

Subgroup merger proposal

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Ideas, Infrastructure and Places Subgroup

- Develop and maintain the Swindon and Wiltshire Infrastructure and Places Plan in response to priorities set out in the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Industrial Strategy.
- Maintain oversight over SWLEP funded infrastructure, place shaping and innovation projects linking GPIF investment in-orderto inform the SWLEP Board of emerging strengths and weaknesses.

Business Environment Subgroup

- Develop and deliver the Swindon and Wiltshire Business Environment Plan in response to the priorities set out in the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Industrial Strategy.
- Maintain oversight over SWLEP's Growth Hub and funded business development projects and the delivery of European and other funded business development projects in-order-to inform the SWLEP Board of emerging strengths and weaknesses.
- Oversee and delegate work to the Rural Economy Sector Working Group
- Maintain oversight of the Business Intelligence and Network Group.
- The Chair, with the support of the Deputy Chair, to act as the representative of Small and Medium Enterprises on the SWLEP Board.





Business Plan activity 2023/24

- Ideas, infrastructure and Place
- Sustainable technologies and the circular economy innovation
- New energy refuelling infrastructure: hydrogen and EV
- Rail, logistics and freight subnational transport body activity
- Natural capital research
- Place: LGF/GBF funded schemes and information sharing successor programmes

Business Environment

- Growth Hub
- Inward Investment
- BCC
- Swindon and Wiltshire Cyber Cluster



Recommendations

- I. agree to merge its activities with the Business Environment Subgroup; and
- 2. recommend to the SWLEP Board that the merger of the subgroups is approved.





Subgroup name discussion



Some suggestions:

- Business, Ideas and Infrastructure
- Business, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Business and Infrastructure