



Swindon & Wiltshire

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Subgroup update
SWLEP Board
21 July 2022



Business Environment – 4 July

- Confirmation that the GPIF Loan Fund will move from the oversight of the IIP Subgroup to Business Environment;
- Update on the 2022-23 SWLEP Delivery Plan and confirmation of the areas and performance to be overseen by the Business Environment Subgroup;
- Inward Investment activity since November 2021;
- Updates on the Growth Hub and BCC covered on the agenda today.

Ideas, Infrastructure and Places – 6 July

- Confirmation that the GPIF Loan Fund will move from the oversight of the IIP Subgroup to Business Environment.
- Update on the 2022-23 SWLEP Delivery Plan and confirmation of the areas and performance to be overseen by the IIP Subgroup – Natural Capital, Levelling-up agenda, outputs of Place Boards and Sub-National Transport Bodies, R&D delivered through iCAST and ICCE (Local Industrial Strategy projects).
- Update on the A303 Stonehenge development:
 - Potential for hydrogen powered equipment and communication collaboration between LEPs along the route

Ideas, Infrastructure and Places – 6 July

- Development projects for Devizes and Corsham stations:
 - Devizes £400k development funding and Corsham £80k
- Porton Science Park:
 - Completion of Phase 2 (gone well) and discussion about potential for Phase 3, which would be larger.
- The status of bidding for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Levelling-up Fund and existing resources provided by the Towns Fund (Swindon) and High Street Fund (Swindon, Salisbury and Trowbridge).
- Last GPIF update for the group
 - 20 live loans covering a wide-range of sectors
 - £15m in loans issued, leveraging £46m and creating 1000 jobs.

Skills and Talent – 14 July

- Update on the 2022-23 SWLEP Delivery Plan and confirmation of the areas and performance to be overseen by the Skills and Talent Subgroup:
 - production and use of labour market intelligence;
 - campaign to enable 50 businesses to take on apprentices for the first time;
 - Leading the strategy and implementation of the plan for the Careers Hub;
 - support for the Raspberry Pi competition (application of STEM skills in schools);
 - development and implementation of the SWLEP's Green Skills Plan;
 - support for delivery of the Local Skills Improvement Plan;
 - support for expansion of digital bootcamps.

Skills and Talent – 14 July

- Update on the Careers Hub:
 - Continue to be high-performing
 - Above national averages for the Gatsby benchmarks which measure careers education provision
 - Annual Careers Hub Conference held at the BCC – resounding success
 - Innovative research projects
 - Expanding interest in maths for Year 7 girls using examples from industry of use of maths
 - Enabling parents and carers who elect to educate their children at home to access programmes to introduce them and their children to a wider understanding of the world of work.