



# Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership

## 1 YEAR DELIVERY PLAN

2023 - 2024

“The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and, in particular (without limitation) to drive economic and employment growth in Dorset, through the support of a strongly performing, productive and sustainable economy, characterised by a greater incidence of higher paid and skilled jobs, in a manner that, in so far as possible, harnesses and protects Dorset’s unique environmental assets. ...To further its objects the Company may do all such lawful things as may further the Company’s objects and, in particular but without limitation, may borrow or raise and secure the payment of money for any purpose including for the purposes of investment or of raising funds.”

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The Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership will deliver, and seek opportunities to deliver, activities under the following objectives:

Objective	High Level
1	Embed a strong, independent and diverse local business voice into local democratic institutions.
2	Strategic Economic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building and maintaining robust evidence base</li> <li>• Convening business, education and other local economic stakeholders.</li> </ul>
3	Functions for govt departments including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth Hub activity</li> <li>• International trade and investment activity, provision of local business intelligence, grant funding and levelling-up focused projects</li> <li>• Local Digital Skills Partnerships</li> <li>• Careers Hub</li> <li>• Local skills analysis via Skills Advisory Panels, and</li> <li>• Monitoring and assurance pertaining to local growth programmes and funds to 2025.</li> </ul>
4	Partnership and clusters.
5	Seek, generate and capitalise on opportunities to leverage private and/or public investment to the area.
6	Help broker and support new or deeper devolution deals, where requested by local partners.

	<b>High Level Objective</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>How</b>
1	Embed a strong, independent and diverse local business voice into local democratic institutions	Work collaboratively with Local Democratic institutions, to complement perspectives and skillsets.	Constructively engage with and support the work of elected members and officers through board, working groups, committees, and one to one.
		Grow and consolidate business engagement to have a dynamic network of businesses that want to engage across themes and public policy areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinvigorate Dorset ambassadors</li> <li>• Work with Chambers/BMOs</li> <li>• Integrate Enterprise Advisers and cornerstone employers</li> <li>• Better utilise CRM</li> </ul>
		Determine nimble mechanism to identify willing business representatives as nominees to working groups and boards – with feedback loop.	
2	Strategic Economic Planning	Building and maintaining robust evidence base	Ensure timely and regular analyses of economic data releases are circulated and published to the website
			Local Industrial strategy – data refresh, current projections, workshops for visioning/target setting
			Consult partners to identify strategic research themes – scope and commission
		Convening business, education and other local economic stakeholders.	5 x Board meetings with policy discussion time built in
			Convene themed committees/boards – including Skills Advisory Panel
			Series of themed events and a conference variously bringing together national, regional and local policy makers and practitioners, education providers, businesses and stakeholders
			Review and evaluate with partners previous decisions re disbanding/passing on

			committees/groups including Connected Dorset, Rural Enterprise, Infrastructure, Enterprise Zones, Dorset Tourism Association.
3	Functions for government departments	Growth Hub activity	Programme of targeted business support activity
		International trade and investment activity, provision of local business intelligence, grant funding and levelling-up focused projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to enquiries</li> <li>Work collaboratively with Councils</li> </ul>
		Local Digital Skills Partnerships	Support partnerships
		Careers Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver contract academic year 22/23</li> <li>Agree contract terms academic year 23/24</li> <li>Deliver contract 23/24</li> </ul>
		Local skills analysis via Skills Advisory Panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to convene Skills Advisory Panel</li> <li>Commission and promulgate data analyses.</li> </ul>
		Monitoring and assurance pertaining to local growth	Ensure monitoring and reporting twice yearly on investments supported by Local Growth and Get Building Funds.
4	Partnerships and clusters	Great South West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership board</li> <li>Executive board</li> <li>Explore leading on secretariat function</li> </ul>
		Support innovation and cluster development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue e.g., Maritime UK SW, SW defence, Advance manufacture, iAero</li> <li>Explore e.g., SW nuclear</li> <li>Develop– e.g. One Health</li> </ul>
		Deliver Boscombe Digital Skills innovation and Learning Hub	
		Regular liaison at a regional and national level to ensure opportunities for Dorset are identified and flagged up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gov Depts, Innovate UK</li> <li>Steering groups / boards including Maritime UKSW, NetZero hub</li> </ul>

5	Seek, generate and capitalise on opportunities to leverage private and/or public investment to the area	Promote the area and partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through everything we do</li> <li>• Social and traditional media</li> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Events</li> <li>• Signpost public sector funds</li> <li>• Know investor landscape</li> <li>• Co-ordinate bids/consortia</li> <li>• Work with LAs for soft landings</li> </ul>
		Link funding sources to investable opportunities.	
		Target use of LEP resources	