

## Buckinghamshire LEP Delivery Plan 2022/23

### Review of Progress January 2023

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<b>Compliance with National Assurance Framework &amp; Corporate Responsibilities</b>	<p>Undertaking of advisory audit for new LEP financial systems.</p> <p>Maintain full compliance with National Assurance Framework</p>	<p>Advisory Audit Completed and reported to Audit &amp; Finance Sub Group.</p> <p>No material concerns identified, and all advisory recommendations incorporated into LEP finance operations.</p> <p>Full compliance maintained with Assurance Framework</p>	<p>Advisory Audit Report submitted to Audit &amp; Finance Sub-Group September 2022.</p> <p>Clean bill of health from National Compliance Assessment November 2022.</p>	<p>Ensure new Buckinghamshire Place based integrated structure &amp; criteria complies with current Assurance Framework.</p> <p>Ensure that board composition &amp; membership remains reflective of local community and complies with Assurance Framework diversity targets.</p>	Assurance Assessment Ratings Met
<b>Secure additional funding to support future economic investment priorities.</b>	<p>Identify opportunities for pursuing a local growth deal for Buckinghamshire.</p> <p>Look to promote Buckinghamshire Investment Priorities to Government and via national agencies.</p>	<p>Local Growth Deal unlikely to be secured in near future due to national Levelling Up priorities.</p> <p>Focus switched to development of Buckinghamshire Integration Plan to support development of Locally managed Investment Fund. Steering Group established; proposals submitted to LEP Board Jan 2022 for development by April 2023</p> <p>Bids submitted for Innovation Launchpad &amp; Investment Zone Programme. Bids supported for UKRI Programmes by delivery partners.</p>	<p>Correspondence from ministers linked to Levelling Up White Paper.</p>	<p>Development of MOU to underpin new local governance structures.</p> <p>Development of Pooled Investment Funding appraisal criteria.</p> <p>Promotion of new Investment Fund opportunities to local business community to leverage funding partners.</p> <p>Continue to work with partners to secure national Government and Agency funding.</p>	Level of Funding available for commercial investment into Buckinghamshire – Target to be in excess of £10m within two years of initiation

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<b>Local Growth Fund Programme</b>	Monitor the impact of current LGF Programme and work with project sponsors to develop potential future growth programmes.	Produce bi-annual monitoring reports for Cities and Local Growth Unit.  Undertaken review of Innovation Centre delivery by Bucks New University undertaken.  Beaconsfield Relief Road opened.	Bi annual reports produced for Cities and Local Growth Unit in May and November 2022	Development of Business Case review for Westcott DISC Facility.  Reach agreement with BNU over use and access of innovation hubs in Aylesbury & High Wycombe including new Brunel Shed Facility	100% capital funding invested.  Individual KPI's linked to job creation, floorspace development and skills opportunities to be maintained until March 2025
<b>Getting Building Fund</b>	Complete delivery of 10 projects utilising £7.7m funding.  Develop showcase events for new investment.	100% commitment to capital funding without need to utilise freedoms and flexibilities.  Westcott Expo hosted July 2022 in person attendance of over 400 – online attendance over 1000  Growth of commercial development for Lunaz allowing for occupation of new 98,000 sq. ft factory and supporting growth of workforce from 40 to over 250 by end of 2023	Bi annual reports produced for Cities and Local Growth Unit in May and November 2022	Development of next phase of investment at Westcott including new commercial premises for URA Thrusters.  Work alongside East West Rail to ensure that community access is maximised from 5G infrastructure and supports new rail connection opening.  Redevelopment of Franciscan building at University of Buckingham during 2023 to support future growth of Centre for Computing and AI.	£7.7m GBF Allocation 100% committed  Individual KPI's linked to job creation, floorspace development and skills opportunities to be maintained until March 2025
<b>European Programme &amp; Transition to Shared Prosperity Fund</b>	Support the transition from the European Regional Development Programme to the new UK Shared Prosperity Programme  Growth Hub Delivery of £700k Community Renewal Fund Project as Pilot for UK Shared Prosperity Fund	Direct participation in workshop and programme development of Shared Prosperity and Rural Support programmes resulting in Buckinghamshire investment focus prioritising SME support programmes.  Visit Bucks Boost programme delivered through Community Renewal Fund Investment	Government Approval of Shared Prosperity Framework for Bucks approved by Bucks Council January 2023 for commencement by April 2023	Support transition process for organisations whose current European programmes end.  Inform development of programme calls for new funding for SME's and Rural Businesses and partner Buckinghamshire Council in reviewing and	94% expenditure on current ERDF programme with delivery running until June 2023

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				assessing programme applications.	
<b>Growth Hub Programme</b>	<p>BLEP will ensure that the Buckinghamshire Growth Hub managed by BBF will comply with the new KPIs agreed with BEIS.</p> <p>Direct LEP investment to ensure BEIS funding is supplemented to support increased focus on innovation programmes and Enterprise Zone businesses.</p>	<p>Delivery in line with agreed KPI's increased focus on Enterprise Zone businesses and innovative businesses.</p> <p>Extensive programme of business support events including peer to peer programmes, leadership development initiatives and engagement events with MP's</p>	<p>Quarterly programme returns to BEIS, July 22, October 22 and January 23</p>	<p>Agree joint MOU with Growth Hub to incorporate all Buckinghamshire investment.</p> <p>Further support for businesses linked to cost of living and inflationary challenges.</p> <p>Support for businesses around changed international trading legislation including support for recruitment linked to points-based recruitment system.</p>	<p>Headline KPI</p> <p>17,720 out of 21,000 Business Assists undertaken at end of Q3</p>
<b>Skills Programme and Skills Advisory Panel</b>	<p>Launch Buckinghamshire Local Skills Report &amp; prepare for transition to Local Skills Action Plan.</p> <p>Deliver Enterprise Advisor programme in link with contractual arrangements with the Careers and Enterprise Company</p>	<p>Skills Action Plan approved by Department of Education &amp; Launched April 2022, funding supported for Boot Camp Programmes and Strategic Programme investment into FE Sector</p> <p>Bucks Business First Growth Hub Selected as Employee Representative Body for Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP), LSIP outline priorities set and business engagement underway.</p> <p>Full coverage of Enterprise Advisors at all Bucks School including Special Needs Schools – Annual Skills Show Hosted at Westcott and SEND Skills Show hosted at Stoke Mandeville</p>	<p><a href="#">Buckinghamshire Local Skills Report</a></p>	<p>Support the transition from the Skills Advisory Panel to the new governance structures.</p> <p>Complete publication of Local Skills Improvement Plan by May 2022</p> <p>Develop &amp; support funding bids linked to Skills Improvement Fund</p> <p>Host 2023 Skills Show at Stoke Mandeville Stadium &amp; Maintain full Enterprise Advisor representation.</p>	<p>100% coverage of Enterprise Advisors at all Buckinghamshire Schools</p>
<b>Enterprise Zone Programme Management</b>	<p>Develop and approve 5 Year Growth &amp; Investment Plan for Buckinghamshire EZ System</p>	<p>Plan approved and partners agreed to re-invest 100% of retained rates income though EZ programme for 5-year period.</p>	<p>Board Report &amp; Development Plan Approval July 2022</p>	<p>Development of EZ management into Place Based Integrated Management Structure whilst</p>	<p>5 Year Growth &amp; Investment Plan Approved</p>

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		Submission completed for Investment Zone Programme; initiative dropped following Government Change.	including <a href="#">MOU with Buckinghamshire Council</a>	maintaining and growing investment fund.	
<b>Silverstone</b>	<p>Complete phase 3 development of Enterprise Zone Site. Comprising 265,000 sq ft commercial floorspace</p> <p>Review opportunities to develop research &amp; education facilities</p> <p>Explore opportunities and planning context to expand current Enterprise Zone Designation with adjacent landowners.</p>	<p>Phase 3 construction completed 87% occupied or under offer.</p> <p>Research report produced to inform future research investment.</p> <p>Initial discussions with British Racing Drivers Club regarding expansion, no firm proposals developed to date.</p>	Business Rates Secured.	<p>Commence construction for Phase 5 (final phase of existing EZ site) 190,000sq ft</p> <p>Continue expansion opportunities for next phase development beyond current Enterprise Zone site &amp; explore potential joint ventures.</p>	43/45 Enterprise Zone Units in occupation 96% occupancy rating
<b>Westcott Venture Park</b>	<p>Continue expansion of Westcott Innovation Ecosystem including In Orbit Service Centre, Living Lab Facilities for Health and Agri Tech and Refurbishment of Testing Infrastructure.</p> <p>Continue growth and promotion of Space Cluster network</p> <p>Support Patrizia in future investment strategy and in development of site masterplan.</p>	<p>Construction completed on building 4000 allowing opening of In-Orbit Test &amp; Demonstration Centre at Westcott Expo summer 2022.</p> <p>Drone Test &amp; Development Centre construction complete and set for March 2023 formal opening.</p> <p>National Space Propulsion Test Facility fully operational.</p> <p>Testing facilities operated by URA Thrusters and European Astrotech Opened Summer 2022</p> <p>Criteria for new Westcott Innovation and Accelerator Fund</p>	<a href="#">Westcott Space Cluster Progress &amp; News Summary</a>	<p>Ensure holistic master-plan development is completed to incorporate site access, transport, education &amp; skills, energy &amp; Net Zero capacity as well as commercial development.</p> <p>Appraisal and redevelopment of new business case for DISC facility to be completed.</p> <p>Business case assessment for further testing capacity working with Satellite Applications Catapult including Drone Cage &amp; Propulsion Sites K &amp; P</p> <p>Support formal launch of new Drone Test and Development Centre and support Beyond Line</p>	<p>Significant progress developed throughout 2022/23</p> <p>New floorspace 140,000 sq ft within EZ site and 50,000 sq ft immediately adjacent to Enterprise Zone</p> <p>– Master-plan development outstanding.</p>

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		<p>agreed, first applicants assessed January 2023</p> <p>New headquarters building constructed for Green Retreats in Enterprise Zone site.</p> <p>Patrizia commissioned development of site master-plan.</p>		<p>of Site legislation development and testing.</p> <p>Maintain awareness of the growth of the Westcott Space Cluster.</p>	
<b>Aylesbury Woodlands</b>	<p>Secure planning approval for the Woodlands Site.</p> <p>Prepare land assembly options.</p> <p>Commence advance works for delivery of Eastern Link Road</p> <p>Complete construction of Symmetry Park allocated development.</p>	<p>Planning Approval Secured.</p> <p>Options for future land assembly being presented to Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>Symmetry Park Construction Completed &amp; Remaining Units promoted.</p>	Planning Approval Notice	<p>Secure approval of Woodlands reserved matters application comprising phase 1A.</p> <p>Secure development partner and commencement of the Major Development Area scheme comprising delivery of the Eastern Link Road and provision of employment land.</p>	<p>5/6 Enterprise Zone Units in occupation 83% occupancy.</p> <p>Eastern Link Road progress to be advanced.</p>
<b>International Trade &amp; Investment</b>	Work in partnership with the Department of International Trade to promote Buckinghamshire economic assets to international market to support international trade & investment	<p>19 Inward Investment lands secured in Buckinghamshire (5 year high)</p> <p>DIT recognising film and screen investment and recording separately.</p> <p>BLEP only LEP in England to support DIT International Trade Week programme.</p> <p>Buckinghamshire included in HPO (High Potential Opportunity) for Crop Protection</p> <p>100% take up of Bucks allocation of DIT Export Support Programme</p>	<a href="#">International Trade Week</a>	<p>Integrated Place Based approach for targeting and promotion of international investors informed by closer account management of Buckinghamshire strategic priority businesses.</p> <p>Facilitated programme of inward investment trade visits to be developed in partnership with DIT.</p>	Total Number of Foreign Direct Investments in Buckinghamshire 19

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<b>Economic Data &amp; Business Insight</b>	<p>Skills &amp; labour market Analysis Undertaken to inform Skills Action Plan</p> <p>Quarterly Business Barometer maintained</p> <p>Net Zero Audit commissioned</p> <p>Impact of Covid Review to be undertaken and presented to Board.</p>	<p>Continued development of Bucks Economic Observatory and supported launch of complementary Bucks Data Exchange</p> <p>Net Zero Audit undertaken and action plan to be completed by March 2023</p>	<p><a href="#">Bucks Observatory</a></p>	<p>Develop enhanced relationship between timely collection of relevant economic data to inform future programme delivery.</p> <p>Develop detailed Ward level economic profiles Opportunity Bucks</p> <p>Business Barometer to be delivered biannually.</p> <p>Census Analysis to be assessed</p> <p>Land &amp; Commercial Property Assessment to be undertaken</p> <p>Use and Opportunities arising from Open AI to be explored and reported</p>	<p>4/4 Business Barometer assessments completed.</p>
<b>Strategic Partnership Working</b>	<p>Digital Innovation Plan to be published with Buckinghamshire Council to develop Digital Infrastructure Strategy</p> <p>Assess opportunity to support regional partnerships</p> <p>Actively participate in national UK Space Cluster network to identify and develop appropriate regional collaborations.</p> <p>Support development and Bucks Health and Social Care Academy</p>	<p>Digital Innovation Plan Launched June 22 and Digital innovation advisory group established.</p> <p>Agreement reached to support inter-regional partnership with Durham, let by Space collaboration in support of national Levelling Up aspirations.</p> <p>In-principal agreement to develop Bucks Health and Social Care Academy as community Interest Company linked to integrated care pathway.</p>	<p><a href="#">Digital Innovation Plan</a></p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Place Based Growth Board</p> <p>Review &amp; respond to changing structure of LEP Network</p> <p>Accommodate new Pan Regional Partnership Arrangements , which are in the interest of the Buckinghamshire economy, with a focus on health, the creative industries and international investment.</p> <p>Support Buckinghamshire Council in delivery of Digital Investment Infrastructure &amp; Gigabit Britain programme.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

