

# Buckinghamshire Comprehensive Spending Review Representation

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As part of central Governments allocation of resource budgets until 2024 and capital budgets until 2025 they are seeking representations on current government policy or new ideas that could inform the upcoming fiscal event.

Buckinghamshire intends to submit in parallel, but aligned to the Devolution proposal, a representation to Government by the 24<sup>th</sup> September deadline, where as Devolution Proposal is expected to be submitted after that.

# What are Govt priorities for the spending review?

- strengthening the UK's economic recovery from COVID-19 by prioritising **jobs and skills**
- **levelling up economic opportunity** across all nations and regions of the country by investing in **infrastructure, innovation and people** – thus closing the gap with our competitors by **spreading opportunity, maximising productivity** and **improving the value add** of each hour worked
- **improving outcomes in public services**, including supporting the NHS and taking steps to cut crime and ensure every young person **receives a superb education**
- making the UK a **scientific superpower**, including leading in the development of technologies that will support the government's ambition to reach **net zero carbon** emissions by 2050
- **strengthening the UK's place in the world**
- improving the **management and delivery of our commitments**, ensuring that all departments have the **appropriate structures and processes** in place to deliver their **outcomes and commitments on time and within budget**

# Direction of our representation

The CSR representation forms part of the emerging Devolution bid.

Focus will be on the strength of having streamlined and sustainable governance process & three main themes.

- 1) Infrastructure/Investment Fund
- 2) Places
- 3) Stimulating Economic Growth

# 3 Key areas of the representation

## 1. Overarching Ask for funding streams

- Revenue Fund – for scheme and strategy development (~£10m)
- Housing Investment Fund\* (£100m)
- Single Pot Investment Fund\* (£200m - 1<sup>st</sup> five years of a 20year fund)

*\*Included in the Devolution Proposal*

**£310m**

## 2. Places

- Regenerating major towns
- Thriving smaller towns
- Countywide enablers
- Environment initiatives

**~£470m+**

## 3. Stimulating Economic Growth

- Health sector
- Space tech sector
- High tech sector
- Creative sector enabling
- Skills and Business Support

**~£790m+**

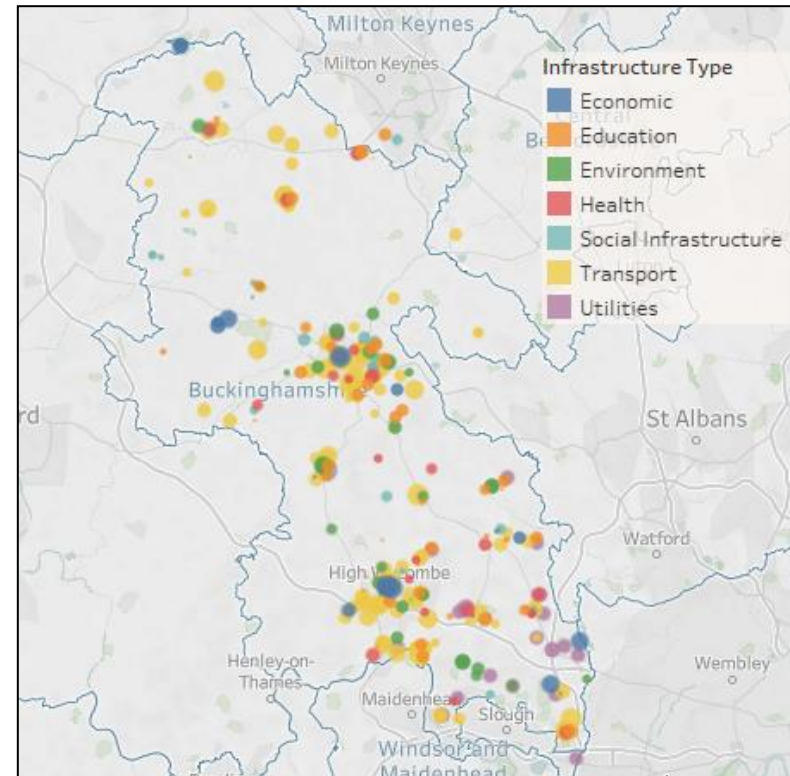
***An outline of the schemes that make up the packages can be found on slides 18 and 19***

# Investment Theme 1 - Funding Streams

- Flexible funding required to support delivery of priority schemes as identified against Place and Economy themes. Includes three separate strands:
  - Revenue Fund – for scheme and strategy development
  - Housing Investment Fund
  - Single Pot Capital Investment Fund – to support delivery of the priorities identified
- Specific priority Investment packages are outlined below against the Economy and Place themes

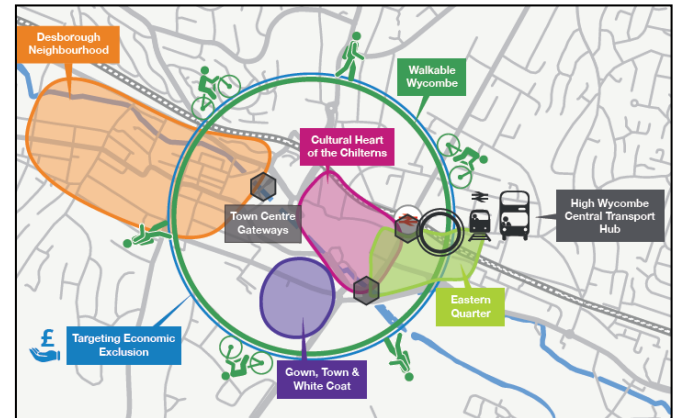
# Investment Theme 2 - Places

- Identified set of scoped and investable priorities across Buckinghamshire communities
- Builds on pipeline development work undertaken through 2019 investment in Buckinghamshire Strategic Infrastructure Tool (BSIT)
- 4 key areas emerge
  - Regenerating Major Growth Towns
  - Thriving Smaller Towns
  - Countywide Enablers
  - Addressing the Environmental challenge



# 2a) Regenerating Major Growth Towns

- Focussed on improving liveability, supporting economy, and managing impacts of growth in Aylesbury and High Wycombe
- Includes investments in:
  - Public realm and repurposing public assets
  - Rerouting and reducing traffic to enable town centre repurposing and housing delivery
  - Developing and promoting low carbon travel options



## 2b) Thriving smaller towns

- Ensuring smaller towns remain resilient against recession, climate change, housing growth, and demographic change
- Package of investments in:
  - Community and Service hubs
  - Sustainable travel options
  - Road network improvements to address pinch points and unlock housing delivery
  - Public Wifi networks and digital literacy
  - 'Smart' street furniture network
  - Community flood risk reduction



## 2c) Countywide enablers

- Future proofing the county by strategic investment in new and emerging technologies.
- Investments in:
  - Digital service pathways for Health and Public services
  - Comprehensive 'backbone' digital network
  - Integrated ticketing for public transport
  - Intelligent Traffic Management systems



## 2d) Addressing the Environmental Challenge

- Bringing about significant move towards net zero carbon and meeting increasing public demand for green spaces through investment in:
  - Housing energy retrofits
  - Low carbon transport infrastructure
  - Strategic expansion of tree planting and green infrastructure



# Investment Theme 3 - Stimulating Economic Growth

- Targeted investments in super growth sectors
- Pandemic resilient and internationally competitive
- Four key sectors
  - Health
  - Space
  - Hi tech
  - Creative
- Sector investment underpinned by focussed package of skills and business support investment



# 3a) Health Sector

- Health and Social Care campus at Aylesbury Woodlands:
  - New integrated community healthcare campus for Aylesbury replacing parts of current dated Stoke Mandeville Site
  - Complementary development of Health tech enterprise zone including Bucks Life Sciences Innovation Centre and Health and Social Care Skills Academy on same site
  - Enables repurposed development at current hospital site incl. housing

AYLESBURY  
woodlands



Digital Health, Med-Tech  
and Artificial Intelligence



# 3b) Space Tech Sector

Development of a full specialist related 10 year site programme at Westcott Business Park with focus on expanding innovation in space technologies. Initial Investments include:

- Establishing Disruptive Space Innovation Centre
- Delivery of sustainable travel routes and removal of road network constraints
- Masterplanning for 10 year programme



The Westcott Space Cluster  INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

# 3c) High-tech engineering

- Building on existing strengths in sports and high tech engineering to stimulate the next wave of innovation in green technologies. Investment will develop an expanded innovation ecosystem with strengths in:
  - Sports and automotive engineering
  - Renewable fuel cell technologies e.g. Hydrogen
  - Energy efficient manufacturing

Silverstone Park and  
Technology Cluster



# 3d) Creative Sector

- Focus on Southern Bucks M40/M25 corridor and the expansion of the creative industry with direct investment needed in:
  - Expanded global growth hub opportunities at Pinewood Studios building on the international brand
  - Delivery of local transport network improvements and sustainable travel infrastructure



# 3e) Enabling Growth - Skills and Business Support

- Builds on the strengths of existing networks by expanding the successful Bucks Growth Hub to cover additional strategically important themes:
  - Innovation support
  - Digital skills and support
  - Procurement and Supply Chain development
  - Inward Investment and international Trade
  - Leadership and management
  - Meeting Net Zero



Sector embedded skills centres

# Places

Total ask: **~£470m+**

Revenue ask: **£ tbc**

## 2a) Regenerating Major Growth Towns

### Aylesbury:

- Gardenway phase 3 (£15m)
- AGT SuDs retrofit (£453k)
- Aylesbury DRT (£1.2m)
- A41 improvements (~£3.3m)
- ELR dualling (£38m)
- SEALR Phase 2 (~£5m)

### High Wycombe:

- Eastern Quarter Phase 1 (£50m)
- Abbey Barn Lane realignment (£12m)
- High Wycombe Transport strategy schemes (£8.05m)
- Handy Cross to Globe Park coach service (£2.3m)

**Total Ask:**

**£135.35m**

## 2b) Thriving Smaller Towns

- Digital Town Centres (£1m)
- Chesham mesh network roll out (£2.25m)
- Winslow station development (£8m)
- One Public Estate Community and Service Hubs (£28.5m)
- Local Sustainable Transport Schemes (£52.5m)
- Iver relief road (£100m+)
- The Ivers local bus link (£3m)
- Princes Risborough phase 1 (£7m -£24m)
- Flood Risk Reduction and Resilience (£2m)

**Total Ask: ~£321.25m**

## 2c) Countywide Enablers

- Gigabit Bucks (£56m)
- Transport Corridors Connectivity (tbc)
- Health and Public Service Connectivity (£31m)
- Future mobility improvements (£14.25m)
- Integrated Ticketing (£1.25m)

**Total ask:**

**£~102.5m**

## 2d) Addressing the Environmental Challenge

- EV 4 year programme (£615k)
- E-cargo bikes (£70k)
- Home to School Transport fleet decarbonisation (tbc)
- Whole House Retrofit pilot (~£3m)
- Environmental Initiatives (£10m)

**Total ask:**

**£~12m+**

# Stimulating economic growth

Total ask: **~£790m +**

Revenue ask: **£500k** (Southern Bucks Tech & Health Cluster Strategy development (500k))

## 3a) Health sector

- Flagship Health and Social care Campus at Woodlands (**£350 - 500m**)

**Total Ask:**  
**£500m**

## 3b) Space Tech sector

- 10 year programme (**£216m**)
- Westcott Disruptive Innovation Space Centre (**£20m**)
- Waddesdon Greenway extension (**£800k**)

**Total Ask:**  
**£236.8m**

## 3c) High Tech sector

- Silverstone long term growth strategy (**£10m**)
- Silverstone sport innovation centre (**£20m**)

**Total ask:**  
**£30m**

## 3d) Creative Sector

- Pinewood studios global growth hub (**£25m**)
- Connectivity enabling road improvements (**£9.5m**)
- Iver cycle network (**£1.5m**)

**Total ask:**  
**£36m**

## 3e) Enabling Growth - Skills and Business Support

- Growth Hub ++ (**£950k per annum revenue**)
- Business support for Net-Zero (**£120k per annum revenue**)
- Digital Health and Social Care Academy (**£2m**)
- Digital Skills Academy (**(tbc)**)

**Total ask:**  
**~£7m+**

# Next steps

- 14<sup>th</sup> Buckinghamshire Growth Board
- 18<sup>th</sup> LEP Board
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Buckinghamshire Council Informal Cabinet
- 24<sup>th</sup> Submission to Govt