



Swindon & Wiltshire
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Review of 2017/18

What we said we would do and what we
have done

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Delivering our Growth Deal Programme



Porton Science Park, Salisbury

Phase 1 completed.

Total investment £39.6m

Junction 16, M4

- ▶ To reduce traffic congestion in Swindon.
- ▶ To deliver access to Wichelstowe development.
- ▶ Will create 31 jobs.

Total investment £12.6m

Greenbridge roundabout, Swindon

- ▶ To improve major routes into Swindon.
- ▶ Support the New Eastern Villages development.

Total investment £5.3m



Running an open call to the Growing Places Infrastructure Fund (GPIF)



The Woods Group, Chippenham

- ▶ £1.27m GPIF loan awarded to help fund its new HQ at Bumpers Farm.
- ▶ Due to complete in July 2018.
- ▶ Enables the consolidation of its current 6 sites.
- ▶ 150 employees will move into the new HQ in July 2018, with room for capacity to double.

Refreshing our Governance Framework



- ▶ Revised version of our Government Framework was published in March 2018:
<https://swlep.co.uk/about/governance-framework>
- ▶ Since July 2015 we have held our Board meetings in public.

Bidding to Government for an Institute of Technology



- ▶ Competition stage 1 closed in March 2018.
- ▶ We have been invited to proceed to stage 2.
- ▶ Our lead applicant is Swindon College.



Allocating our European Structural & Investment Funds (ESIF)



£6.5m EU funds invested in people & businesses

- ▶ 7 projects actively delivering intensive business support and advice to increase competitiveness, innovation, productivity and skills to 370 small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's).
- ▶ 285 people advised on how to start a business with over 50 new businesses trading.
- ▶ £2m invested in new workspaces for local SMEs.
- ▶ 1,940 employees upskilled in 500+ workplaces.
- ▶ 350+ SMEs receiving training needs assessments.
- ▶ 1,250 people helped with employability skills and back into work.



Developing strategies for Higher Education, Energy, Digital Capabilities & Rail



1,094 responses received from **Higher Education** stakeholder surveys of employers, young people and adults. Events are planned in Swindon and Devizes in April 2018 to engage and consult stakeholders on the draft Higher Education Strategy.

The Swindon and Wiltshire **Digital Capabilities Strategy** will be presented to the SWLEP board for approval in July 2018.

Following evidence collection and stakeholder consultation, our draft **Energy Strategy** has been published. It identifies priorities where we can have greatest impact and aligns with our existing objectives: delivering public energy infrastructure, addressing market failures and creating the enabling environment for greater clean economic growth.

Consultants appointed to develop a **Rail Strategy** for Swindon and Wiltshire.



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SWINDON & WILTSHIRE LEP

S&W community members

409



Number of knowledge centre resources

410



Downloads in first 6 months

2,263



News Hub newsletter distribution

6,500

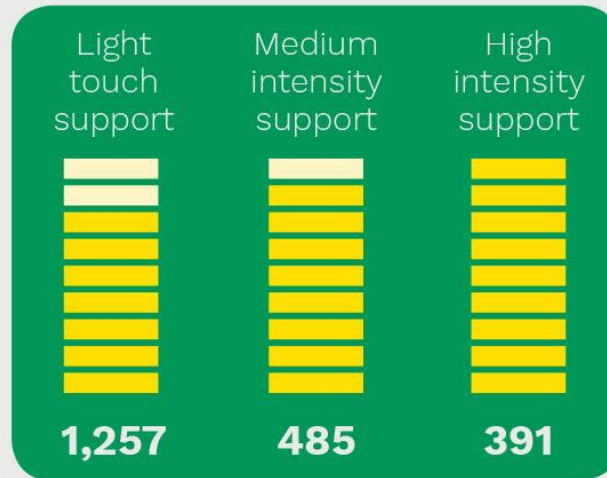
businesses





Business support

received from the Swindon & Wiltshire Growth Hub



Total investment

2017/18

EU
funding

£3.175m



Business Energy
& Industrial
Strategy funding

£205k



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