



Annual Report
April 2018 – March 2019



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FOREWORD

Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership has had another busy and successful year. Highlights include our inaugural business conference in April which saw over 100 businesses discuss the region's economic climate, challenges and outlook. We launched Horizon 2038, our flagship strategy document outlining the steps we will take to achieve our modern industrial vision of doubling Dorset's productivity and economic output to £35.6 billion over the next 20 years. This will form an important part of Dorset's Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) which the government has asked us to develop in collaboration with local businesses and organisations, BCP Council and Dorset Council. It will be a detailed plan to increase productivity, innovation, earnings and well-being across the county. At the start of the year we carried out extensive consultation across the county to ensure the LIS represents and addresses the views and ambitions of the whole of Dorset. Dorset's LIS will be completed in 2019.

We continued to successfully deliver, on time and on budget, a wide range of investment projects through the £135 million we secured through the government's Local Growth Fund including the completion of road improvements at Hunger Hill and on the B3073 and the start of works on the A338 at Blackwater. We secured the green light for local tourism investments in Dorchester, Swanage and Portland as well as funding for transport improvements in Gillingham and medical innovation support at Bournemouth University.

We are proud that our work with the Local Growth Fund and the Growing Places Fund has resulted in the management and strategic planning of 45 economic growth projects across the county.

We continued to support and promote our thriving rural region through the South West Rural Productivity Report; we also delivered two rural business engagement events in partnership with Dorset Council and Kingston Maurward College.

Our Invest in Dorset team had a record year securing 15 inward investment projects for Dorset. This achievement is particularly impressive given the national decrease in inward investment projects and the global reduction in foreign direct investment.

Dorset Innovation Park goes from strength to strength with the approval of a Local Development Order to streamline the planning



Jim Stewart, Chair and Lorna Carver, Director,
Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership

process for employment plots, the opening of twenty new business units, and welcoming new occupiers to the park.

Some of our other notable milestones included the launch of Dorset Gateway, a new information, advice and support service for local businesses, and news that Dorset will become a Careers Hub, significantly improving careers support for young people across Dorset.

As a community interest company, we are mindful of our responsibility to maintain exceptional standards of governance. In March we updated our Local Assurance Framework to reflect the National Assurance Framework giving additional assurance to government and local partners that we have robust practices and standards in place to ensure that Dorset LEP's funding decisions are proper, transparent and deliver value for money.

Recognition and thanks must go to our talented and energetic team and the fantastic support of our influential and committed board members – a true example of what a public/private partnership can achieve.

We now have our eyes firmly on the future. We have a thriving economy, a city region with a growing population, international airport, two commercial ports, two universities, outstanding coastline and a superb work-life balance. We are the UK's top area for high growth creative and digital businesses. We have the UK's third largest financial sector and are at the forefront of 5G wireless communications plans.

Dorset's Local Industrial Strategy presents tremendous opportunities for the region and will focus on increasing productivity and prosperity for all.

We hope you enjoy reading this annual report which showcases just some of the excellent projects and initiatives that are bringing positive change and growth to the local economy.

Thank you to all those connected with Dorset LEP. Your ongoing support and engagement are invaluable in ensuring Dorset continues to thrive and grow.

DORSET LEP ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Our work focuses on securing funds for Dorset and investing in and delivering projects that bring long-term economic benefits – in the form of jobs, houses, skills and business support – to the whole region.

Working in partnership with local government, businesses, organisations and education, some of our key activities and achievements over the last 12 months have included:

STRATEGY

Launch of **Dorset Horizon 2038: A Vision for Growth**

Start of development of **Local Industrial Strategy** for Dorset



BUSINESS SUPPORT

Launch of **Dorset Gateway:**

- Specialist **bid writing support service** and bespoke **brokerage support**
- **953** businesses engaged

DORSET GATEWAY

SKILLS


New **Careers Hub** for Dorset



GROWING PLACES FUND

3 x successful loan repayments
(North Dorset Business Park, Field International, BHCA)


Approved loan funding of £250,000
for Kingston Maurward College Animal Park



DORSET GROWTH DEAL

- 638** Houses
- 93** Jobs
- 415** Apprenticeships

LAUNCH OF NEW PROJECT PIPELINE



ENTERPRISE ZONE

Local Development Order for Dorset Innovation Park:

- 20** units opened at the Quadrant
- 8** new tenants welcomed
- 131** new jobs created/safeguarded
- £85,774** increased business rates



Enterprise Zones

ESIF

Ongoing delivery of **c. £80m** EU funding programme for growth and jobs in Dorset




European Union
European Structure and Investment Funds

INWARD INVESTMENT

Launch of the first of a series of brochures highlighting Dorset's sector strengths and inward investment opportunities in:

- **Aerospace Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO)**
- **5G Ecosystem**




Dorset LEP's inaugural business conference, April 2018

ECONOMIC AMBITION AND VISION

A key priority for Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is developing and establishing growth strategies and economic development plans for the county.

HORIZON 2038

In Winter 2018 we launched **Dorset Horizon 2038: A Vision for Growth** as a precursor to the development of our Local Industrial Strategy laying out the building blocks required to achieve our modern industrial vision. The document identifies the key foundations of our productivity and the sectors which present the highest growth potential for Dorset. It is being used to inform, influence and direct Dorset's economic future and complements our growing body of evidence set out in our **Statement of Intent** and **Dorset's Economic Ambition**, both published in Autumn 2018, alongside our **Dorset productivity scorecard** (2018) and the **Rural Productivity Commission Report** (2017).



A LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY FOR DORSET

In December 2018 the government asked Dorset LEP to help deliver the National Industrial Strategy by developing a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) for Dorset. We have set up a steering group to oversee the development of the LIS and have been gathering a range of evidence to support our ongoing economic research and strategy work including an online business survey. In February, we published a call for evidence to help us prepare our LIS. Open to submissions from all local economic development stakeholders, evidence included data sets, research papers, surveys and strategies showing the importance of innovation, technology and industrial sectors to the county's future economic growth.



SOUTH WEST ENERGY STRATEGY

We have been working in partnership with Cornwall & Isles of Scilly (CloS) and Heart of the South-West (HoSW) LEPs to develop an energy strategy. Covering the Dorset, CloS and HoSW LEP areas, the **South West Energy Strategy** was launched in January 2019. Its vision is to create an energy future that is low carbon and more affordable, maximising and retaining benefits in the region.



GROWTH INVESTMENT

LOCAL GROWTH FUND SUCCESS

We have completed our fourth year of delivering a wide range of investment projects funded through £135 million we secured via the Dorset Growth Deal. The projects aim to create and safeguard jobs and improve productivity, transport, skills, business support and housing across the county.

Some of the projects that have benefitted from Local Growth Fund investment this year include:

BIG PROGRAMME

Two major road improvements completed

The successful completion of two major road investment schemes is helping to relieve congestion on the B3073, an important economic corridor in south east Dorset.

The works formed part of the Bournemouth International Growth (BIG) Programme, a £45.2 million investment programme designed to improve connectivity, ease congestion, protect existing jobs and create new ones in and around Bournemouth Airport and Wessex Fields.

Hurn roundabout has been redesigned resulting in improved vehicle movements, especially HGVs, and more effective traffic flow through the junction. Better walking and cycling links in the area are also providing more sustainable travel options.

Additional road capacity and improvements to the signalised junction at **Blackwater East** are already seeing benefits with shorter queues, better traffic flow and more reliable journey times.

Progress with the BIG Programme continued with the start of a £5 million road improvement scheme on the **A338 at Blackwater** and the approval of a planning application for a new link road and junction connecting the A338 with the **Wessex Fields Business Park** and Royal Bournemouth Hospital.



© BCP Communications and Marketing team

Delivered in partnership with BCP Council and Dorset Council, the BIG Programme will:



Release up to
60 hectares
of prime, flexible
employment land



Create up to
10,000
new highly
skilled jobs



Generate up to
£500 million
of local
economic growth

‘Driving economic growth and building a Britain fit for the future is a key government priority. This £45.2m investment for the Bournemouth International Growth Programme will not only ease congestion and provide more sustainable travel options for local residents, but will also protect and support new and existing jobs in and around Bournemouth Airport and Wessex Fields.’

Jake Berry, Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth

MULTI-MILLION-POUND IMPROVEMENTS AT TOWNSIDE REACHES NEXT KEY STAGE

The latest scheme benefitting from the £23.3 million Growth Deal investment in Poole's infrastructure reached a milestone with the reconfiguration of Hunger Hill junction. This forms part of a multi-million-pound investment at Townside access in Poole to improve key junctions and provide more direct and safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. The combined improvements are supporting the future expansion of the Port of Poole, as well as the development anticipated in Hamworthy and West Quay Road areas creating new homes, leisure opportunities and a vibrant economy.



L-R: Lorna Carver (Director, Dorset LEP), former Cllr Ian Potter and Julian McLaughlin (Service Director, Growth and Infrastructure, BCP Council)

The Port of Poole programme is expected to bring an anticipated £500 million of leveraged private investment into the area.

EDEN PORTLAND

£1.3 million has been invested in a major new visitor destination on Portland in partnership with the Eden Project. Eden Portland aims to transform and regenerate exhausted quarry and mine workings to create a world-class tourist attraction including a labyrinth of tunnels and underground 'gallery' space.



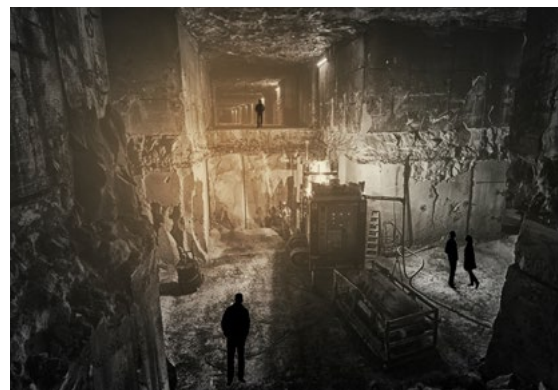
The project is estimated to:



attract
320,000
visitors a year



and create
130 jobs



Eden Portland

'I'm delighted that government is investing in such an exciting and inspiring project. Plans for this major tourism attraction, with all the associated benefits that Eden Project International brings, offer opportunities not just for Portland, but Dorset's wider economy too.'

Jake Berry, Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth

In a further boost to the county's tourism economy, we invested in two new local attractions:

SHIRE HALL

Dorchester's Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum, a disused Grade 1 listed building, has been brought back to life as a visitor attraction with a refurbished exhibition and law courts, a new café and shop as well as two new rental apartments.



SWANAGE PIER

Local growth funding has seen the restoration of one of Dorset's much-loved piers, creating jobs, increasing visitor numbers and helping to secure education and retail facilities.



Three more Growth Deal funded projects received the green light this year with the allocation of:

£3.45 million
to deliver a package of transport improvement schemes within **Gillingham town centre** – helping to unlock and deliver the development of 1,350 homes and 1,250 jobs.

£1.4 million to develop an Institute for **Medical Imaging and Visualisation** at Bournemouth University.

£950,000 for phase 2 development of Bournemouth University's **Orthopaedic Research Institute**, including a state-of-the-art orthopaedic laboratory, equipment and global training centre.

'As one of the top 150 young universities in the world, Bournemouth University is a major economic asset to Dorset, and with innovation as one of the primary drivers of economic growth, is likely to feature strongly in our Local Industrial Strategy. Dorset LEP is pleased to have already invested over £1.65 million Growth Deal funding to help create a nationally and internationally renowned facility delivering cutting edge solutions to aid recovery from orthopaedic surgery at Bournemouth University. This new Institute for Medical Imaging and Visualisation will help to further position Dorset as a pioneer for healthy living, medical technology and a leader in health innovation.'

Jim Stewart, Chair of Dorset LEP

GROWING PLACES FUND SUCCESS

We have been busy managing the £9.7 million awarded through the Dorset LEP Growing Places Fund, a revolving loan scheme that supports innovation, productivity, new jobs and housing in Dorset. The repayable loan is designed to unlock capital projects which have significant economic impact and will create new jobs and homes.

We are pleased to report three successful loan repayments this year:

NORTH DORSET BUSINESS PARK

in Sturminster Newton is one of the most important employment sites and development opportunities in the north of the county. A joint working partnership between Dorset Council and Homes England is helping to rejuvenate the site and attract economic investment. We awarded a £800,000 loan to Dorset Council which was used to fund site servicing work.



Representatives involved in the development of North Dorset Business Park



Field International

FIELD INTERNATIONAL

provides world-class turnkey design and manufacturing solutions for the aerospace and defence industry. In 2018 Boeing made Field International one of its top four licensees for Boeing Aircraft tooling in the world. The £2.315 million loan helped to safeguard 50 jobs in Poole and created ten new jobs including apprenticeship positions.

BOURNEMOUTH CHURCHES HOUSING ASSOCIATION

was awarded a £775,000 loan in 2014 for the purchase and refurbishment of the former 'Remploy' factory at Alder Hills in Poole. **'The Factory'** now operates as a business development hub and social enterprise centre of excellence.



The Factory



Kingston Maurward College Animal Park

KINGSTON MAURWARD COLLEGE

Loan funding of £250,000 was awarded to **Kingston Maurward College** to improve its popular Animal Park tourism attraction. The college, a specialist provider of land-based studies, uses its country estate to generate commercial revenue through tourism and events management.

Through our work with the Local Growth Fund and Growing Places Fund, we have been responsible for the careful management and strategic planning of



45

economic growth projects
across the county.



DEVELOPING A PIPELINE OF GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

We invited private sector businesses and public sector organisations operating in Dorset to submit their ideas for productivity-boosting investment initiatives. We received **over 37 applications** from public, private and third sector organisations, totalling an ask of **£88.5 million** with a total project cost of **£234.8 million**. This gives us a new pipeline of capital projects ready for future funding opportunities.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Highlights of our ongoing policy engagement with government, businesses and stakeholders included:

PRIME MINISTERIAL MEETING

Our Chair, Jim Stewart, met the Prime Minister as part of the delegation from the Council of Local Enterprise Partnership Chairs tracking progress on work to boost economic growth for communities across the country.

The council covered updates on the timelines for delivering the Local Industrial Strategies, engagement with SMEs and rural communities and discussion around the latest business intelligence from across the country ahead of the UK's departure from the EU.



Jim Stewart (Chair, Dorset LEP) attends Prime Ministerial LEP meeting at Downing Street

CHAMPIONING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

We hosted a roundtable event for local female business leaders aimed at shaping Dorset's economy and ensuring women are involved and able to influence policy decision making. From pop-up stores and cultural events to talent attraction and retention, the businesswomen discussed ideas for Dorset's business future.



Dorset LEP's Director, Lorna Carver (centre front) hosts businesswomen's roundtable

THE GREAT SOUTH WEST



Promoting the Great South West; L-R Jim Stewart (Chair Dorset LEP), John Sutcliffe (Dorset LEP board member), Lorna Carver (Director, Dorset LEP) and Cllr Rebecca Knox

We are leading a campaign for the south west to receive the same government investment as our northern counterparts. Working closely with Dorset West MP Sir Oliver Letwin we arranged a meeting at Westminster with south west MPs, LEPs and key business stakeholders for a presentation by the Great South West, an alliance of regional business leaders, academic heads and local authorities, about the economic significance of the region.

'I hope that this project can continue to move forward with ever increasing momentum, and to help further realise the extraordinary economic potential of the south west.'

Sir Oliver Letwin

SOUTH WEST RURAL PRODUCTIVITY REPORT

Work this year focused on reviewing and implementing the recommendations of the South West Rural Productivity Report which identified opportunities to stimulate rural productivity and growth across the region. Discussions with government and local partners have taken place about the options for progressing the report's recommendations at a national, regional and local level.

The report, commissioned in collaboration with Dorset LEP and three other south west LEPs as part of the Great South West partnership, was mentioned in the government's Industrial Strategy as a good example of collaboration addressing shared challenges.





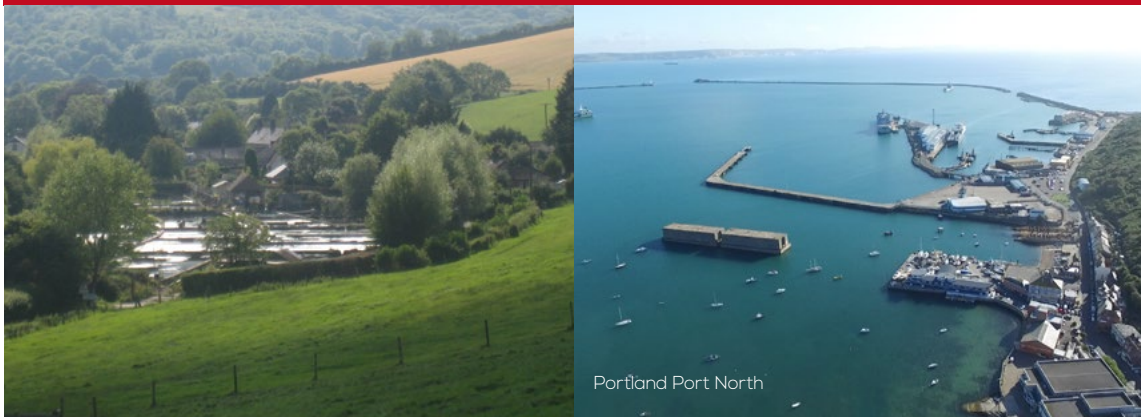
ENABLING RURAL PRODUCTIVITY AND SUPPORTING DORSET AGRITECH

Dorset's agritech sector is currently worth £108 million and employs around 700 people. We teamed up with Dorset Council and Kingston Maurward College to deliver two successful business engagement events supporting and promoting our thriving rural sector.

The **Enabling Rural Productivity Conference** was organised on the back of the release of the South West Rural Productivity Report. It sought to develop the work of the report, identifying ways to ensure that opportunities and challenges are prioritised and resourced.



The **Dorset Agritech – Real Progress** event brought together business leaders from Dorset's thriving agritech sector to celebrate its growing contribution to the local and regional economy. It also marked the announcement that Dorset has been identified by the Department of International Trade as a 'High Potential Opportunity' for aquaculture.



'Both agritech and aquaculture sectors are likely to become core components of Dorset's Local Industrial Strategy, helping to play a major role in creating jobs and boosting productivity.'

Luke Rake, Dorset LEP board member and Principal of Kingston Maurward College



DORSET INNOVATION PARK

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The Quadrant
Dorset Innovation Park

STREAMLINED PLANNING APPROVAL AND AWARD NOMINATION

Dorset Innovation Park, the county's only Enterprise Zone, is fast fulfilling its ambition of becoming an advanced engineering cluster of excellence for the south west. In March it was nominated for a national planning award for promoting economic growth through a simplified planning process, highlighting the great work of the local authority and Dorset LEP in the county.

Building on strengths in marine, defence, energy and cyber security, the site is a major focus for the economic regeneration of South Dorset offering 35 hectares of developable employment land. Existing world-class park occupiers such as

Atlas Elektronik UK and QinetiQ have been joined this year by eight more companies, and a further 131 highly skilled jobs have been created.

In December the site received the go-ahead for a streamlined planning process, through the approval of a Local Development Order, enabling appropriate development whilst respecting the local environment.

The process reduces the time and cost of the planning process at Dorset Innovation Park from several months to 28 days – a major pull for developers, investors and companies seeking build-ready employment plots.

BUSINESSES IN THE ZONE



Dorset Innovation Park

Twenty units were opened at the Quadrant, a new flexible workspace with full fibre connectivity and easy in/out lease terms at Dorset Innovation Park, designed and developed by Purbeck District Council and Dorset County Council (now Dorset Council), in partnership with Dorset LEP and funding from the Dorset Growth Deal.

Britlift, Hugslock Systems, Zeus UAV, Legion Events and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's local coastguard rescue operations unit were among the Quadrant's first new occupiers, which is now 50% full.

'Moving here was an opportunity to be part of more than just a standard industrial park and just renting a unit. Being a tenant on Dorset Innovation Park means we have a network of support available and access to a wide variety of organisations and businesses that are all committed to the economic growth of Dorset.'

Denise Huggett, Managing Director, Hugslock System



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BOOSTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY WITH DORSET GATEWAY

October saw the official launch of Dorset Gateway, a new central repository of information, advice and support for local businesses, signposting them to the most appropriate local, national, commercial or public funded assistance to help them grow. Funded by Dorset LEP and delivered in partnership by the Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), the service provides an informed and bespoke service, free to any Dorset based business looking for help to source solutions for growth and development. A unique part of this offer includes a fully-funded bid writing support service to help local businesses and enterprises apply for and secure grant funding.

During 2018/19 Dorset Gateway



engaged with
over 950
businesses



provided more than
450 hours
of specialist bid writing
support for local businesses



The Dorset Gateway team L-R Kevin Brooks (bid writing support expert), Ian Girling (Dorset LEP Board member and Chief Executive, DCCI), Finn Morgan (Dorset LEP Business Engagement and Dorset Gateway Manager), Suzannah Kennedy (Dorset Gateway Business Support Advisor)

DORSET
GATEWAY

SKILLS AND CAREERS

Dorset's skills shortage is an ongoing challenge and one that we continued to tackle through several initiatives.

CAREERS SUPPORT

We were pleased to support Dorset's first **Careers and Apprenticeship Show** at Bournemouth International Centre. The county-wide business-led event brought together schools, colleges, universities and businesses from Dorset, showcasing careers and apprenticeship opportunities as well as providing businesses with the opportunity to interact with young people in education across the county.



We also supported Dorset's first sector-led careers promotion event aimed at school-aged young people and older people with an interest in construction. Held at Poundbury, the event showcased the range of jobs on offer within the construction industry.

CAREERS HUB

We led the submission of Dorset's successful bid to become a Careers Hub. Working collaboratively with schools, colleges, universities and local employers the Careers Hub's primary aim will be to improve careers support for young people across Dorset. The Dorset Careers Hub will be managed by a Hub lead based at Dorset LEP and will include a dedicated enterprise co-ordinator for Weymouth & Portland.



Dorset LEP supported careers event

DRIVING INWARD INVESTMENT

SPOTLIGHT ON AEROSPACE MRO AND 5G ECOSYSTEM

In partnership with Invest in Great Britain & Northern Ireland, we launched the first of a series of brochures promoting specific inward investment opportunities in Dorset. The brochures highlight Dorset's sector strengths and inward investment opportunities in:

Aerospace Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO)

5G ecosystem

INWARD INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
in Dorset

AEROSPACE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OVERHAUL (MRO)

Aerospace MRO in Dorset
Located on the UK's South Coast Dorset is a leading hub for aerospace MRO with its own regenerative sector (Bournemouth Airport), two thriving regional ports (Port of Poole and Portland Port) and a main train line into London. Dorset is an excellent location for businesses looking to service UK, European and global markets. Already home to a growing number of aerospace MRO companies and associated supply chain, it has specialist business parks, a burgeoning advanced engineering and manufacturing cluster contributing £2 billion to the local economy, a strong university presence and a large pool of high skilled employees.

The opportunity
Global commercial air transport fleet of 67,000+ aircraft offering an annual demand measurement to replace ageing aircraft = 3,000+ per year fleet growth per annum.
£100M investment - expected to grow by 4.3% per annum to £160 million by 2026
Europe and global markets are the strongest drivers of growth.

Aviation Business Park, Bournemouth Air port 1, key facts
100% established and successful business destination
Strong reputation for air services and manufacturing expertise
Home to major air freight operators including DHL Aviation, DHL Global Forwarding, Qantas, Avolon, Air France, Air Canada and British Airways
Dorset's largest employment site and key priority for economic growth
Higher investment in air private and public sectors
100% of the site is available for development (BAA) Programme
A 100% public authority owned and managed site with a long history of successful development
Aviation Business Park is a new economic growth and innovation site providing employment sites
£1.8 billion of new commercial property to support the 4000+ jobs of the business
Secure and high specification facilities with 24/7 on site security and extensive parking

INWARD INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
in Dorset

5G ECOSYSTEM

5G application in Dorset
Dorset has a thriving digital economy and is a world-leading digital sector. Bournemouth and Poole are the UK's top areas for high-growth digital businesses (each region report card) supporting 20,000+ digital jobs worth over £200 million to the economy. The region is committed to becoming a first-class, smart and innovative digital place supporting the future needs, customer experience and productivity of industry.

Smart City
Dorset is at the forefront of 5G wireless communications technology plans. Building on Government funded pioneering 5G mapping work carried out in Bournemouth, Dorset is spearheading the development of a Smart Poole ecosystem to include gigabit fibre connectivity, public WiFi, Internet of Things, 5G low, mid and high bands and a platform with an open, agnostic architecture that takes place about enabling application development.

The opportunity
The Poole 5G test network area has potential for mobile developers to create new applications and services through the Poole 5G test network. This will also enable existing services to be enhanced and new services to be developed. The test network will also be used to develop and test 5G applications and services. The test network will also be used to develop and test 5G applications and services. The test network will also be used to develop and test 5G applications and services.

Manufacturing
• Manufacturers of mobile services in logistics, finance and insurance
• 5G smart home technology, automation, urban mobility, smart cities, smart buildings, smart energy, smart transport, smart agriculture, smart education, smart health, smart retail, smart entertainment, smart security, smart infrastructure, smart energy, smart transport, smart agriculture, smart education, smart health, smart retail, smart entertainment, smart security, smart infrastructure

Healthcare
• 5G smart home technology, automation, urban mobility, smart cities, smart buildings, smart energy, smart transport, smart agriculture, smart education, smart health, smart retail, smart entertainment, smart security, smart infrastructure

Applications
• Smart city applications in monitoring, community, health, education, security, smart infrastructure, smart energy, smart transport, smart agriculture, smart education, smart health, smart retail, smart entertainment, smart security, smart infrastructure

Infrastructure
• Network design, 5G core networks, software defined networks, network architecture, network security, 5G network mapping, network maintenance, network security, 5G network mapping, network maintenance, network security, 5G network mapping, network maintenance, network security

'Part of our inward investment strategy focuses on highlighting our region's sector specific strengths and the opportunities they present for potential inward investment. The information contained in these brochures are an important element in our marketing plan which will help to promote Dorset overseas and attract new businesses and employers to the region.'

John Sutcliffe, Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership's Board member for inward investment

INVEST IN DORSET

AEROSPACE AND AGRITECH

Our Invest in Dorset team supported Dorset's important aerospace sector at the Farnborough International Air Show 2018. We represented South West Aerospace's business stand which was visited by Rt Hon Liam Fox, Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade and Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence. We were also pleased to showcase Dorset and the south west's agritech strengths when we represented South West AgriTech at the Department for International Trade's Game Changing Technologies for Agriculture event in London.



**SOUTH WEST
AEROSPACE**

DORSET AMBASSADORS

Our Dorset Ambassadors have been busy this year attending networking events, including a business reception during Poole Maritime Festival week, and promoting Dorset and some of its specific investment opportunities on the national and global stage. Dorset Ambassadors are local business people who volunteer their time to promote Dorset, support young people and lobby government for regional infrastructure improvements. For more information contact Finn Morgan at fmorgan@bournemouth.ac.uk



DORSET LEP BOARD MEMBERS

Our board brings together a wealth of experience from the private, public and education sectors. We are fortunate to have twenty board members whose energy, commitment and wisdom lead the development of our strategic priorities and oversee all our decisions and activities. This year we appointed Dorset LEP board member and small business owner Sara Uzzell as our Deputy Chair.

We would like to thank outgoing board members Councillor John Beesley, Councillor Janet Walton, Councillor Rebecca Knox, Nigel Evans, Kim Slowe and Alison Moore for their hard work supporting

Dorset LEP. We warmly welcome and look forward to working with new board members Nicola Newman, Paul Read, Dianne Grannel, Nick Brook, Nick Gaines and Arabella Lewis-Smith.

We are mindful of our public responsibility when deciding how to spend government funds and operate strictly within the government's National Assurance Framework. We work to the highest possible standards of transparency and accountability and ensure our decision-making offers value for money and tangible economic benefits.



Jim Stewart
Chief Executive,
Poole Harbour
Commissioners
Chair, Dorset LEP



Sara Uzzell
Director, Sandbuzz
Former hotel owner
and hospitality &
tour operator
Deputy Chair,
Dorset LEP



Jim Andrews
Chief Operating
Officer,
Bournemouth
University



Nick Brook
Chief Executive,
Inca Group



**Councillor
Spencer Flower**
Leader of
Dorset Council



Nick Gaines
Managing Director,
Ultra Electronics
Energy



Ian Girling
Chief Executive,
Dorset Chamber
of Commerce &
Industry



Dianne Grannel
Principal &
Chief Executive,
Bournemouth &
Poole College



**Councillor
Mark Howell**
Deputy Leader,
BCP Council



**Professor
Emma Hunt**
Deputy
Vice-Chancellor,
Arts University
Bournemouth

'I will be championing the message to government that Dorset has huge ambition, that we are confident in our outlook and that we have the plans in place to build a more productive, vibrant and better-connected Dorset.'

Sara Uzzell, Deputy Chair, Dorset LEP



Arabella Lewis-Smith
Founder, Salad



Nicola Newman
Chief Executive,
Ansbury Guidance



Luke Rake
Principal and Chief
Executive, Kingston
Maurward College



Paul Read
Head of
Development
and Sales, Magna
Housing



Dr Phil Richardson
Chief System
Integration Officer,
NHS Dorset Clinical
Commissioning
Group



Councillor Vikki Slade
Leader of
BCP Council



Richard Smith
Director,
The Tank Museum



John Sutcliffe
Director,
SMI Consulting



Councillor Gary Suttle
Economic
Development
Portfolio Holder,
Dorset Council



Andrew Wickham
Managing Director,
Go South Coast

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

LOCAL ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

We updated our Local Assurance Framework in March 2019 in line with the National Local Growth Assurance Framework. The Local Assurance Framework demonstrates our commitment to transparency and accountability and sets out our approach to appraise, deliver, monitor and evaluate schemes to achieve value for money. It also sets out to prove that funding delegated from national budgets is aligned with national regulations and guidelines.

Our Local Assurance Framework covers six sections:

- **Section 1:** strategic ambition and direction of Dorset LEP
- **Section 2:** roles, responsibilities and structure of Dorset LEP and the accountable body, section 151 officer
- **Section 3:** Dorset LEP policies and procedures including scrutiny and audit arrangements
- **Section 4:** Dorset LEP decision making processes and ensuring value for money
- **Section 5:** Dorset LEP programme delivery and management
- **Section 6:** Dorset LEP partnership working, stakeholder management and public engagement

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE 2018/19 FINANCE YEAR ENDING ON 31 MARCH 2019

Dorset LEP receives funding from central government through the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy as well as local partners to support its day to day activities and delivery of Dorset's Strategic Economic Vision and Plan. In addition to core programme funding received from government, we receive further funding and investment from our partners including the local authorities which provide a significant resource to support our work and activities to directly impact Dorset's economy.

Funding stream	2018/19 Budgeted	2018/19 Expenditure	2019/20 Budgeted
Careers and Enterprise Company	£84,118.25	£18,379.83	£250,738.00
Core Fund	£1,602,976.00	£679,687.00	£1,325,000.00
Dorset Gateway	£205,000.00	£205,000.00	£205,000.00
Great South West	-	£994.00	-
Growing Places Fund – capital	£2,749,417.00	£100,000.00	£2,000,000.00
Growing Places Fund – revenue	£884,245.34	£77,989.80	£50,000.00
Local Growth Fund	£31,190,217.00	£31,190,217.00	£26,587,507.00
Total	£36,715,973.59	£32,272,267.63	£30,418,245.00

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