

LEP Endorsement Register (Dec 2023 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date request ed	Notes	Endorsement
GW4 + UWE Consortium Bid for a South-West Region Local Policy Innovation Partnership	Prof Nick Pearce University of Bath	Jan	bid to the UKRI to establish an LPIP responds directly to the political, economic and social diversity of the SW and to the policy challenges it faces and reflects the coastal, rural and urban communities and from the different tiers of government, including the LEPs and other economic partnerships that span the SW. The proposal seeks to engage with stakeholders and community partners from the key priority areas of the proposal which include environment, skills and innovation, community and culture, and health and well-being with the intention of involving them with the development of the core activities and structuring the policy themes to reflect the distinct levelling up, skills and innovation, Net Zero transition and health and well-being challenges of the region. The priority area of focus in the bid has been identified as the environment, specifically sustainable, efficient, and equitable land use, and food production.	Letter of endorsement sent
University of Plymouth-led Consortium South West Coastal Local Policy Innovation Partnership Bid	Sheena Asthana Director, Plymouth Institute of Health and Care Research (PIHR) University of Plymouth	Jan	The bid responds directly to the central inclusive growth priority the LEP and partners set out and the particular focus on challenges facing coastal communities builds on the themes identified in the 2022 report Social Mobility in the South West. The proposed LPIP geography also recognises the work over several years on the West Somerset Priority Education Investment Area. We are pleased to see the three priorities around digital innovation & skills, connecting communities to place and living and working in a greener economy and the broad spectrum of partners you propose to engage means the LPIP would be well-placed in each of these areas.	Letter of endorsement sent
Yeovil College bid to Future Flight Skills Fund	Alex Clancy Yeovil College	Jan	Yeovil College (as part of the West Of England IOT) bid to the Future Flight Skills Fund. The maximum amount that can be bid for is £50K to a £0.5M pot.	Letter of endorsement sent

Bridgwater & Taunton College	Matt Tudor	April	Bridgwater & Taunton College (BTC) request to establish the training requirements of the future battery industry workforce in the region - Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership Endorsement	Letter of endorsement sent
University of Plymouth EPSRC PBIAA	Deborah Greaves	April	£5m support for Accelerating Research Impact for the Celtic Sea (ARICS) – includes UoE as a partner	Letter of endorsement sent
GW4 consortium EPSRC PBIAA	Professor Tim Mays (University of Bath) and Professor Xiaohong Li (University of Exeter)	April	to develop and accelerate delivery of a programme of impact activities for the emerging hydrogen research and innovation cluster across the South West and South Wales. This will support the ambitions of these regions to decarbonise different sectors and accelerate our journey towards a sustainable and secure Net Zero future.	Letter of endorsement sent
Tower Green Holdings Ltd, Wadebridge Zevi Bid	Alex King	April	ZEVI (Zero Emissions Vessels & Infrastructure) Funding Bid which intends to build two new zero emission workboats and establish a green hydrogen ecosystem via a new electrolyser facility at Appledore Docks in northern Devon,	Letter of endorsement sent
Edginswell Station, Torbay	Huw Merriman MP Rail Minister Department for Transport	Dec	A letter of support to the minister for support for Edginswell Station.	Letter of support sent