



# Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership

## 1 YEAR DELIVERY PLAN

2024 - 2025

“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.”

Articles of Association Dorset LEP

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work collaboratively with Local Democratic institutions, to complement perspectives and skillsets</li> <li>• Grow and consolidate business engagement to have a dynamic network of businesses that want to engage across themes and public policy areas; and to identify willing business representatives as nominees to working groups and boards – with feedback loop</li> <li>• Work with both councils to determine how this function should best be delivered from 2024/25</li> </ul>
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 to ensure dynamic and up to date understanding of area</li> </ul>
3	Functions for government departments: <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>• Monitoring and assurance pertaining to local growth</li> </ul>
4	Other contractual functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boscombe Digital Skills Hub</li> <li>• Agile response to other contractual opportunities</li> </ul>
5	Partnership and clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support innovation and cluster development</li> <li>• Great South West</li> <li>• Dorset Skills Board</li> <li>• One Health Enterprise Network</li> <li>• Regular liaison at a regional and national level to ensure opportunities for Dorset are identified and flagged up</li> </ul>
6	Seek, generate and capitalise on opportunities to leverage private and/or public investment to the area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the area and partners</li> <li>• Link funding sources to investable opportunities.</li> <li>• Target use of LEP resources</li> </ul>

7	<p>Future Local Economic Partnership arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help support progress towards devolution deal, where requested by local partners</li> <li>• Work with LA partners to determine and enable future working arrangements for core LEP functions to be embedded within local democratic structures</li> </ul>
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	<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	1.1 Work collaboratively with Local Democratic institutions, to complement perspectives and skillsets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constructively engage with and support the work of elected members and officers through LEP board, working groups/committees, and one to one.</li> </ul>
		1.2 Grow and consolidate business engagement to have a dynamic network of businesses that want to engage across themes and public policy areas; and to identify willing business representatives as nominees to working groups and boards – with feedback loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Ambassadors</li> <li>• Work with Chambers/BMOs</li> <li>• Integration of Enterprise Advisers and Cornerstone Employers</li> <li>• Better utilise CRM</li> </ul>
		1.3 Work with both councils to determine how this function should best be delivered from 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task and Finish group</li> </ul>
2	Strategic Economic Planning	2.1 Building and maintaining robust evidence base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure timely and regular analyses of economic data releases are circulated and published to the website.</li> <li>• Build on evidence base refresh of 23/24 to develop and consult on economic strategy with 10 year horizon on behalf of Councils</li> <li>• Identify strategic research themes – scope and commission</li> <li>• Regularly update and promulgate data and analysis – including on our website including the local skills analysis</li> </ul>
		2.2 Convening business, education and other local economic stakeholders to ensure dynamic and up to date understanding of area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 x Board meetings with economic policy/strategy discussion time built in</li> <li>• Convene themed committees/boards –</li> </ul>

			<p>including DSB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Series of themed events and a conference variously bringing together national, regional and local policy makers and practitioners, education providers, businesses and stakeholders</li> </ul>
3	Functions for government departments	3.1 Growth Hub activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme of targeted business support activity</li> </ul>
		3.2 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 and partners</li> </ul>
		3.3 Local Digital Skills Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support partnerships</li> </ul>
		3.4 Careers Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver contract academic year 23/24</li> <li>• Agree contract terms academic year 24/25</li> <li>• Deliver contract 24/25</li> </ul>
		3.5 Monitoring and assurance pertaining to local growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure monitoring and reporting twice yearly on investments supported by Local Growth and Getting Building Funds.</li> </ul>
4	Other Contracted functions	4.1 Boscombe Digital Skills Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver second year of three year contract. Using a partnership approach to delivering a programme of activity for the benefit of citizens and businesses in Boscombe</li> </ul>
		4.2 Agile response to other contractual opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek and respond to contractual opportunities that meet CIC objectives</li> </ul>
5	Partnerships and clusters	5.1 Support innovation and cluster development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support, signpost and seek opportunities for established and emerging partnerships and clusters</li> </ul>
		5.2 Great South West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively support LEP and Council participation in GSW</li> <li>• Board and officer group meetings</li> <li>• Co-ordinating and leading economic intelligence group</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK REIF</li> </ul>
		5.3 Dorset Skills Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convene, support with data</li> </ul>
		5.4 One Health Enterprise Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convene Steering Group</li> <li>• Lead funding bids</li> <li>• Conference</li> </ul>
		5.5 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>• Government departments, Innovate UK</li> <li>• Steering groups/boards including Maritime UKSW, Net Zero hub</li> </ul>
6	Seek, generate and capitalise on opportunities to leverage private and/or public investment to the area	6.1 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> </ul>
		6.2 Link funding sources to investable opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signpost public sector funds</li> <li>• Know investor landscape</li> <li>• Co-ordinate bids/consortia</li> <li>• Develop soft landing package</li> </ul>
		6.3 Target use of LEP resources	
7	Future Local Economic Partnership arrangements	7.1 Help support progress towards devolution deal, where requested by local partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making use of strategic knowledge and expertise and ability to work across the area</li> </ul>
		7.2 Work with LA partners to determine and enable future working arrangements for core LEP functions to be embedded within local democratic structures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task and Finish group</li> </ul>