

SWLEP AGM: Audited Financial Accounts 2022-23

Debby Skellern, Acting CEO, SWLEP 25 January 2024



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- Third set of accounts since incorporation
- Wiltshire Council remains SWLEP's Accountable Body
- SWLEP considered a going concern
- Income was less than in 2021-22: GBF grant, and more government through COVID-19 enhanced business support services
- BCC opened in May 2022. Board planned and agreed to cover the operating costs of the first year of operation; these have been higher than expected which is also reflected in the accounts. February 2023, office space will be fully let



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- Successful GPIF programme
- 13 employees of 25 January 2024
- Bidding for business support contracts for 2023/24 and 2024/25
- LEP transition guidance published 19 December 2023



SWLEP AGM: Annual Report 2022-23

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Annual Report 2022-23

- Vision to 2036: ‘To ensure all of our communities benefit from inclusive and sustainable growth, making the Swindon and Wiltshire area world-renowned for its convergence of innovation, entrepreneurialism and great quality of life.’
- Priorities set out in the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Industrial Strategy, March 2020
- Economic uncertainty
- Productive year despite cuts in government funding
- Welcomed 5 new directors and gave grateful thanks to 3 who moved on



Highlights 2022-23

Skills and Talent:

- University Centre for Higher Education Provision
New College, Swindon
- Swindon and Wiltshire Institute of Technology
- Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Hub
- Apprenticeship advice to businesses
- Local Skills Improvement Plans
- Labour Market Intelligence



Swindon and Wiltshire Local Economic Assessment

A Report by Hatch
March 2023



Highlights 2022-23



Ideas, Infrastructure and Places:

- Capital programme coming to conclusion LGF and GBF project delivery including Riverside Park Salisbury, Carriage Works Phase 2b, Porton Collaboration Centre and BCC
- Continued support to iCAST
- Engagement with Towns Boards and Place Partnerships
- Support to the Western Gateway: Rail and Hydrogen
- Support for the Western Gateway and England Economic Heartland sub-national transport bodies



Highlights 2022-23

Business Environment:

- Swindon and Wiltshire Growth Hub
- ERDF funded SME Competitiveness Programme
- BCC and Swindon and Wiltshire Cyber Cluster
- Doing Business Brilliantly conference
- Growing Places Infrastructure Fund programme
- Business Intelligence and Network Group
- Rural Economy Sector Group



Snapshot 2023-24

- Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Hub
- Local Skills Improvement Plan and Fund
- Local Economic Assessment 2023
- Natural Capital research
- iCAST Research Gateway
- SME Competitiveness Programme and Growth Hub delivery
- Business Festival 15 November 2023
- BCC membership has grown
- Swindon and Wiltshire Cyber Cluster Unlock Cyber careers fair

