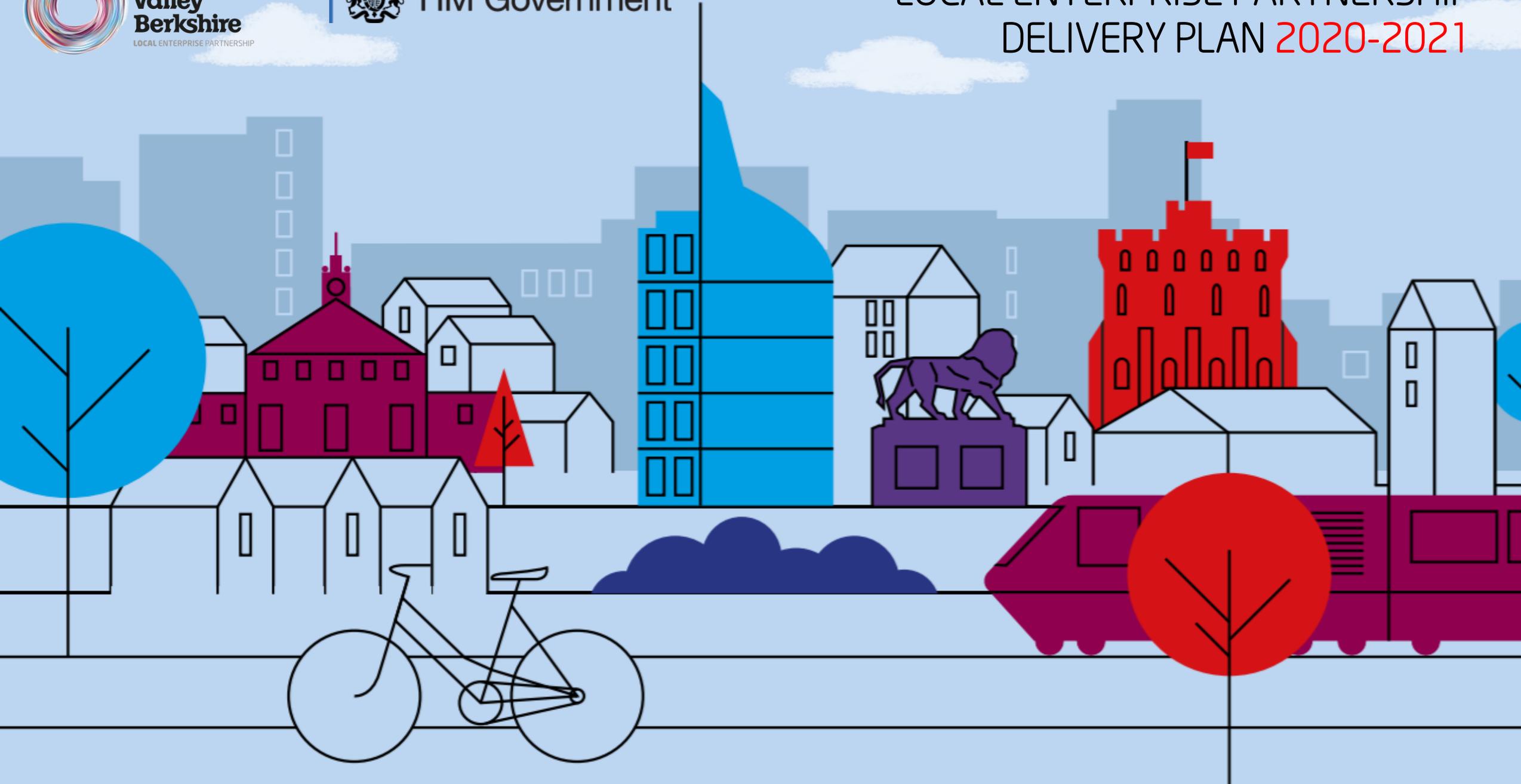




LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN 2020-2021



Introduction

This Delivery Plan sets out what Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) intends to deliver in this financial year (from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021).

This is my first year as Chief Executive of the LEP and my first introduction to our Delivery Plan. I joined the organisation on 23 March 2020, the day that the UK went into full lockdown as governments globally were seeking to limit the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. The impacts of Covid-19 and the LEP's response to provide support to the Berkshire economy inevitably colours our delivery planning for this year as we rapidly pivoted our business to help other businesses remain resilient. We also looked at how we could best support people in Berkshire who were losing their jobs or were at risk of doing so. And we also worked even more closely than ever with our Local Authority partners as well as others such as the Higher and Further Education Sectors, Business Representative Organisations, and the Voluntary & Community Sector.

Winston Churchill said "Never let a good crisis go to waste" although I think the variant by US politician Rahm Emanuel improves on that: *"You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that: it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before."*

I know that everyone in the LEP and working with us can say that we've all been able to do and achieve things this year that before we thought we could not do.

Our Delivery Plan is a dynamic document and so is subject to change, as the LEP responds to key challenges that might impact on the national and local economy. We also look for opportunities and seize those where we know the benefits to Berkshire's economy may be significant.

The government has deferred the timeline to produce this Delivery Plan, in consequence, you will see that in setting out our plans for 2020/21 we are at times looking back as well as forward. At the start of the year our focus has been on survival and supporting our businesses and people through the pandemic; as we move towards the final quarter of 2020/21 we will be looking at how we can flex and pivot our support again, this time to support businesses make the transition as the UK exits the EU.

The Plan reports aggregate project level data to monitor progress towards top-level targets set out in our Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and tracks progress against key milestones and targets in implementing the SEP and in future the Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy (BLIS).

The Plan highlights budget risks and will be kept under review throughout the year, with the LEP's Accountable Body Section 151 Officer.

I'm going to end with a quote from another US politician, John F Kennedy, which neatly sums up the LEP's 2020/21 approach to delivery in these unprecedented times: *"The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger--but recognize the opportunity".*

Alison Webster

Chief Executive

Thames Valley Berkshire LEP

Overview of
Thames Valley
Berkshire LEP's
funding allocation
for 2016-2022

£142m

Local Growth Funds

£15m

Growing Places Fund

£36m

Business Rates
Retention Pilot

£4m

Business Growth Hub*

£26.4m

European Structural &
Investment Funds

£7.5m

Getting Building Fund

* Includes BEIS, historic SEEDA legacy, regional growth funds
and European Regional Development Fund

Budget overview

The table below illustrates the total amount of funds within Thames Valley Berkshire LEP's direction or control at the start and end of the financial year, and the total amounts committed by the LEP to external organisations through grants and risk finance (loans and equity):

	2020/21 investment
Local Growth Funds	£47,196,890
Getting Building Fund	£3,750,000
Business Rates Retention Pilot	£3,395,040
Business Growth Hub	£689,648
Skills Advisory Panel	£105,618
Careers and Enterprise Company	£223,474*
Growing Places Fund	£1.35m to the Funding Escalator
EU Structural Investment Funds	£4,076,124

*Estimate based on current forecast

Expenditure 2020/21

The total amount anticipated to run the LEP in 2020/21 is £863,590. This table shows the planned breakdown of expenditure.

Expenditure	2020/21
Rent	
Insurance	£2,460
Salaries, tax, pensions & NI	£568,630
Telephone and internet	£5,000
Office supplies, incl PPS	£5,000
Travelling	£7,200
Website development	£3,000
Office maintenance	£2,000
Training, recruitment & employee welfare	£7,200
Accountancy	£6,000
Marketing, advertising, meetings & events	£13,500
Professional fees	£30,600
Contracted staff	£100,000
Subscriptions	£8,000
BEIS Energy Strategy	£20,000
	£863,590

Summary

Actual to 31 March 2020 Forecast for 2020/21 Total Forecast up to 2025

Infrastructure

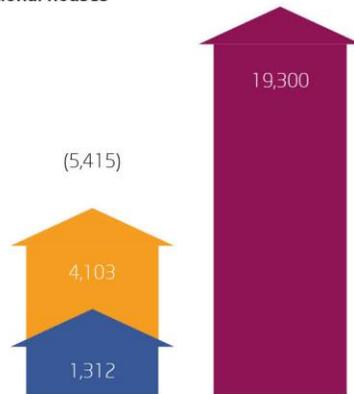
Private sector leverage



Jobs created



Additional houses



Total LEP investment (outturn)

Actual to 31 March 2019	£97,966,154
Forecast for 2019/20	£50,331,338
Forecast to 31 March 2021	£160,840,492

Skills, Education and Employment

Private sector leverage



Jobs created



Businesses assisted



New learners assisted



Total LEP investment (outturn)

Actual to 31 March 2019	£10,535,894
Forecast for 2019/20	£5,696,453
Forecast to 31 March 2021	£18,341,662

Business Environment

Private sector leverage



Jobs created



Businesses assisted



Total businesses engaged



Skills & knowledge-based training



Total LEP investment (outturn)

Actual to 31 March 2019	£16,649,046
Forecast for 2019/20	£4,759,003
Forecast to 31 March 2021	£24,467,351

Programmes

Infrastructure

The SEP sets out the LEP's commitment to six infrastructure packages:

1. Unlocking housing development
2. Enhancing urban connectivity
3. Encouraging vibrant town centres
4. Positioning TVB for a digital future
5. Foundations for future growth – housing, transport, utilities
6. Enhancing the strategic transport network

Beyond the delivery of local schemes and projects due to complete in 2020/21 summarised below, our objectives for infrastructure depend on national outcomes:

- **Western Rail Link to Heathrow** – this project is entering a critical stage as Network Rail finalises a Development Consent Order application to submit in 2021.
- **Smart M4** – the LEP will continue to monitor progress on this scheme, now passed its half-way point, through its Major Works Co-ordination Group
- **Southern Rail Access to Heathrow** – the LEP will continue to advocate for this scheme through the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group (HSPG)

PROGRAMMES DUE TO COMPLETE IN 20/21	
Wokingham Arborfield Cross Relief Road	16/11/2020
Wokingham Thames Valley Park and Ride	18/11/2020
Sustainable Transport NCN 422	31/12/2020
Wokingham: Winnersh Relief Rd Phase 2	15/01/2021
Wokingham: Barkham Bridge	31/01/2021
Newbury Kings Road Link Road	31/01/2021
Thames Valley Berkshire Smart City Cluster	31/03/2021
Maidenhead: Station Access	31/03/2021
Reading Buses: Completing the Connection	31/03/2021



Programmes

Infrastructure

Wokingham Arborfield Cross Relief Road

The scheme will relieve the existing A327 through Arborfield, to accommodate and reduce the traffic impacts of strategic development at Arborfield Garrison and South of the M4.

Wokingham Borough Council | £24,000,000 LGF (retained by DfT) | November 2020

Wokingham: Thames Valley Park and Ride

This Park and Ride site will serve Thames Valley Business Park and the A329(M).

Wokingham Borough Council | £2,900,000 LGF | November 2020

Sustainable Transport NCN 422

As part of a new National Cycle Route, NCN 422 will start in Newbury and follow the A4 to Thatcham, Theale, central Reading and the A329 to Wokingham and Bracknell, ending in Ascot; a stretch of approximately 50km

Wokingham Borough Council (lead), Reading Council, West Berkshire Council and Bracknell Forest Council | £4,200,000 LGF | December 2020

Output: 4.9km of new cycleway to complete a 50km continuous cycle route



Programmes

Infrastructure

Wokingham: Barkham Bridge

This scheme seeks to replace an existing narrow bridge with a two lane bridge on Barkham Road. The scheme will be delivered by the Scape contract which is being used to deliver the councils Major Highways projects.

Wokingham Borough Council | £4,235,641 LGF | LEP investment in 2020/21: £2,135,641 | January 2021

Wokingham: Winnersh Relief Rd Phase 2

The full project will deliver a new relief road to the west of Winnersh, avoiding the current Winnersh Crossroads junction. The work will be delivered in two phases. The first phase, delivered by a Bovis / Persimmon, opened on in June 2018. The second phase will be delivered by Wokingham Borough Council and will provide a new junction on the A329 Reading Road and will dual the section of Lower Earley Way (B3270).

Wokingham Borough Council | £6,260,000 BRRP | January 2021



Programmes

Infrastructure

Newbury: Kings Road Link Road

The scheme is the delivery of the Kings Road Link Road in Newbury. It is a new direct link between the Hambridge Road industrial area and the A339 to support housing delivery and significantly improve access to a key employment area.

West Berkshire Council | £2,335,000 LGF | January 2021

Houses: 150

Thames Valley Berkshire Smart City Cluster

This scheme has recently been extended to cover the whole of Berkshire – across the six unitary authorities (Reading, Bracknell, West Berkshire, Wokingham, RBWM and Slough) as a smart city cluster, benefiting residents, employees and encouraging economic development.

Reading Borough Council | £2,017,274 LGF & BRRP | LEP investment in 2020/21: £583,620 | March 2021

Jobs: 63



Programmes

Infrastructure

Maidenhead: Station Access

The Maidenhead Railway Station scheme will improve connections for journeys made on foot, bicycle, train, taxi and car by increasing parking for rail commuters, shoppers, visitors and employees; improving the station forecourt and surrounding area creating a gateway to the town centre; and converting Broadway to a two-way operation.

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead | £3,750,000 LGF | LEP investment in 2020/21: £1,394,000 | March 2021

Jobs: 842 | Houses: 578

Reading Buses: Completing the Connection

Modal shift to sustainable transport through a step-change in the availability and quality of customer information and associated infrastructure for local public transport routes across the Thames Valley Berkshire region.

Reading Buses | £1,541,243 | LEP investment in 2020/21: £1,541,243 | March 2021

Programmes

Business Environment

The COVID -19 pandemic and its effect on the health and economy of our area is unprecedented and will have significant consequences for the sub region for some time. In response, the LEP has collaborated with key partners to support businesses to survive at this time and is currently preparing a Recovery & Renewal Plan for the area to identify the short and medium terms actions that might mitigate the worst effects of recession and help return Berkshire to sustained growth. Businesses have been severely disrupted, and many have sought advice, support and funding at a local level in addition to government-backed schemes.

The Berkshire Business Growth Hub and Funding Escalator, in operation since 2013 and 2014 respectively, provide core business support to Berkshire based businesses and are ongoing.





Programmes

Business Environment

Thames Valley Berkshire Funding Escalator

Providing ongoing finance to SMEs through a series of repayable loans of between £25,000 and £300,000 since 2014. The Growth Fund invests in high growth SMEs and can provide up to £250,000 of equity. Restructured to an evergreen model in 2019. Total planned investment is £11.3million

The FSE Group | £11,300,000 GPF | LEP investment in 20/21: £1,350,000 | Businesses to be assisted in 20/21: 16

Berkshire Business Growth Hub (including the ScaleUp Berkshire programme and COVID-19 support)

A first stop-shop for business support to enhance and accelerate business performance, help more businesses to take advantage of national and local support programmes, increase jobs and raise levels of exporting. Additional support provided in 2020/21 to help businesses recover from economic shocks such as COVID-19. Peer Networks is a new programme to assist businesses to navigate the challenges facing them in relation to COVID-19 by working through actions and solutions with peers.

Oxford Innovation Services | £4,038,694 RGF/ BEIS/SEEDA legacy/ERDF | LEP investment in 2020/21: £689,648 (£582,000 BEIS funds and £107,648 ERDF legacy funding) plus ongoing ERDF | additional / safeguarded jobs in 20/21: 12 | businesses assisted in 20/21: 152



Programmes

Business Environment

ERDF is being used to support four new interventions this year:

Kickstart Tourism and Restart and Recovery SME grant scheme

Grants created to specifically to help SMEs in the wider economy and in Tourism to adapt and diversify following the impact of COVID-19.

Exemplas (on behalf of Thames Valley Berkshire, Enterprise M3 and Coast to Capital LEPs) | £369,335 ERDF

Intensive Trade Support Programme

Programme designed to equip High Growth potential exporter SMEs with the right knowledge skills and support to access to foreign markets and trade with the world successfully. Project operates across TVB, BTV, C2C, EM3, Solent, SE LEP areas.

Newable Ltd on behalf of Department of International Trade | £310,000 ERDF (Berkshire allocation of total £2.5m project budget) | additional/safe guarded jobs in 20/21 50 | businesses supported in 20/21 198 (targets are for all LEP areas) | September 2021

South Internationalisation Fund

One of four projects within England to provide a co-funding support for SMEs across the South targeted at High Growth Potential businesses. The funding is provided through DIT's Internationalisation Fund Programme, supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Capita Business Services Ltd on behalf of Department of International Trade (the Internationalisation Fund Administrator) | £947,302 ERDF (Berkshire allocation of total project budget) | additional jobs 57 | 189 SMEs supported in Thames Valley Berkshire | June 2023.

Department of International Trade | £1,000,00k ERDF



Programmes

Business Environment

Slough Innovation Space

Project will deliver an innovation space for the use of high growth businesses that have a significant focus on R&D, a six month Accelerator Programme that helps R&D focused businesses commercialise innovative products and services and a creation and management of an Innovation Hub to improve R&D and innovation collaboration across the Berkshire eco-system.

Slough Borough Council | £1,649,846 ERDF; £500,000 LGF; £200,000 GBF | Outputs: 924 sqm of renovated innovation space; 54 R&D focused SMEs supported; 114 FTE employees of which 57 focused on R&D work | Space to open April 2021 and operate until June 2023



Programmes

Skills, education & employment

Through our Skills Advisory Panel the People programme has produced a Skills Priority Statement which encapsulates our priorities for our investment in employment and skills initiatives that will maintain the competitiveness of Berkshire's economy, raise productivity and improve the wellbeing of the local population.

Our new skills and employment portal, Berkshire Opportunities, is designed to combat the employment and skills challenges brought about by Covid-19. It enables businesses to tap into local skills and talent while residents are able to search local vacancies in real time. The portal has been created to meet current challenges. In the longer term, it will help to narrow the gap between job opportunities and the talent pipeline.

Four new European Social Funds (ESF) projects commenced 1 April 2019:

- Skills support for the workforce delivered by Martinex Ltd (Burleigh College)
- Skills support for the unemployed delivered by Martinex Ltd (Burleigh College)
- Supporting NEETs delivered by Adviza
- Community Grants delivered by Groundwork London and Groundwork South

In addition, one existing ESF project, with match funding provided by the National Lottery Community Fund, is ongoing. The Better Opportunities Partnership is delivered by Slough Borough Council.



Programmes

Skills, education & employment

SATRO Mobile Classroom

Purchase of an additional mobile classroom, specifically for Berkshire schools to provide a construction C&G course, as an alternative to GCSEs. Schools commit to funding 10 students over the 2-year course, although funds are often provided by construction industry. Funding would be for a 2nd hand van, PPE kit, tools, IT (CAD) and VR facility

Satro | £37,272 LGF | September 20 | Outputs: New mobile classroom

University Centre Newbury

Refurbish an existing area to create a segregated HE centre focusing on utilising advanced digital technologies. Phase 2 will create a new purpose-built University Centre, utilising the equipment from phase 1.

Newbury College |£425,000 LGF |September 20 | Outputs: 616 sqm of renovated learning space



Programmes

Skills, education & employment

New Directions SMILE Hospitality

Renovated barista and catering facility in New Directions' Whitley college. Providing employment support with work experience to unemployed adults, improving their chances of securing employment within the Hospitality sector

Reading Borough Council | £170,000 LGF | September 20 | Outputs: 88 sqm of renovated learning space

Applied Science Unit at Reading College

Renovation of a dated 291 m² laboratory to provide specialist facilities, i.e. wet / dry / clean areas, fume cupboards for cell culturing, etc. Creation of an exhibition area for school age children.

Activate Learning | £498,200 LGF | February 2021 | Outputs: 291 sqm of renovated learning space

BCA Health Sciences Centre

Renovation of a 400m² two storey block to support the growth and technological training needs of learners studying Health and Social Care and BCA's SEND learners.

Berkshire College of Agriculture | £850,000 LGF | March 21 | Outputs: 377 sqm of renovated learning space



Programmes

Skills, education & employment

WBTC Digital Connection

Upgrading digital infrastructure to deliver high quality digital learning opportunities for apprenticeships, better mentoring to students and real time learning. Remote training addresses employer challenges of off-the-job training time.

West Berkshire Training Consortium | £87,392 LGF | March 2021 | Outputs: 279 sqm of renovated learning space

Berkshire Enterprise Advisor Network (EAN)

The Berkshire EAN connects educational establishments with employers to improve careers and enterprise provision for young people. The Careers Hub provides intensive support for 20 networked schools across Berkshire. Additional impact will be delivered via a SEND awareness community of practice group to support SEND and mainstream schools in the Hub.

Thames Valley Berkshire LEP and Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) | £414,000 CEC (forecast) | August 2021 | Outputs: 58 schools matched with an Enterprise Adviser, of which 20 receive intensive support as part of the Thames Valley Berkshire Careers Hub.



Monitoring & evaluation

Understanding the impact of what we do is crucial. A strong evidence base helps us ensure we are directing our activities where they will be most effective in driving economic growth and productivity, and enable improvements in programme design and implementation.

The LEP is responsible for allocating capital funds, in line with our Assurance Framework. Prior to approval of a project a full business plan is developed and independently assessed. This creates a baseline, outlining the outputs and outcomes of what the project will deliver and justifies why the project is needed. Once the project is approved, the Programme Management Office (PMO), along with the staff lead monitor the progress of the build phase with the delivery partner. Ongoing monitoring is then required until all project outcomes have been achieved. The PMO use this data to prepare monthly reports to the LEP Board and quarterly reports to government. These are scrutinised by the LEP Board and the Section 151 Officer within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, the LEP's Accountable Body, so that risk is managed appropriately.

All Local Growth Fund infrastructure projects are required to carry out an evaluation one year after practical completion, and again at five years for infrastructure projects. These evaluations are independently assessed. The Berkshire Business Growth Hub is monitored and evaluated annually in line with BEIS guidelines.

The LEP developed a detailed Monitoring and Evaluation plan alongside the Strategic Economic Plan. This was revised in November 2019, in agreement with government. Several of the infrastructure projects are still in development and so the evaluation of these projects will be postponed until 2021/22. However, in 2020/21 the LEP will commission an external consultant to conduct an evaluation of its suite of skills solutions labs. This will use the criteria set out on page 13 of the LEP's Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.



Strategic activity

This has been a challenging year for many, and we recognise that Covid-19 is causing significant concern and disruption to businesses of all sizes and workers. The LEP is determined to play a role in ensuring that Berkshire responds to the coronavirus pandemic and UK's exit from the EU. By working with our partners, we are taking actions and decisions to get the area back on track and lead in a local economic recovery.

In September 2020 we ran three virtual Recovery and Renewal Roundtables, one for each of the Functional Economic Areas served by the 6 Local Authorities in Berkshire – Eastern (Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Slough), Central (Bracknell, Reading and Wokingham) and Western (West Berkshire). These Roundtables were attended, with over 190 participants from a wide range of partners, businesses, and stakeholders, and were very well received.

Taking the locally agreed Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy as the long term vision and informed by the Economic Evidence Briefing of the impact of Covid-19, the Roundtables looked at what are the principal opportunities and the risks in relation to each of the three LEP Programme areas of **Business Environment and Ideas, People and Skills, and Infrastructure and Place**. The Roundtables also sought to identify what should our priority interventions be over the next 6-24 months and the next 2-5 years. The Berkshire Recovery and Renewal Plan is being consulted on and will be published in early 2021.

As well as providing a snapshot of the economic fallout of Covid-19, our Recovery and Renewal Plan will set out the actions, in the short, medium and long term, that Thames Valley Berkshire LEP will undertake with its wide range of partners including our businesses, local authorities, support organisations and anchor institutions, to protect and rebuild our economy.



Strategic activity

We took some immediate actions to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

In response to Government's series of economic measures to help businesses, the LEP established a Covid-19 Task & Finish Group of key stakeholders including the Thames Valley Berkshire Business Growth Hub, Thames Valley Chambers of Commerce, FSB, IoD, CBI and Local Authorities to work collaboratively to ensure businesses in Berkshire are kept up to date with developments, have access to finance available and are provided with as much support as we are able to. The LEP also commissioned a series of in-depth Economy Briefings, which showed how our economies were faring throughout the height of pandemic as well as carrying out a Business Insights Survey in August 2020. This enabled us to quickly pivot the Business Growth Hub delivery offer in April 2020 and to continue to flex and adapt to better support our businesses through these difficult times. The LEP continues to work with the Southern LEPs and London LEP in sharing best practice and intelligence. We are also looking ahead at how to support businesses manage the transition as the UK leaves the EU on 1 January 2021.

We have also launched two services within Berkshire to our skills and employment agenda – [Berkshire Opportunities](#) and the [Redundancy and Redeployment Service](#). This is in line the LEP's Skills Priority Statement Executive Summary, which was adapted in light of Covid-19 to become a vital resource for local businesses, further and higher education institutions, business organisations and local authorities, that supports their skills programmes with high level, but also localised data, knowledge and solutions that can be utilised when discussing the skills agenda in Berkshire.

Strategic activity

Partnership, co-ordination and advocacy

At a time where difficult decisions are having to be made, it is more important than ever to work together and be a collective voice. As a business-led partnership, which brings together both private and public sector organisations, we are working to help our area respond and recover.

During the year we will continue to work in partnership with other LEPs on a number of projects and initiatives:

Catalyst South – A strategic alliance of six Local Enterprise Partnerships (Coast to Capital, Enterprise M3, Hertfordshire, South East, Solent and Thames Valley Berkshire) which has a focus on championing an economic and business voice, driving collaboration across boundaries and tackling issues of common importance to business to stimulate growth and recovery.

Heathrow Strategic Planning Group - With Enterprise M3 and Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEPs

Transport for the South East (Sub National Transport Body) - With Coast to Capital, Enterprise M3, Solent and South East LEPs

Innovation South SIA (Science and Innovation Audit) - With Enterprise M3, Coast to Capital, Dorset, Solent and South East LEPs

Sustainable Airports SIA - With Buckinghamshire Thames Valley and Enterprise M3 LEPs

Life Sciences Sector Deal - With Oxfordshire LEP

Greater South East (GSE) Energy Hub - With nine other LEPs

Story Futures - With Enterprise M3 and Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEPs; a project aimed at boosting the UK's creative sector. It will bring together the region's world-leading audio-visual and creative technology partners to meet the challenge of next generation storytelling

Business Growth Hubs - Ongoing collaboration through referrals and promotion of events in the Enterprise M3, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEP areas

Careers & Enterprise Company - Forging a strategic relationship with London Heathrow through direct engagement with schools and businesses in its local supply chain area

Glossary

BEIS Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

BLIS Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy

BRRP Business Rates Retention Pilot

CEC Careers & Enterprise Company

DFE Department for Education

DFT Department for Transport

EAN Enterprise Advisor Network

ERDF European Regional Development Fund

ESF European Social Funds

ESIF European Structural & Investment Funds

GPF Growing Places Fund

LEP Local Enterprise Partnership

LGF Local Growth Funds

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MRT Mass Rapid Transit

NCN National Cycle Network

NED Non-Executive Director

RGF Regional Growth Fund

SEEDA South East England Development Agency

SEP Strategic Economic Plan

Appendix A – Infrastructure

Risk ratings for live projects (correct at 30 October 2020)

Project	Risk rating	
Bracknell: A3095 Corridor	Project completing after March 2021	●
Bracknell: A322 A329 Corridor Improvements	Project completing after March 2021	●
Maidenhead: Housing Sites Enabling Works Phase 1	Project delayed due to revision to Local Plan	●
Maidenhead: Station Access	Highways work complete. Delays to start of forecourt work due to covid-19	●
Maidenhead: Town Centre Missing Links	Start on site delayed due to covid-19	●
Newbury Kings Road Link Road		●
Newbury: Railway Station Improvements	Additional funding needed for essential gateline changes and cycle hubs	●
Newbury: Sandleford Park	Scope and funding reduced as Western Access Road unable to achieve planning permission	●
Reading Buses: Completing the Connection	Conditions for financial approval being worked through	●
Reading Green Park Station	Project completing after March 2021	●
Reading South Reading MRT Phases 3&4	Delayed start to final section due covid-19 and land assembly issues	●

Reading West Station Upgrade	Awaiting start on site following planning decision. Completing after March 2021	●
Slough Langley High Street phase 1	Awaiting start on site	●
Slough Langley High Street phase 2	Awaiting start on site	●
Slough MRT Phase 2	Significant delay due to covid-19	●
Slough: Stoke Road Area Regeneration	Project completing after March 2021	●
South Wokingham Distributor Road – Eastern Gateway	Significant delay to completion due to land permissions	●
Superfast Berkshire	W Berks completed May'20. E Berks (W'ham) final completion Mar'22	●
Sustainable Transport NCN 422	Further sections to be completed: Newbury to Thatcham and within and Reading.	●
Thames Valley Berkshire Smart City Cluster	Additional funds awarded to extend coverage to RWBM & Slough. Delays to 'challenges' due to Covid	●
Theale Station Park and Rail Upgrade	Conditions for financial approval being worked through. Project completing beyond March 2021	●
Windsor: Town Centre Package	Awaiting start on site	●
Wokingham Barkham Bridge		●
Wokingham Thames Valley Park and Ride	Bus service tender on hold due to Covid	●
Wokingham Winnersh Triangle Park & Ride	Scope extended and additional funds awarded. Awaiting start on site	●
Wokingham: Coppid Beech Park and Ride	Awaiting start on site. Project completing beyond March 2021	●
Wokingham: Winnersh Relief Rd Phase 2		●

Skills, Education & Employment

Project	Risk rating	
Applied Science Unit at Reading College		●
BCA Health Sciences Centre		●
WBTC Digital Connection		●
Berkshire Enterprise Advisor Network		●
Better Opportunity Partnership		●
Employee support in skills	Contract managed by ESFA	●
Skills support for unemployed or economically inactive people	Contract managed by ESFA	●
Supporting NEETs	Contract managed by ESFA	●
Community grants	Contract managed by ESFA	●

Business Environment

Project	Risk rating
Berkshire Growth Hub	
Funding Escalator	
Slough Innovation Space	MHCLG approval due autumn 20 

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