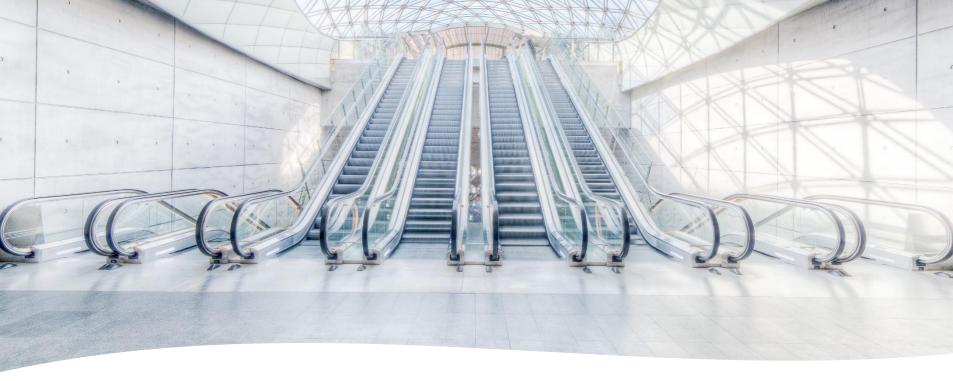


# Ideas, Infrastructure and Places Subgroup Roles and Responsibilities

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#### Oversight of the Local Industrial Strategy priorities

- Ideas: innovation led priorities
- Infrastructure: connectivity and low carbon energy
- Places: resilient, agile and inclusive growth





Ideas: grow R&D and innovation activity, building on our strengths:

- advanced engineering
- energy / sustainability
- agritech
- life sciences and
- emerging opportunities such as cyber resilience and digital technologies





Infrastructure: further improve digital, road and rail connectivity and tackle capacity constraints in energy, water and waste







Places: resilient, agile and inclusive settlements through a more diversified economy, improved cultural and retail offer while conserving and enhancing our natural capital





#### **Growing Places Infrastructure Fund**

- Revolving loan fund
- Rolling open call process
- Aligned to Local Industrial Strategy priorities
- Since 2017, 10 loans of c. £7m awarded securing £9.7m of additional investment
- Supported by professional services representatives
- Two Board Director vacancies on the GPIF Working Group





### Joint Inward Investment Programme

- ERDF funded programme to December 2021
- Attract investment from outside of the EU in the life sciences, cyber and advanced engineering sectors
- Support UK investment and expansion plans





## **Business representation** on the Subgroup

- Encourage involvement of businesses e.g. Rail, low carbon energy, hydrogen expertise or knowledge
- Review existing membership
- Board Directors networks





#### Recommendations

The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership's Ideas, Infrastructure and Places Subgroup is recommended to:

I. Discuss the terms of reference and identify specific activity to be included review Appendix I of SWLEP's Subgroup Terms of Reference.