

KEY FINDINGS

Strong strategy in place to guide LGF and GBF



Good fit of projects to strategic context



Layering of investments helps maximise value



Investments have attracted private match



Productivity growth and prosperity supported



High value for money on all themes and funds



A lot of transport infrastructure projects



Pros and cons to competitive funding



Many outputs / impacts still to be delivered



Initial targets were overoptimistic



Long-term horizon scanning is needed



Major economic shocks have slowed delivery



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

CONTEXT

strategic context

RFALISM

Set realistic change expectations

TARGETS

Set challenging but achievable targets

PLANNING

Plan for unforeseen events

ONGOING

Continue to support projects over time

Ensure a strong

IMPACT

MATCH

Attract private investment if possible



Layer investments to **ALLOCATIONS** maximise impact Allocate funds according to need

Competitive funds tend to have a bias towards 'shovelready' over more strategically valuable projects.

Resources are needed to develop project ideas and prepare them for competitive bidding process.

Continued support for projects after the initial investment is important to help them achieve success.

Transport projects represent the largest number of undelivered jobs ... a review suggests the main balance will be created after 2025, if at all.

EXAMPLES OF HotSW LEP FUNDED PROJECTS

2013 - 2023 (in total GPF - 5; GBF - 25; LGF - 52)

HotSW-WIDE **PROJECTS**











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projects in total