## Have your say in shaping Dorset's Economic Future







# Dorset Local Industrial Strateg

Developing our economic future

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#### **National Policy**

"We will work in partnership with places to develop Local Industrial Strategies, which will be developed locally and agreed with Government"

> Industrial Strategy: Building a Britain fit for the future (November 2017)



Local Industrial Strategies provide an opportunity for Local Enterprise Partnerships to engage and involve business in **developing a shared vision** for the long-term

#### Foundations (1)

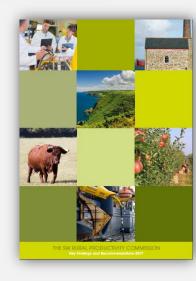


Dorset's Economic Ambition Provides an overview of the Dorset Economy, it's challenges and opportunities **Statement of Intent** Sets out the aspiration for Dorset to reach its economic potential



Horizon 2038

Enables consistent place branding, highlighting Dorset's overarching offers and ambitions, supported by robust evidence



Rural Productivity Commission Report Explores the issues around rural productivity and growth



**Dorset Productivity Scorecard** 

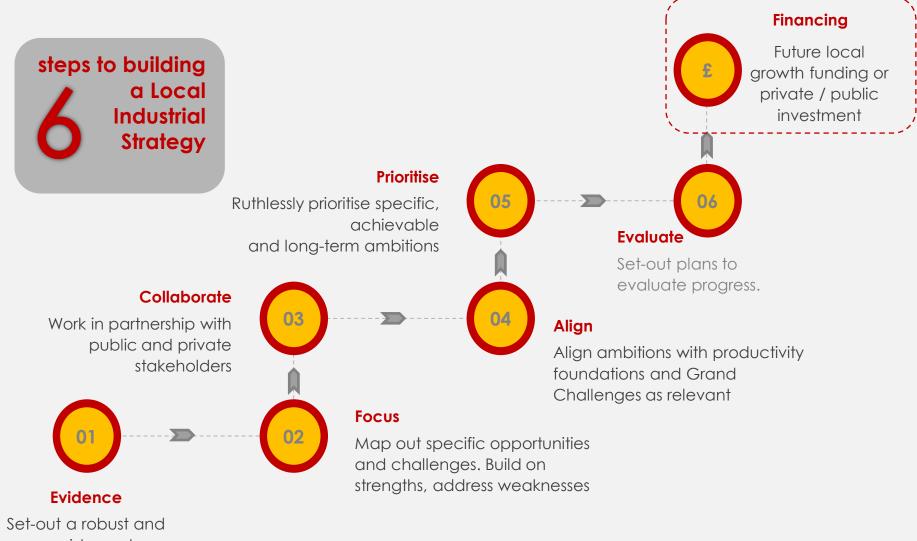


Dorset Productivity Scorecard An economic overview of Dorset economic performance

#### Foundations (2)



#### **Local Industrial Strategies Process**



open evidence base

#### Dorset Local Industrial Strategy Process & Timeline



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### A 'snapshot' of the Dorset economy

Ian Girling Chief Executive Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry

### Jim Chair, Stewart



Dorset is proud of its £17 billion contribution to the UK economy and its robust employment and business survival rates. However, like many parts of the UK, our productivity rate lags behind the national average and we face renewed global competition in a post-Brexit economy

# Our aim is to help double the size of Dorset's economy by 2038

Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership's modern industrial vision is to:

- Double Dorset's productivity and economic output to £35.6 billion
- Generate 80,000 jobs
- Build around 78,000 new homes
- Create a local economy that is sustainable, innovative and inclusive

# DORSET ECONO ΝY

Over 23,500 students At BU and AUB Circa 18,000 students BCP College, Weymouth College and Kingston

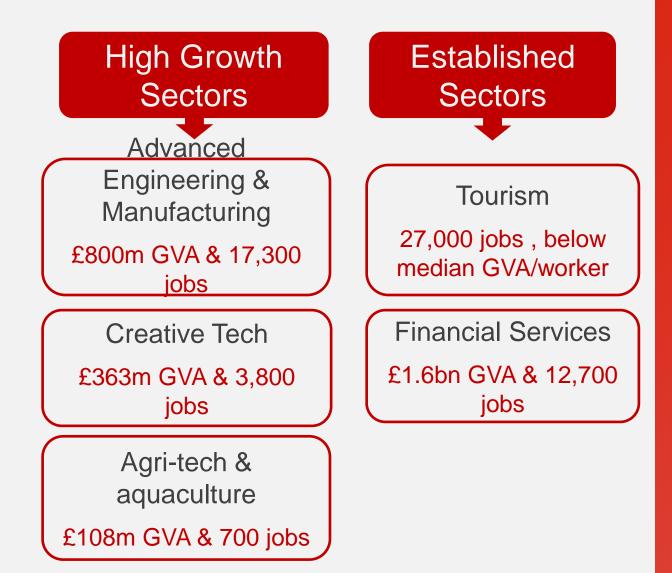
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Key economic facts facts £17.3 bn GVA

> **795,000** Population

**342,000** Jobs

2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest Growth area for startups in the UK



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### **EXISTING KEY SECTOR**



#### **DADYANCED MANUFACTURING AND**

ENGINEERING nowned centre for advanced manufacturing and engineering excellence building on our existing strengths.



#### FINANCIAL SERVICES AND

Tobeobly OleOr UK's most economically prosperous centres of excellence for the financial and business services sector.

### **EMERGING SECTOR**



CENGTAS ding low-carbon energy economy delivering affordable energy which drives productivity. An outstanding regional economy with a strong focus on sustainable, inclusive and resilient growth.

HOUSING



Delivering around 78,000 new homes bringing greater diversity and choice to the local housing market.

A pioneer for 'healthy living' for medical technology and a leader in health innovation.

# Key sector opportunitie

Rese areas in particular offer the most potential for Dorset's growth and are aligned with the foundations for growth in the UK's National Industrial Strategy



#### **PRODUCTIVITY GAP**

£2.5bn productivity gap - Dorset is 20% behind the UK average in GVA per head



#### TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Dorset has long suffered from poor transport infrastructure and intense constraints on development

#### HOUSE PRICES

Housing – be it for sale or rent – is expensive in Dorset

# Barriers to growth

There are challenges ahead. While Dorset is making a £17 billion contribution to the UK economy, our economic productivity is £2.5 billion below the national average, and the productivity gap has widened in recent years.



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE Managing the impact of climate change on Dorset's rural and visitor economies

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DEMOGRAPHICS An ageing population and challenges around attraction and retention of younger talent



#### **GEO-POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Uncertainty around the impact of Brexit and changes in the UK's immigration policy

# Emerging threats

There are several factors that may have an increasingly influential impact on our ambitions to grow the economy in Dorset



#### INNOVATION

To capitalise on Dorset's potential for productivity growth through innovation in our key sectors



#### SKILLS AND ENTERPRISE

To create a workforce that is highly productive, aspirational and agile



#### BUSINESS SUPPORT

To create a world-class business support hub which will help business to start and



#### grow CONNECTIVITY AND MOBILITY

To create an efficient, sustainable technology-driven transport system



#### DIGITAL

To become a first class, smart and connected digital region at the forefront of the emerging digital era

# foundations productivity There are several foundations of productivity that offer a strong

potential for Dorset's growth

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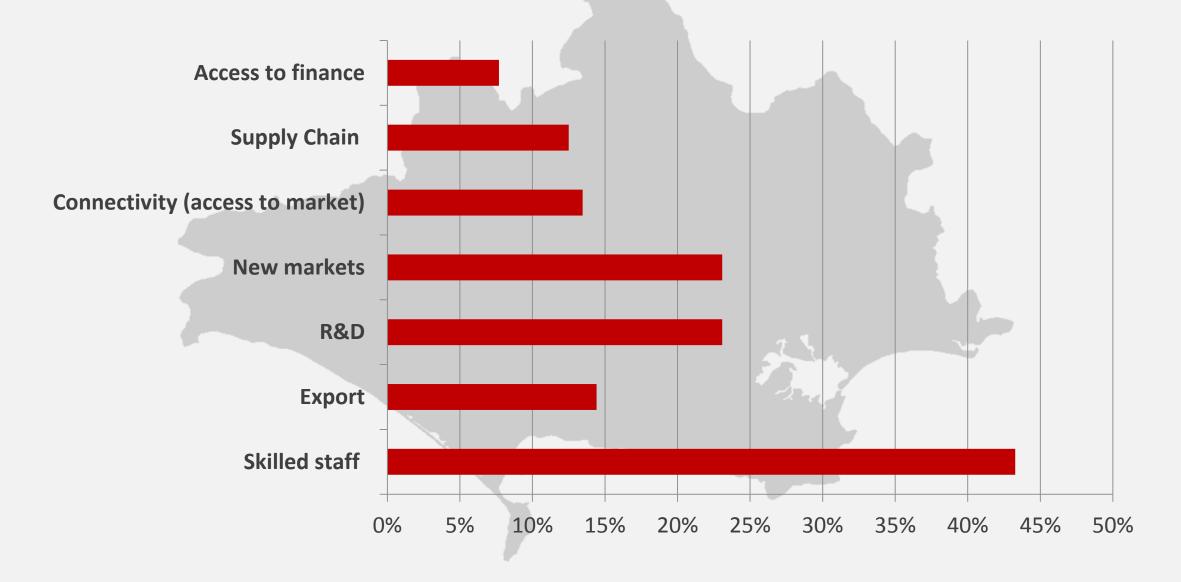
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### Your views on Dorset economy

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### What are your business's strengths and growth opportunities?

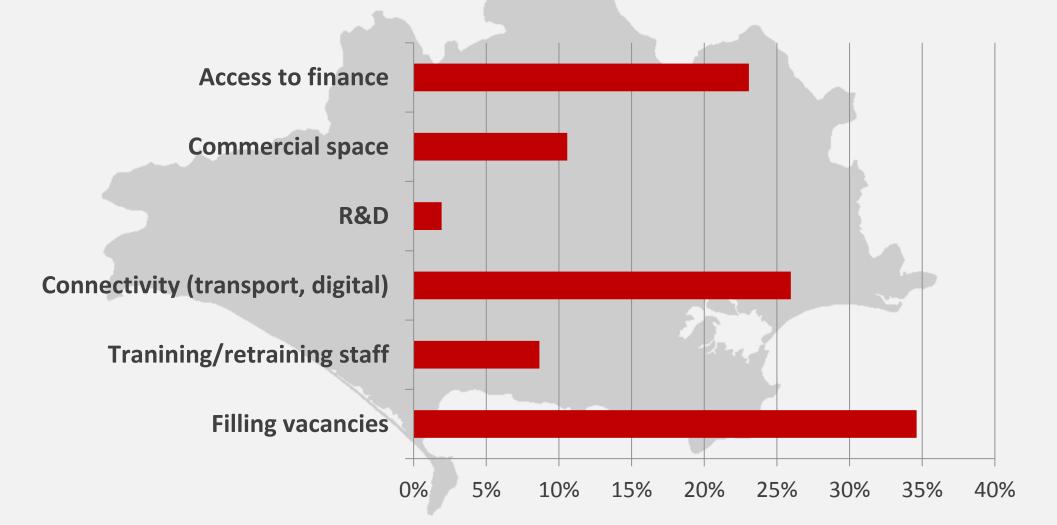


#### Top answers shown per number of staff employed

1-9 staff:
 10-49 staff:
 50-249 staff:
 250+ staff:

Skilled staff, new markets Skilled staff, new markets Skilled staff, export, R&D Skilled staff, R&D What are your business's strengths and growth opportunities?

### What's not going so well in your business? What are the barriers to growth?



#### Top answers shown per number of staff employed

1-9 staff: Filling vacancies, access to finance
10-49 staff: Filling vacancies, access to finance
50-249 staff: Filling vacancies, connectivity
250+ staff: Filling vacancies, connectivity

### What's not going so well in your business?

What are the barriers to growth?

### What are the opportunities for businesses in your area? Skills/workforce Local business network Retail Housing **Getting around Environment (quality)** 20% 25% 0% 5% 10% 15% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50%

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### What are the overall barriers and threats to business in Dorset? Skills/workforce Local business network Retail Housing **Getting around Environment (quality)** 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%

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### **DORSET BUSINESSES & EXPORTING**

#### 27% of respondents trade in international markets

#### Key drivers to growing business internationally

- Strong global & regional networks
- Unique and innovative products & services strong business reputation
- Quality training

#### Key international opportunities for Dorset businesses over the next two years

- Brexit uncertainty & opportunity Asia & US markets
- Development of new products and technology

### What's special about Dorset from a business perspective?



- A globally outstanding place to work and live with unique environment work/life balance
- Urban vs rural areas with distinct economic needs
  - Tourism



A large pool of potential talent & high-skilled workforce

People



- Rusiness environment
- A thriving eco-system of small and micro businesses & start-up opportunities
- Wide range of business networks across many sectors
- Excellent local suppliers & access to European markets
  - Strong presence in maritime, defence, engineering & digital technologies



Easy to connect to London and South East England

Infrastructure



- Good universities and colleges
- Opportunities to create a sustainable economy for ageing population
- Platform for pioneering innovative health care solutions

### What initiatives in your area do you want to see happen?



• Support and investment for the environment / natural capital and heritage sector



- Increase in digital, IT and marketing skills
  - Improved apprenticeship schemes
  - Investment in high-paid employment

People



Business environment



Infrastructure

- Improved road & rail infrastructure to reduce congestion (including connectivity to London)
- Digital connectivity 5G & Broadband
- More housing to make the area more affordable



- Support innovation
- Sustainable / greener energy systems to cut carbon Local Energy Strategy

- Business support & collaboration business & industry networks, trade shows
  - Private & public sector collaboration
  - Grant funding / catalyst support for starts ups and SMEs
  - Release of land for commercial development

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3 ways to get involved

#### 1) CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Submit your data sets, research papers or strategies to inform the Strategy

#### 2) EVENTS

Share you knowledge by attending our upcoming events:

• 24 May – Dorset LEP Annual Business Conference

#### **3) ONLINE SURVEYS**

Send us your thoughts through our online surveys and questionnaires

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