

SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA FOR

General Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 8 March 2016

10.00 am

**Council Chamber, The Shire Hall, St Peter's Square, Hereford,
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73. MARCHES LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

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Director Marches LEP

Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)



- Government's Local Growth White paper – Oct 2010
- Marches LEP one of 24 announced Oct 2010 – now 39 in place
- LEPs - non-statutory bodies - assumed many of the responsibilities of Regional Development Agencies i.e. promote & fund economic development in their local area
- Marches LEP covers the local authority areas of Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin (2,300 sq. miles) - 666,700 popln
- 29,800 enterprises – 85% less than 10 employees
- Self- employment high & low unemployment

Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)



- Strategic Economic Plan in 2013/14. Signed off by Government April 2014
- The SEP set out the economic priorities for the LEP – <http://www.marcheslep.org.uk/>) & growth potential sectors – advanced manufacturing & engineering, food and drink/agri- tech, defence & securities
- SEP used to inform projects put forward for Growth Deal in 2014
- Developed separate skills plan
- European Structural and Investment Funds Plan for new EU programme

LEP Projects



Under Growth Deal 1 in July 2014 - Marches LEP secured £75.3m of Local Growth Fund. First three projects underway in 2015/16.

- **Telford Growth Point Package** - Improvements to key junctions; utilities and infrastructure delivering three employment and housing extension sites – 2 year project - value £17.3m (Growth Deal £13.89m)
- **Hereford City Centre Transport Package** - A new link road, enabling a major mixed-use development, integrated with the city centre, delivering retail, leisure, tourism, employment, housing and other development – 4yr project – value £40.65m (Growth Deal £16m)
- **Shrewsbury Integrated Transport Package** – Four major junction upgrades on main arterial routes, managing traffic and transport initiatives to reduce congestion – 6 yr. project – Value £12.18m (Growth Deal £6m)

LEP Projects



2016/17 projects

- **Telford Eastern Gateway** - M54 J4 improvements and on-site infrastructure delivering 31 hectares of serviced employment land only 12 miles from the new Jaguar Land Rover engine plant.
- **Oxon Link Road** – Link road to support the growth of Shrewsbury through two large green-field urban expansions accelerating the release of land for employment and housing.
- **South Wye Transport Package** - Transport improvements to the southern elements of the Hereford transport network which supports the Enterprise Zone and a new housing development.
- **Telford Bus Station** - Relocation of bus station as part of the town centre redevelopment, opening up new retail space and improved connectivity.
- **The Marches Skills Capital Programme** – to support delivery of a programme of projects ensuring the Marches has world class skills training infrastructure and increased capacity to deliver the highest quality training. (Secured £3.3m for spend in 2016/17)

LEP Projects



- **Growth Deal Extension in January 2015 for Broadband** - An additional £7.7m for broadband infrastructure was secured
- **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) – 2014 – 2020** Marches allocated circa £97m (now valued at circa £80m). The LEP partners now working up projects
- **HCA Land Deal – Telford** – under negotiation for approx. £44.5m
- **Enterprise Zones** – Hereford EZ (Skylon Park) with a focus on defence and securities sector won EZ status in 2011
- **Marches Investment Fund** - Recycling loan fund – value circa £8m
- **Growth Hub** Launch of website & helpline 21/10/2015 . Physical Hubs Telford, Hereford, Shrewsbury

Governance



- Marches LEP Board – 15 Members led by a private sector Chairman, Graham Wynn OBE
- All Board members are champions for LEP priorities – Housing, Skills, Business Support, Manufacturing, Business Boards, Enterprise Zone, Access to Finance, Community and Voluntary
- Board meets every 2 months. Range of subgroups – Performance, Risk & Monitoring, Skills Board, Growth Hub, Agri Food, 3 Business Boards in three Local Authority areas
- Accountability and Assurance Framework signed off by Government March 2015
- Marches Enterprise Joint Committee – 3 Council Leaders and LEP Chair (non-voting) – democratic accountability for LEP Board recommendations

Thank you

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