, focusing on: A Marine Innovation Centre Modernising port infrastructure and the UK's first National Marine Park	Letter of support sent
Sedgemoor District Council Levelling Up Fund	Nathaniel Lucas Economic Development Manager	June	This is in partnership with Somerset West & Taunton District, Somerset County Council, the Somerset NHS Foundation Trust and Somerset Integrated Care System to establish the Somerset Academy for Health & Social Care training through the restoration and regeneration of an at-risk Grade II listed historic community hospital in the centre of Bridgwater and the re-purposing of a former adult education centre in Minehead.	Letter of support sent
North Devon Council Levelling Up Fund	Dominie Dunbrook Senior Economic Development Officer	June	This project will help to re-establish Ilfracombe as the premier coastal destination in North Devon. This will be delivered through a series of coordinated investment in cultural and public realm assets on the Seafront. The project will promote a new ferry	Letter of support sent

			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.	
Torbay Council Levelling Up Fund	Carl Wyard TDA	July	<p>The proposals will enable Southern Torbay to seize upon local opportunities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending the fish market and increasing capacity at Brixham Harbour to accommodate the growing demand that will ultimately double the value of fish landed entering the market and support additional jobs; - Development of a Photonics and Electronics Production Park on Torbay Business Park to support the growth of this high value sector creating high value jobs and accommodating local growth. 	Letter of endorsement sent
Restoring Your Railways: Tavistock to Plymouth	Jamie Hulland Transportation Strategy & Road Safety Manager Devon County Council	Aug	The Tamar Valley railway between Tavistock and Plymouth will give Tavistock residents direct access to employment opportunities at Devonport including the Freeport and Oceansgate, as well as in Plymouth City Centre, and due to its route along the Tamar estuary it is complementary to the current bus route along the A386. Enhanced railway services will also benefit the communities of St Budeaux, Devonport and Keyham, which are amongst the most deprived in the Plymouth area.	Letter of support sent
Carlton Power's Green Hydrogen Project at Langage, Devon	Eric Adams Projects Director Carlton Power Limited	Sept	A bid to Strand 3 of the Government's Hydrogen Business Model and Net Zero Hydrogen Fund. Through discussions with Carlton Power and the subsidiary company Langage Green it will help deliver the Energy transformational programme in the plan by stimulating a new technology and increasing the critical mass of business activity within the energy sector, which in turn will help create a globally recognised cluster, establish the area as a green energy powerhouse and accelerate the move to a greener, more prosperous economy.	Letter of endorsement sent
Somerset County Council's Bid to the Regulators Pioneer Fund Wave 3	Paul Hickson	Sept	<p>Judy Groves as Chair of the Heart of the South West Sustainable Aviation Programme Board stated very happy for you to include this letter of support with your submission to demonstrate the Programme Boards support and outline how we are ready and willing to support the activity should the submission be successful.</p> <p>The Programme Board is comprised of private and public sector stakeholders who have all signed up to the vision of establishing the South West at the forefront of supporting smart</p>	Letter of support sent on behalf of Judy Groves as Chair of HotSW Sustainable Aviation Board

			and sustainable aviation. Making sure that we have the necessary infrastructure, research and development, Industry expertise, skills requirements and most importantly the emerging regulatory framework to rapidly decarbonize aerospace and aviation, while continuing to ensure that our peripheral geography within the UK stays connected.	
Somerset County Council's Bid Live Labs 2 – Somerset, Hampshire and Cornwall	Mike O'Dowd	Sept	To trial methods of reducing the carbon impact of highway maintenance activities. This bid for funding is being made jointly by three highway authorities, which will embrace a range of existing road types, underlying geologies, and experience of maintenance practices.	Letter of support sent