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Strategic Economic Infrastructure

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This note provides a further update to the Jun 2018 briefing on the progress of a number of strategic transport infrastructure projects reported previously to Team East Sussex (TES). A more comprehensive update will be provided at the next TES meeting on 3 Dec 2018.

2. Rail

Infrastructure to enable High Speed Rail

- 2.1. Network Rail (NR) has previously identified an incremental approach to bringing forward the infrastructure work required to enable high speed rail into East Sussex. The first phase focuses on taking advantage of planned signalling works at Ashford at Christmas 2020 to also enhance the junction to enable access between the high speed link to the Marshlink line via Platform 2 at Ashford International.
- 2.2. NR is continuing the design work, funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) and the local authorities, on the Ashford West junction. The design work will be completed by Nov 2018 and to NR's Guide to Rail Investment Process (GRIP) Stage 3. It will also identify the anticipated costs for these enhancements (currently estimated at £15 – 25m).
- 2.3. It is expected that NR will be looking for third party contributions towards the overall cost of the scheme including potentially from the LEP. Therefore we are continuing to consider the potential funding options that are available as part of developing a funding strategy to ensure that the necessary monies are secured to bring the scheme to fruition.

South Eastern franchise specification

- 2.4. The franchisees submitted their bids on 14 Mar 2018. DfT is evaluating the bids with the preferred bidder expected to be announced in Nov 2018 and the franchise expected to commence in Apr 2019.

Brighton Mainline – Network Resilience

- 2.5. NR has previously announced details of a major asset maintenance and renewal project in Jan 2018 to improve reliability and performance for passengers on the Brighton Main Line. This focusses on the four Victorian-era tunnels – Balcombe, Clayton, Patcham and Haywards Heath – and the railway which runs through them.
- 2.6. To enable these works to take place, no trains will run between Three Bridges and Brighton or between Three Bridges and Lewes, with works currently planned to take place from Saturday 16 – Sunday 24 Feb 2019 and on several weekends between Sep 2018 and May 2019. NR had previously planned to also undertake works under a 9-day blockade at the Oct 2018 half term, however due to the Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) service issues since the introduction of the May 2018 timetable changes, no works will now take place at this time.

3. Road: A27

A27 East of Lewes Study

- 3.1. The final study is currently going through its final internal review within Highways England (HE). Its outcomes will be considered by DfT as part of the development of HE's Roads Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) covering the period from 2020 to 2025.

4. Road & Port: Newhaven Port Access Road

- 4.1. The County Council received approval from DfT of its final business case for £10m towards Phase 1a of the Newhaven Port Access Road (NPAR) in mid-Aug 2018. Phase 1a will extend the existing section of the Access Road across the Newhaven–Seaford railway and Mill Creek to the harbour mouth.
- 4.2. A preferred contractor was appointed in Jan 2018, and ahead of the main works we have completed vegetation clearance across the site and translocation of great crested newts and badgers from the site.
- 4.3. Main construction will start in mid-Oct 2018 with completion anticipated in late 2019/early 2020.

5. Road & Rail: Transport for the South East (TfSE)

- 5.1. The first stage of the development of TfSE's Transport Strategy has been to undertake an Economic Connectivity Review (ECR) which is intended to demonstrate how strategic transport infrastructure could unlock economic growth and ensure that the South East continues to make a significant contribution to national prosperity. The final ECR was approved by the TfSE Board in mid-Jul 2018 and is available at <https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk/strategy/>.
- 5.2. Work will shortly be commissioned to start the development of the Transport Strategy; recruitment to several new roles is also being undertaken during Sep 2018.

6. Aviation

- 6.1. A review of the structure of the Gatwick Noise Management Board, which came into effect in Jun 2016 to develop and deliver the initial 23 recommendations from the Gatwick Arrivals Review, is currently underway. We have written to Gatwick Airport Limited advising that we support the current structure of the Board which has been effective in delivering the Arrivals Review recommendations and has progressed further areas of work including reviewing Departures.

7. Local transport/pipeline projects

- 7.1. Work continues on a number of other local transport/pipeline projects identified in previous briefings. These include:
 - **Eastbourne Town Centre Improvement Scheme** – The package of pedestrian and public transport improvements focussed on Terminus Road, Gildredge Road and Cornfield Road is currently on site and is being constructed by Mildren Construction.
 - **Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package Phase 2** – following the final outcomes of the study relating to further transport interventions in Eastbourne Town Centre being reported to stakeholders in May 2018, design work has been commissioned for the Terminus Road Bankers Corner to Lismore Road; Memorial Roundabout; Little Chelsea; Ring Road relocation and Terminus Road: Grand Parade to Lismore Road elements of the package. The business case to unlock the remaining £3m will be submitted to the Independent Technical Evaluator in Nov 2018.
 - **Eastbourne and South Wealden Walking and Cycling Package** – the business case to unlock the remaining £4m of Local Growth Fund monies allocated to the package will be submitted to the Independent Technical Evaluator in Nov 2018.
 - **A22 Junction improvements package** – design work has started for the junction improvements on the A22 Corridor around Hailsham/Polegate/Stone Cross required to support the planned and proposed development in the South Wealden area.

- **SMART Cities Initial Scoping Study** – we have received the draft report which seeks to identify opportunities and value of investment, challenges and risks tied to ‘Smart City’ strategic transportation and highways maintenance techniques and approaches in a coastal and urban/rural-split county like East Sussex.

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Business East Sussex (BES)

Core Growth Hub

As notified in the last BES update, the department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) are changing the emphasis of Growth Hubs in line with national and international evidence on what kinds of support have the most impact on economic growth. We are working closely with SELEP on responding to the new direction of travel, and the Economy and Business Support Manager for ESCC is sitting on the national Growth Hub Steering Group on behalf of SELEP. We are currently researching ‘what works’ for our local area with the intention of implementing new ways of working incrementally from 2019.

In the meantime we have extended the current BES Growth Hub contract until Dec 2018 and continue to provide support to local SMEs. In the first quarter of this year 110 businesses received light-touch support, 57 received business navigation, and 17 businesses received an intensive 12-hour support from the Growth Hub. Figures for the second quarter will be reported to the BES Steering Group meeting on 31 Oct 2018.

South East Business Boost

The ERDF-funded South East Business Boost (SEBB) project has agreed 108 grants so far totalling £735k, with 64 defrayed from a total target of 170. A further £1.87m in private sector funding has been levered in through match funding to the grants. 42 SMEs have received 12 hours of business support from a total target of 85.

A Project Change Request has been granted which now allows the programme to award revenue grants, which is expected to increase the number of smaller grants coming through the programme and help us meet what remain challenging targets. An extension of the end date of the programme has also been granted from Jun 2019 to Dec 2019.

Culture East Sussex (CES)

South East Creative Cultural and Digital Support (SECCADS)

Full details on the project have been reported in previous TES stakeholder updates. SECCADS is a partnership between:

- Thurrock Council
- East Sussex County Council
- Kent County Council
- Southend Borough Council
- Medway Council
- University of Essex
- Colchester Borough Council
- Essex County Council

Current status of the project – a Project Manager and a Project Support role have both been recruited and are now in post in the central team at Thurrock. In East Sussex two Coordinators (job share) have been appointed both of whom have started and are beginning to build contacts.

Procurement 1 – Creative Hubs: a pre-procurement event will take place in Ashford on 13 Sep 2018 followed by the full procurement process.

Procurement 2 – Main Business Provider: a pre-procurement event took place on 3 Sep 2018 in Grays. An outcome of this event was to provide a longer lead-in time for bids to allow suppliers to form alliances given that the contract is multifaceted. The revised start date for the contract is 1 Dec 2018.

Charleston

The new and refurbished buildings are now officially opened.

Cultural Development Fund

A subgroup led by Hastings Borough Council has been approved to proceed to develop a full bid following the successful submission of an Expression of Interest for the Cultural Development Fund – an Arts Council England administered fund linked to the Government’s Creative and Digital Sector Deal. The proposal focuses on taking the Coastal Culture Trail venues and growing their role as cultural development agencies, in partnership with a series of pipeline workspace projects across the county.

Developers East Sussex (DES)

Developers East Sussex (DES) has continued to move forward in addressing the common barriers to quality sustainable development in East Sussex through collaboration and direct engagement with key stakeholders.

The most recent DES meeting in Jul 2018 was the first since DES formally moved to a subscription-based membership arrangement, so it was extremely encouraging to see attendance reach its usual high number, with 20+ attendees taking part. The meeting’s main focus was on the Local Growth Plans and key developments of Eastbourne BC and Lewes DC, with additional information provided on the ‘I-Construct’ ERDF bid, a LEP-wide business-support project focussing on SMEs and supporting them to maintain modern methods of delivery.

DES is introducing new good practices across the county and has helped develop the *East Sussex Planning Protocol*, formally launched at the last Team East Sussex meeting on 25 Jun 2018. Colleagues are now working with planners on ‘gap analysis’ work, with feedback to be provided at the next DES meeting.

The next DES meeting in Oct 2018 will have a Utilities theme, with representatives of the Housing Finance Institute, Environment Agency and Southern Water all invited to participate.

Environment East Sussex (EES)

As reported to the last TES meeting, the East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) agreed to change its governance process in Apr 2018 by establishing an Environment sub-board of Team East Sussex, thus ensuring that the economic development and environmental agendas are brought together more effectively.

The group is still in the formation stage, with aims/responsibilities/membership etc. all now established and draft Terms of Reference finalised. The inaugural EES meeting is being arranged for early Nov 2018.

Skills East Sussex (SES)

Skills East Sussex Meetings

The Skills East Sussex (SES) Board last met on 21 Jun 2018 to review the final draft of the SELEP Skills Strategy and forthcoming European Social Fund opportunities, to approve the East Sussex College Group (ESCG), Plumpton Agricultural College and Bexhill College curricula for the 2018/19 academic year and heard updates on this year’s activities from the SES Sector Skills Task groups for Engineering/STEM and Construction. The next SES Board meeting on 27 Sep 2018 at Bexhill College will look to cover SES Task Group updates, the new Careers Hub, SELEP European Social Fund calls, action plans for SES and Apprenticeship East Sussex, and sector-skills reports.

Skills East Sussex Sector Task Groups

The SES Sector-Skills Task Groups for Engineering/STEM, Construction, Creative & Digital, Land-based, Visitor Economy and Health & Social Care are all due to meet in Sep 2018 to agree their forward plans for 2018/19. The forward plans will build on activities that meet the key SES priorities, those being: (i)

improving careers information and advice for all ages; (ii) helping young people become ready for the world; (iii) addressing gender imbalance in employment and study in key industries/sectors; (iv) ensuring that, where there is scope, that the curriculum is shaped by employers; and (v) helping to stimulate the uptake of Apprenticeships and higher level skills and learning.

Careers Hub bid success

East Sussex has been selected by the Careers and Enterprise Company and funded with £200k by the Department for Education to become one of only 20 Careers Hub pilots across the country.

The Careers Hub will build on the strength of the Enterprise Adviser Network, supporting all secondary schools, special schools and colleges to improve careers provision, and in particular focus on supporting schools and colleges to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks of good careers guidance, and improve outcomes for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The Hub will have access to a central 'Hub Fund' to support activities and interventions to improve student access to employers and to promote work readiness, and expand on projects such as:

- Industry Champions – increasing the network from local businesses who have committed to supporting careers and enterprise activities in schools and colleges by taking part in careers fairs, giving talks, running workshops, providing work experience and mentoring;
- Open Doors – an initiative encouraging businesses to open their doors to allow students to visit and learn more about the world of work;
- Apprenticeship roadshows – events giving young people and their parents/carers a chance to talk to prospective employers and apprenticeship training providers;
- Resources and training to support young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to access Supported Internships and Apprenticeships;
- Training and resources to support schools, special schools and colleges to improve their provision against the Gatsby benchmarks.

A virtual wallet of opportunities will be made available to schools in the county, and we are awaiting further information about this.

European Funding

Key new updates

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) recently published European Social Fund (ESF) calls for proposals covering the SELEP area. These will be match funded by the ESFA and will be for the general themes of:

- Skills Support for Unemployed
- NEET (15-24)
- Community Grants
- Skills Support for the Workforce and Redundancy

The closing date for submitting the Invitation to Tender (ITT) and Standard Selection Questionnaire (SSQ) is 17 Sep 2018 (19 Sep for Community Grants), with delivery to commence on 1 Apr 2019.

SELEP held a launch event for the above calls on 30 Aug 2018, at which they also shared plans for direct (non-matched) calls. Further information, including the presentation delivered at the launch event, can be found on the [SELEP website](#).

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LEADER	Programme adopted, launched Oct 2015.	WARR and Central Sussex Leader programmes launched Oct 2015.		Wealden & Rother Rural Partnership (WARR) and Central Sussex Leader programme (including Horsham, Mid Sussex & Lewes District); both Local Action Groups are running and accepting applications, a number of which have already been approved.

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ERDF	Call 1 – Priority Axes (PA) 1: Innovation; PA 3: SME Competitiveness; PA 4: Low Carbon Enterprises; and Technical Assistance. Minimum grant value £500k.	Call closed May 2015 with full application deadline Sep 2015; 4 applications were successful - Keep+, LoCASE, Invest Kent and the ERDF Technical Facilitator project.	Nothing pending.	The 4 successful applications - <i>Keep+</i> , <i>LoCASE</i> , <i>Invest Kent</i> and the <i>ERDF Technical Facilitator</i> project - have all been awarded, contracted and are underway; an appointment to the Technical Facilitator role has been made, with ESCC as accountable body.
	Call 2 – PA 3: SME Competitiveness, BIS National Products.	Better Off In Business, Get Exporting 2 and the Manufacturing Growth Programme have all been awarded, contracted and are underway (there was also a 'High Growth Programme' but it was withdrawn since consultancy company PERA went into receivership).	Nothing pending.	<i>Better Off In Business</i> (Prince's Trust), <i>Get Exporting 2</i> (Exemplas) and the <i>Manufacturing Growth Programme</i> (WMMBF Ltd) are all designed to deliver across the SELEP area, including East Sussex. 'Newable' is the delivery partner for Get Exporting 2 in East Sussex & Kent; the Manufacturing Growth Programme will be delivered by Economic Growth Solutions Ltd (EGS). There are also 2 multi-LEP projects (awarded and contracted) that only deliver across Essex - the Essex Growth Programme and Supply Chain Innovation for Offshore Renewables (SCORE), both led by consultants NWES.
	Call 3 – PA 3: Growth Hubs & Access to Finance; £13m grant available, £500k minimum grant value.	The Kent-led Innovation Loan Fund scheme was rejected and asked to become part of the South East Business Boost (SEBB) Growth Hub project; SEBB progressed to full application and was approved in Sep 2016; SEBB began operating in Apr 2017 with the launch of its grants programme.	Nothing pending.	East Sussex is one of the SELEP partners in the <i>South East Business Boost</i> (SEBB) Growth Hub project to deliver extended growth hub services (£3m) and a small grants programme (£10m); SEBB will provide £1.1m total funding for East Sussex over the 3 year programme period to extend & enhance the reach of our current business support services under the banner of Business East Sussex (BES), alongside a slice of the SEBB grants programme (approx £850k).
	Call 4 – PA 3: SME support to the creative and digital industries (£3.5m); £500k minimum grant value.	Call opened Apr 2016; 1 application submitted by Thurrock Council for the South East Cultural, Creative & Digital Sector project (SECCADS); full application submitted Sep 2016; following DCLG feedback the application went through several iterations and was finally approved in Nov 2017.	Nothing pending.	The <i>South East Cultural, Creative & Digital Sector</i> project (SECCADS) is led by Thurrock Council and covers the whole SELEP area; it will be aligned with BES/SEBB.
	Call 4 – PA 3: SME support (£10m); £500k minimum grant value; Rolling Call.	Call opened from Apr 2016 to Mar 2017; 1 application from Essex CC for South East Invest (SEI) was approved in Feb 2017; 2 further applications from Hadlow College (Betteshanger Sustainable Parks) and Haven Gateway Partnership (Transportation & Logistical Efficiencies) were finally approved in summer 2018.	Nothing pending.	<i>South East Invest</i> (SEI) is a joint project by ESCC and Essex CC (lead partner) to enhance the Locate East Sussex inward investment service, providing for double the funding given on the existing CORE service contract value to some £420k per annum for 3 years. <i>Betteshanger Sustainable Parks</i> will provide physical incubator space and SELEP-wide business support activities for SMEs in food security, environmental technology, life sciences and green technology. <i>Transportation & Logistical Efficiencies</i> (TALE) will provide support around smarter ways of working to the logistics sector across the SELEP area.
	Call 5 – PA 1: Innovation; and PA 4: Low Carbon Enterprises. Both with a £500k minimum grant value.	Call opened Dec 2016 with 4 outline applications submitted, all invited to submit full applications; 2 were withdrawn at outline application stage (both University of Kent) due to justifiable constraints and issues, and a third (South East GREAT from the University of Greenwich) withdrew at full application stage due to feasibility issues.	<i>MHCLG's appraisal of the 'South East New Energy' project is nearly complete (and is likely to be successful).</i>	The one current application, <i>South East New Energy</i> (led by Retrofit Works) is a SELEP-wide project comprising low carbon business support initiatives, including revenue activities for local authorities, and will benefit East Sussex due to the requirements on Strategic Fit.

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ERDF	Call 6 – PA 1: Research & Innovation; PA 3: SME Growth & Competitiveness; and PA 4: Low Carbon Economy; rolling open call for applications.	Rolling open calls for applications against all 3 Priority Axes went live in Mar 2017; 3 outline applications were submitted in Jul 2017, 4 more in Oct 2017 (2 of which were rejected), and another 4 outline applications were submitted by the final deadline of 26 Jan 2018.	The 3 outline applications submitted in Jul 2017 have been invited to submit full applications; 1 of the 2 applications submitted in Oct 2017 has been invited to full application (the other is on hold); and 3 of the 4 submitted in Jan 2018 have been invited to full application (the fourth is on hold).	All 3 outline applications submitted in Jul 2017 are SELEP-wide and will benefit East Sussex due to the requirements on Strategic Fit; the projects are <i>Mercury Rising</i> (Colchester BC), <i>I-CONSTRUCT</i> (Haven Gateway Partnership) and <i>CAMEC</i> (Anglia Ruskin University); only 1 of the 2 outline applications submitted in Oct 2017 will service East Sussex, <i>Better Off In Business</i> (The Prince's Trust), which is requesting a continuation to the existing contracted project; 3 of the 4 applications from Jan 2018 - <i>Kent Medical Campus Innovation Centre, Design & Learning Centre Drives Local Care</i> , and <i>R&D 4 SMEs</i> - offer SELEP-wide business support programmes that can benefit East Sussex SMEs.
	Call 7 – PA 1: Research & Innovation; multi-LEP calls including SELEP for applications to support the 'Innovation South SIA for Quantum Supply' and 'Knowledge Accelerator' projects.	The call was open between 8 Dec 2017 and 26 Jan 2018; 1 outline application was submitted to cover the Innovation South Science & Innovation Audit (SIA) area.	The outline application is currently with MHCLG for initial appraisal.	The single outline application covers the Innovation South SIA area, which includes East Sussex, and is for a project to support quantum supply opportunities.
ESF (Opt in)	Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) and ESFA – supporting businesses to identify training, recruitment & skills needs, meeting those needs and generating entry level opportunities for those out of work or underemployed; focus is on developing candidates that meet employer needs rather than generating a pipeline of candidates prior to identifying opportunities; 3 years' funding up to 2020.	ITT open between 29 Jan and 10 Mar 2016; the DWP/Jobcentre+ Opt-in contract was awarded to Reed, who in partnership with Skills Training UK, Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) and APM, will now work to deliver the £9m South East contract.	DWP has confirmed that the contract could be extended pending a performance assessments and ESIF Committee confirmation, so SELEP has written to the ESIF Committee to seek approval for the extension; the contract is under Priority 1.1 - <i>an Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) call has also been issued under this priority area, along with those for 1.2, 2.1 & 1.4, launched at an event on 30 Aug 2018</i> (more info on the SELEP website).	The contract for the South East is titled <i>Skills Support for the Long-Term unemployed</i> , with a maximum contract value of £9m for a minimum of 4,500 starts (the minimum starts for East Sussex based on population numbers of 13% is 583). The geographic locations in East Sussex are Eastbourne in the employment sector of Design & Manufacturing, and Hastings in the sectors of Financial & Business Services, Specialist Manufacturing & Engineering. The duration of the contract is up to 2020 with a 2 year extension being confirmed. <i>Preliminary performance info for this contract shows a good level of take-up across East Sussex with approx 299 starts.</i>
	DWP and ESFA – open call for Priority Axis 1: Access to Employment; intended to assist young people to enter growth sectors by addressing barriers such as transport, mental health support and confidence building to ensuring long-term sustainable jobs through pre-apprenticeships and work experience; the project must cover the SELEP area and/or list the main towns/cities within the LEP that the call is open to; approx £1.5m of funding is available; the project must be completed no later than 24 Sep 2020.	Call open from 21 Apr to 16 Jun 2017 (more info on the Gov.UK website); outline applications were reviewed by the SELEP ESIF Committee in Aug 2017, and 2 EOs totalling £700k went to full application.	Contracts with the 2 projects that went to full application, Prince's Trust and Essex County Council, are being finalised; these contracts are under Priority 1.2 - <i>the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has recently launched further calls for this priority area</i> (more info on the SELEP website).	The Prince's Trust contract will cover East Sussex, as will the ESFA contracts once confirmed.
	Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) – sector-focused Apprenticeships including support to disadvantaged/vulnerable participants, access to high-quality employer-led careers information and LMI, and brokerage of opportunities for young people; 5 years' funding.	ESFA contracts worth £24m were announced in Jan 2017; contractors were invited to re-profile if they expect under-delivery and to put in a case for growth; in consultation with local areas & the ESIF Committee, the Numeracy, Basic Skills & Enhancing Apprenticeships programmes were approved for financial growth and time extensions, and the Higher Level & Digital Skills programmes were approved for time extensions only.	Contract extensions are being confirmed, with those delivered by STUK already confirmed for extension.	Two <i>Skills Support in the Workplace</i> projects covering Numeracy (£2.16m across SELEP of which approx £285k will be used in East Sussex) and Basic Skills (£2m across SELEP of which approx £260k will be used in East Sussex). Two <i>Skills for Growth</i> projects covering Higher Level Skills (£4.6m across the whole SELEP region) and Higher Digital Skills (£1.4m across the whole SELEP region). <i>Skills Support for the Unemployed</i> (£1.924m for East Sussex).

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ESF (Opt in)	BIG Lottery – second round of Building Better Opportunities funding; the ESF thematic objective is Promoting social inclusion & combating poverty; applications invited to deliver 12 projects across the SELEP area - 6 in the north, 6 south; the total funding available for the south is £8,500,900.	Launched Oct 2015; East Sussex, Kent & Medway agreed & submitted shortlisted applications in Nov 2015; successful applicants announced May 2016; 1 applicant withdrew so there are now only 5 in the south (11 overall); the funds allocated to the withdrawn project (£483k) remain uncommitted.	Alternative options for the unallocated £483k have been discussed and SELEP has proposed using the funds for successful projects when they have a track record (say towards the end of 2018), ringfenced for East Sussex, Kent & Medway - awaiting Big Lottery's agreement; Big Lottery has advised that Building Better Opportunities projects would also be able to apply for growth, and SELEP is awaiting confirmation of the process & timeframe for this; SELEP & other LEPs are meeting with Big Lottery on 13 Sep 2018 to seek clarification on the above and timely performance information; the match funding offered by ESFA includes Priority 1.4 which will enabled a call for a community grants programme to be launched in the summer (more info on the SELEP website).	The 5 live projects in the south (all covering East Sussex) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex Community Development Association ('Let's Get Working', £3,574,200 – employment support for people with disabilities and long term health issues) • Porchlight & Sussex Community Development Association (£2,260,500 – employment support for people with mental health issues) • Social Enterprise Kent CIC (£483,000 – employment support for older people) • Gingerbread, the charity of single parent families (£830,800 – employment support for lone parents) • Royal British Legion Industries (£869,400 – employment support for people with difficulty sustaining employment)
EAFRD	Call 1 – EOLs for support to micro and small businesses, £50k-£155k project grant value.	Call closed 19 Jun 2015; project EOLs considered at EU SIF committee 23 Jul 2015.		None.
	Call 2 – 3 submeasures covering Tourism Infrastructure £2.6m, Food Processing £3.7m, & Business Development £2m. EOLs to be completed as first stage of 'open rolling call' application process. Enquiries on completing EOLs to GPEnquiries@rpa.gsi.gov.uk .	Call 2 published Jan 2017 with various launch events in Feb/Mar and further events in Oct 2017 to publicise funding availability and give advice to potential applicants; the original Jan 2018 deadline for the rolling call for projects was extended to 31 May 2018; the fund is now closed to new EOLs.	As at Aug 2018 a total of 130 EOLs have been received, of which 19 have progressed to contracting stage and received funding ; 52 EOLs are progressing towards full application, with the remainder either in appraisal or withdrawn.	There is currently no federated-level breakdown of EOLs or contracted projects, however successful projects include Rathfinny Wine Estate and Rye Harbour Discovery Centre .
CLLD (ERDF/ESF)	3 CLLD applications in the South East – Hastings & Bexhill, Folkestone and Thurrock (5 applications were originally submitted but Dover and Ramsgate dropped out at the first stage of the approvals process). The CLLD programmes will run for 5 years focusing on those groups most excluded from economic activity and in need of support to get on the path towards employment, and on encouraging entrepreneurial activity; target groups will include adults, including aged 50+, & BME communities including settled migrants.	Initial applications closed Nov 2015; 3 applications in the South East successful at stage 1 (Hastings & Bexhill, Thurrock and Folkestone) each received a small amount of ERDF funding to write a 'Local Development Strategy' seeking further ERDF funding, submitted Aug 2016 and all approved; all 3 areas submitted full applications by end of Jan 2017, followed by revised final applications; funding agreements for Hastings BC were finally signed in May 2018 .	With funding agreements now in place with Hastings BC, the CLLD project team has been recruited, stakeholder workshops have taken place and the first call has been held; EOLs for the first call are now being assessed for full application stage ; assessment of full applications will take place in Dec 2018.	The Hastings & Bexhill CLLD submission - CHART (Connecting Hastings & Rother Together) - encompasses 10 wards across Hastings, Bexhill and Sidley, helping local people benefit from new employment & enterprise opportunities and helping to expand the cultural, creative, media and visitor/leisure economies; Hastings BC is the accountable body for CHART.
CLLD - European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	EMFF / Marine Maritime Organisation (MMO) Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG).	An application and Local Strategy from Hastings Fisheries Local Action Group (HFLAG) has been submitted and approved.	HFLAG project progressing.	Hastings Fisheries Local Action Group (HFLAG) has approval for £600k over 3 years, supporting the Hastings small scale fleet and associated industry; 8 projects have so far been approved, with 3 awaiting decision and 5 in development; the total committed to date (Sep 2018) is £350k ; Hastings BC is lead partner on behalf of HFLAG.
Interreg	France-Channel-England (https://interreg5a-fce.eu): a cross-border programme that aims at funding high quality cooperation projects in the Channel border region between France and England, in line with the Europe 2020 strategy; the Managing Authority is Norfolk County Council.	5 calls took place between Mar 2015 and Apr 2017, and in May 2017 the programme switched its application process to a running open call; since Mar 2017 the programme has also opened 2 calls per year (Mar & Oct) for 'micro projects'; a total of 23 projects have so far been approved overall.	The running open call for regular projects has been extended until Nov 2019 for project ideas, and Jun 2020 for full applications; calls for micro projects (2 calls per year in Mar & Oct) will continue until Mar 2020.	Hastings BC was originally part of the Sustainable Future for Seaside Economies (SUFUSE) project submission, but withdrew due to risk/resource/potential gain.

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Interreg	2 Seas 2014-20 (www.interreg2seas.eu/en): a European Territorial Cooperation programme covering England, France, Netherlands & Belgium with a total of €241m ERDF to co-finance projects in the 2014-20 period; the overall objective is to develop an innovative, knowledge & research based, sustainable and inclusive 2 Seas area, where natural resources are protected and the green economy is promoted.	5 calls have already taken place; Call 6 Step 2 (full application) opened on 8 Aug 2018; Call 7 Step 1 (concept note) opened on 1 Aug 2018; a total of 50 projects have been approved overall.	Call 6 Step 2 is open until 6 Nov 2018; Call 7 Step 1 is open until 21 Dec 2018, with recommendations expected by Apr 2019 and Step 2 opening on 6 Sep 2019.	Hastings BC is a partner in implementing the <i>Sustainable Houses in an Inclusive Neighbourhood</i> (SHINE) project, approved Jul 2016 for completion by Aug 2020.
	North West Europe (http://www.nweurope.eu): the Interreg NWE programme fosters transnational cooperation to make Northwestern Europe a key economic player and an attractive place to work and live, with high levels of innovation, sustainability and cohesion.	7 calls have taken place since Nov 2015, plus a targeted call on renewable energy; a total of 46 projects have been approved.	The Monitoring Committee will decide which of the Call 7 submissions will proceed to step 2 during the summer, with decisions on the targeted renewable energy in the autumn; Call 8 will open in Nov 2018.	Hastings BC is a sub-partner in implementing the <i>Climate Active Neighbourhoods</i> (CAN) project, with 'Optivo' the main partner in Hastings, approved Feb 2016 for completion by Oct 2019; HBC is also a partner in the <i>Public Building in Straw</i> (UP STRAW) project, approved Mar 2017 (length 4 years but build implementation over 1 year).
	Interreg Europe (http://www.interregeurope.eu): helping regional and local governments across Europe deliver better policy by creating opportunities for sharing ideas and experience, therefore improving strategies	4 calls have taken place between Jun 2015 and Jun 2018; a total of 184 projects have been approved overall.	The Monitoring Committee's decision on successful Call 4 applications is expected Mar 2019.	Hastings BC is a partner in the <i>Delivering Efficient Sustainable Tourism with low-carbon transport Innovations - Sustainable Mobility, Accessibility and Responsible Travel</i> (DESTI-SMART) project, which was approved in Mar 2018 as part of Call 3.

Capital Programme Dashboard

Project Category	Scheme Name	Start Date	End Date	LGF Spend Profile								Progress Update
				2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Actual	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Post 2021	Total	
A21/A259 Hastings/Bexhill Growth Corridor												
LGF Transport	Queensway Gateway Road	2015/16	2017/18	1.419	1.121	5.000	2.46				10	1. QGR provides a new road between Queensway and A21 in north Hastings; 2. Planning approved Dec 2015 - two separate judicial review challenges were dismissed; 3. Site clearance completed Mar 2016; 4. Site earth remediation work completed Apr 2017; 5. Construction of the embankment is nearing completion with junction works at Queensway commenced in Aug 2018; 6. Agreement in principal reached on the relocation of Bartlett's SEAT, although the timetable for this remains uncertain; 7. Contract for remaining construction phase with Breheny Civil Engineering still being negotiated and dependant on timescales for the relocation of SEAT; 8. Negotiations underway with Sainsbury's regarding land adjacent to the A21; 9. Additional £4m LGF was reallocated along with additional £2m SCS funding.
LGF Transport	North Bexhill Access Road	2015/16	2016/17	6.41	4.6	5.590	2				18.6	1. NBAR will run from a roundabout on the BHLR to the A269 north of Sidley; 2. Business case approved Nov 2015 and planning permission granted by Rother DC Feb 2016; 3. Land acquisition for all phases and adjacent commercial land is complete; 4. Phase 1 of development now complete (with the exception of the crossing over the Combe Haven which was granted planning permission in Aug 2017); 5. Land clearance, archaeology & ecological works complete; 6. Earthworks at the Northern embankment are almost complete over the Combe Haven; 7. Construction begun on junction works at Ninfield Road and Watmill Lane with online works due to begin Jul 2018 with completion and opening set for mid-Oct 2018.
LGF Transport	Hastings and Bexhill Movement and Access Package	2015/16	2020/21			0.345	1.012	4.195	3.448		9	1. Package of junction capacity improvements identified in Local Plan Infrastructure Delivery Plans as required to support housing and employment being looked at on a corridor-by-corridor basis; 2. Business case approved by the Accountability Board in Feb 2018 with budget reduced by £3m; 3. Design work in a number of areas has not yet commenced which may affect progress and spend over financial year - fixed term Project Manager in place to manage ESH development of LGF local transport projects particularly focussed on these schemes but likely to be £1m slippage in spend this financial year.
LGF Infrastructure	East Sussex Strategic Growth Package	2016/17	2020/21			3.550	4.65				8.2	1. Funding approved by SELEP Accountability Board in Jan 2017; 2. Work on the road extension at Bexhill Enterprise Park completed Sep 2017; 3. Construction of High Weald House at Bexhill is well underway with the erection of the steel skeleton completed Aug 2018.
TOTAL											45.8	
A22/A27 Eastbourne/South Wealden Growth Corridor												
LGF Transport	Hailsham / Polegate / Eastbourne Movement and Access corridor	2015/16	2016/17			0.254	0.6	1.258			2.112	1. Sustainable Transport Corridor between Hailsham, Polegate & Eastbourne, part of strategic transport improvements to support planned housing & employment growth within the current Wealden & Eastbourne Local Plans; 2. Package of measures includes improvements for buses to/from Hailsham accessing Polegate Station, the DGH/Sussex Downs College & Eastbourne Town Centre, as well as walking & cycling improvements along the corridor for more local journeys; 3. Business case approved for funding at the Feb 2017 Accountability Board; 4. Proposals have been developed & were consulted on during autumn 2017; 5. Consultation on Phase 1 proposals in Sep 2017 - results reported to LMTE in Jun 2018; 6. Spend currently allocated towards detailed design of Phase 1 approved schemes for delivery in 2019/20 onwards as well as delivery of pedestrian improvements in Victoria Drive and design of Battle Road/London Road junction improvement in Hailsham.
LGF Transport	Eastbourne and South Wealden LSTF walking & cycling package	2015/16	2020/21	0.6	0.37	1.63	0.735	1.765	1.5		6.6	1. Package of walking and cycling schemes identified in Eastbourne and Wealden Cycle Strategies to support housing and employment growth in these areas; 2. Business case for extension of first tranche of schemes (£2.6m) approved by SELEP Accountability Board Nov 2015; 3. Smaller elements delivered in early years of the programme due to Japanese Knotweed on the route for the Horsey Sewer Route; 4. Construction of the Horsey Way Bike path extension completed May 2018 - accelerated spend on this scheme was approved at the Nov 2017 Accountability Board; 5. Remaining funding for this financial year relates to construction of Horsey cycle route Phase 1b, Meads pedestrian improvements (on site) and Willingdon Drove cycle route; 6. Business case for the remaining £4m to go to ITE in Nov 2018 and Accountability Board in Feb 2019.

LGF Transport	Eastbourne town centre LSTF access & improvement package	2015/16	2020/21		0.55	0.245	4.205	1	2	8	<p>Phase 1: 1. Business case developed for £3m of funding for Terminus Road improvements associated with the extension to the Arndale Centre; 2. Business case assessed and approved by Accountability Board Apr 2016; 3. Additional £2m LGF has been allocated to ensure the completion of this phase; 4. Works started Mar 2018 with Mildren Construction; 5. Construction programmed for completion in May 2019.</p> <p>Phase 2: 1. Following transport study, designs are being developed for next phase of the scheme; 2. Business case to be submitted to SELEP Accountability Board in Feb 2019.</p>
LGF Transport	A22/A27 Junction improvements	2016/17	2017/18						1	1	<p>1. Improvements to the A22/A27 north of Polegate, along with the Sustainable Transport Corridor, required to support housing and employment growth in the Eastbourne & South Wealden area; 2. Proposals for the A27/A2270 signalised junction have been developed as part of HE's package of smaller scale proposals for the A27; 3. The scope for other improvements (A27/A22 Golden Jubilee Way, A22/Ditton Rd) will need to be reviewed to take account of the additional housing/employment coming forward around Hailsham/Polegate as part of Wealden's Local Plan review and again partly considered within the A27 smaller scale proposals; 4. Any potential improvements to Cophall roundabout need to take into account the wider lobbying across the board for additional funding for a more comprehensive solution for the A27 between Lewes & Polegate, which has resulted in £3m of the total £75m now being allocated to work on the business case and options for the A27; 5. In light of the £72m allocated under the A27 smaller scale improvements programme from HE, this provides the clear justification and rationale for freeing up the majority of this funding for consideration by TES on similar transport related schemes within the overall East Sussex LGF programme; 6. There will be a need to retain £1m of the £4m to address complementary enhancements to Cophall and Stone Cross that will support the wider HE funded packages; 7. As a result £3m LGF has been approved by the Accountability Board to reallocate towards the NBAR and QGR projects; 8. A bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund will augment the wider requirement to improve capacity at a series of junctions on the A22 Corridor around Hailsham.</p>
LGF Infrastructure	Swallow Business Park	2015/16	2018/19	0.505	0.895					1.4	<p>1. Planning permission granted for northern & southern parts of site; 2. Business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2016; 3. Ground works continue to be progressed, onsite sewerage treatment is being installed and the road through to the far end of the site has been completed; 4. The site's first tenant (VACGEN) has taken possession of the building and are installing their production facilities; 5. The developer is now in discussions with a number of potential tenants looking to take possession of plots at the back of the site; 6. Construction of the starter units is now well underway and will be ready for tenants in autumn 2018.</p>
LGF Infrastructure	Strategic Site Investment Package (formerly 'Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park')	2015/16	2021/22	0.53	1.17					1.7	<p>1. Review of projected costs originally allocated to site infrastructure at Sovereign Harbour has resulted in a broadening of the scope to also include North Queensway and North Bexhill Business Parks; 2. Revised scope has been approved by Government; 3. Investment will enable site infrastructure to be delivered across the three sites; 4. Full business case for revised scheme scope approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2016; 5. Works related to this scheme have now been completed at all sites.</p>
LGF Infrastructure	Devonshire Park Quarter Redevelopment	2017/18	2019/20			5				5	<p>1. This scheme was approved by the SELEP Accountability Board in Mar 2017 and is now into the construction phase using leverage funding provided by Eastbourne BC; 2. Accelerated spend for this scheme approved at the Nov 2017 Accountability Board, allocated £5m in 2017/18; 3. Construction of the Welcome Building has progressed well and is on course for completion Dec 2018.</p>
TOTAL										25.812	
Newhaven Maritime and Clean Tech Growth Corridor											
LGF Infrastructure (C2C funded)	Newhaven Port Access Road	2016/17	2018/19				7.5	2.5		10	<p>1. Identified by DfT as one of their 'portfolio' schemes and therefore they will retain overall decision making responsibilities for approving the release of LGF monies; 2. £13m also allocated in ESCC's capital programme towards scheme; 3. First phase has been completed as part of the Eastside development; 4. Tender submissions received and preferred contractor (BAM Nutall) identified; 5. Value engineering exercise undertaken and scheme (including ancillary costs) can be funded within the overall £23.2m budget; 6. Business case for £10m approved by DfT in August; 7. Anticipated construction start in October 2018 with 19 month construction period.</p>

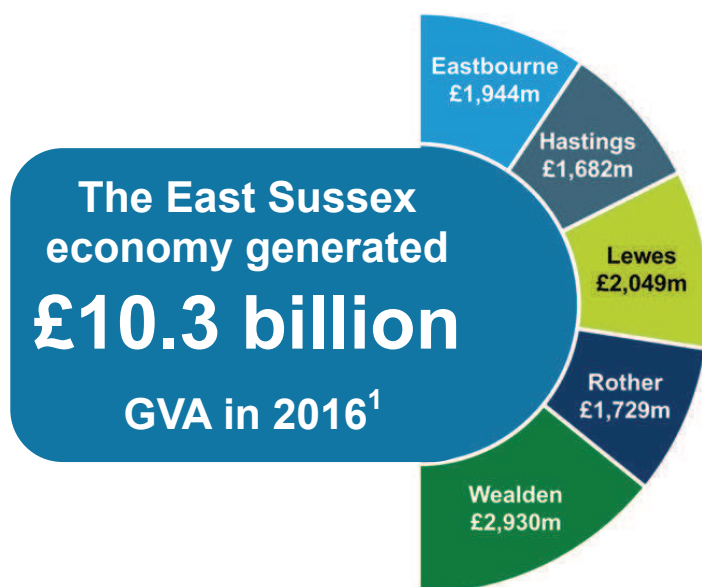
LGF Infrastructure (SELEP & C2C funded)	Newhaven Flood Alleviation Scheme	2016/17	2017/18	0.3	0.8	0.4					1.5	1. Environment Agency led scheme to reduce flood risk in Newhaven and recognise the wider benefits this will bring in encouraging regeneration in the town; 2. £10m from EA and £1.5m from C2C as well as SELEP funding; 3. Contracts signed Mar 2016; 4. The EA has appointed a main contractor (Jackson Hyder) to produce detailed designs and construct the flood defences; 5. Construction started Nov 2016 and is scheduled to be completed by late 2019/early 2020 ; 6. Construction constraints in the port area have required the EA to review the final design proposals and they are consulting with ESCC on flood risk.
TOTAL											11.5	
Pan LEP												
LGF Pan-LEP	Housing Regeneration Project (Hastings)	2016/17	2017/18			0.667					0.667	1. A provisional offer of £2m LGF (from a £10m ask) was made as part of the Growth Deal 'expansion' in Jan 2015; 2. The pan-LEP project includes the 3 areas of Hastings, Thanet and Tendring, so the East Sussex share of the £2m is approx £666k; 3. Bid documents were required to be recast to reflect the provisional award of £2m and to reflect the New Housing Bill and budget changes announced by the Chancellor in Dec 2015; 4. The business case for this scheme was approved at the Feb 2017 Accountability Board meeting; 5. In East Sussex the funding for 2017/18 will focus on the Hastings area where Hastings BC has partnered with Amicus Horizon in a major intervention programme, 'CoastalSpace', involving the acquisition and refurbishment of properties in St. Leonards; 6. A new property has been selected following the destruction of the original property identified in the business case - this was approved at the Sep 2017 Accountability Board; 7. A grant agreement between ESCC and HBC was signed in Nov 2017; 8. All LGF funds have been defrayed to project partner ; 9. Property has been identified and purchased, and housing association Optivo who have taken possession of the property are now developing a plan for full refurbishment to create 16 social housing units as part of the Coastal Space programme.
Skills Capital and Equipment Funds												
Sussex Downs College	Specialist Equipment for STEM Centre	2016/17	2017/18		0.075						0.075	1. Specialist industry relevant equipment supporting a new STEM Centre, enabling the delivery of 35 new apprentices per annum in Laboratory Technician, Science Manufacturing Technician, Laboratory Scientist and Science Industry Maintenance Technician qualifications from 2017/18; 2. Sussex Downs College has now made the final claims for this scheme.
Sussex Downs College	Refurbished Science Facilities	2016/17	2017/18		0.16						0.16	1. Sussex Downs College was awarded £159,400 towards total project costs of £478,320 (33%) in Round 1 for refurbishing the reception/hub on the ground floor of the new STEM Centre and an alteration to the existing Science Laboratory at their Lewes Campus; 2. Work has been completed so delivery can commence; 3. Due to negotiations with builders and subcontractors, overall costs have reduced meaning SELEP's 33% contribution has also reduced to £80k, resulting in a surplus of £79,440; 4. The SELEP Accountability Board agreed in Jan 2017 that SDC could utilise the £79,440 underspend for their broader project, enhancing their first floor laboratory, subject to a full application and approval by the Board; 5. An application for £39,515 was considered and approved by the Accountability Board in May 2017 - the remaining unused funds will be returned to the LGF programme for later allocation.
Plumpton College	Science & Engineering for Tree Management	2016/17	2017/18		0.14						0.14	1. This Scheme is complete and has been fully claimed.
Plumpton College	Growing Apprenticeship & Skills Training in Engineering	2016/17	2017/18		0.088						0.088	1. This Scheme is complete and has been fully claimed.

Growing Places Fund - loan funding												
GPF	Eastbourne Fishermen's Quay	2017/18	2018/19				1.15				1.15	1. Project approved at Accountability Board Dec 2017 for £1.15m, however following the decision and before the land purchase could be completed, Carillion went into administration; 2. The land freehold was sold by Administrators to Premier Marinas who are not willing to sell the freehold – as an alternative the lease of the land over 75 years, with peppercorn rent, has been offered and presents a feasible option to enable the delivery of the project, as previously approved by the Board; 3. The project change request from the purchase of the land to a long lease will not impact the project outcomes as stated in the Business Case nor the cost of delivering the project; 4. The change of scope was noted at the Sep 2018 Accountability Board.
GPF	Charleston Centenary	2017/18	2018/19				0.12				0.12	1. Project approved at Accountability Board Feb 2018 for £120k; 2. It was originally intended that the GPF would be drawn down in 2017/18 but this has been delayed to 2018/19; 3. The GPF agreement is due to be signed imminently to enable funds to be transferred; 4. The change to the repayment schedule was reported and approved by the Sep 2018 Accountability Board.
Other: Coast to Capital LEP Funded Schemes												
C2C LGF	Newhaven Eastside South	2016/17	2020/21		0.4	1.2					1.6	1. Work on Eastside South has progressed well with all piling now completed; 2. Phase 1 of the scheme (2,360m²) is now complete; 3. Phase 2 commenced in Apr 2018 with strong interest being shown by potential tenants.
C2C LGF	Railway Quay	2016/17	2020/21		1.5						1.5	1. The purchase of Railway Quay was completed by Lewes DC in Apr 2017 utilising the LGF award; 2. Lewes DC commissioned Cushman & Wakefield to undertake a Market Demand Study looking at potential development options for the site – C&W provided a draft report in Jun 2017; 3. Lewes DC is now considering which of the development plan options to take forward (a variation of one seems the most viable).
C2C LGF	Springman House	2016/17	2019/20		2						2	1. The purchase of Springman House by Lewes DC was completed in Mar 2017 utilising the LGF award; 2. A brief is currently being drafted to procure a design team (architect only as the project management side of Springman House will be procured through the new Lewes/Eastbourne JV framework); 3. Demolition work will commence during 2018 with the new fire station being fully occupied by Mar 2020.
C2C LGF	Charleston Centenary	2017/18	2018/19			0.4					0.4	The grant will support the various parts of the centenary project including the facilities for the barn renovation, specialist catering and exhibition equipment and landscaping of the grounds to lead towards attracting over 50,000 visitors per year.

Economic update - September 2018

Gross Value Added

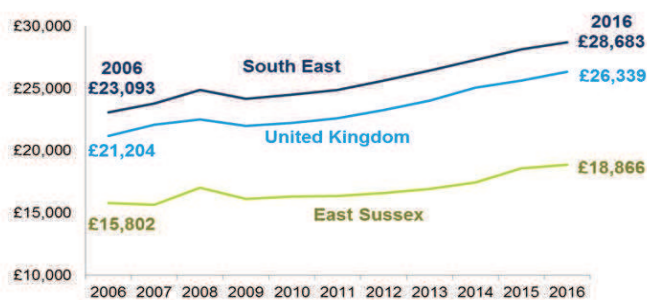
- GVA per head has grown by 19.4% in the county since 2006, but this compares with growth of 24.2% nationally and in the SE region¹.
- Growth of GVA per head in the county was higher than average in 2014/15 (6.6% compared with 2.2% nationally) but fell back again in 2015/16 (1.6% against 2.8% nationally)¹
- Structural differences to the national economy include a much higher proportion of GVA from Real estate; a higher proportion in Public administration, Education & Health, and Construction sectors; while Information & communication and Financial & insurance services are under-represented.
- The Professional and administrative services sector and Other services grew most strongly in the year 2015-2016 compared to the national change, while the construction sector also saw significant growth but this was similar to the national change.
- Growth in Manufacturing and Distribution, transport, accommodation and food was much slower than the national average, and there was a significant fall in the Financial and Insurance sector.



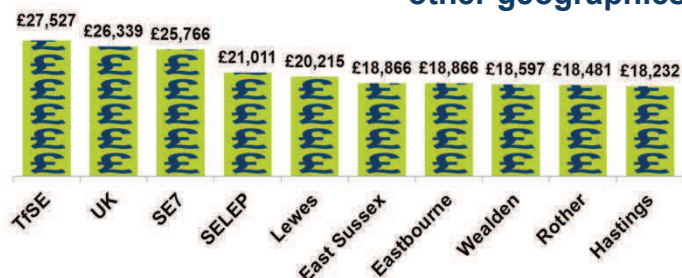
GVA per hour worked, 2006-2016²



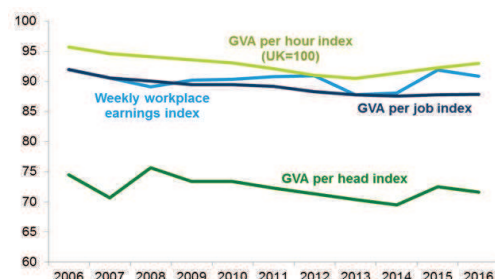
GVA per head, 2006-2016¹



GVA per head in 2016 by district, SE LEP and other geographies¹

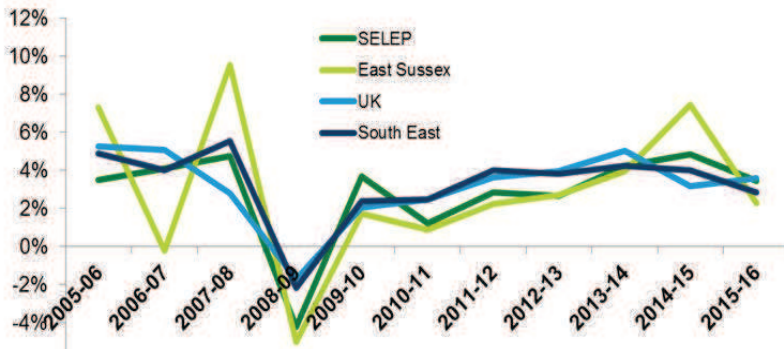


Productivity and earnings measures compared - East Sussex indices where UK=100^{1,2,7}



Details and links for all sources can be found at the end of the briefing

Year on year change in GVA is more volatile in the county than at other geographies.



Three broad sectors account for 60% of GVA in East Sussex¹:



Real Estate - 21.5%



Public admin, Education and Health - 21.2%



Distribution, Transport and Accommodation & food - 16.9%

Gross value added by sector in 2016¹

Different sectors make a higher than average contribution to GVA in the districts:

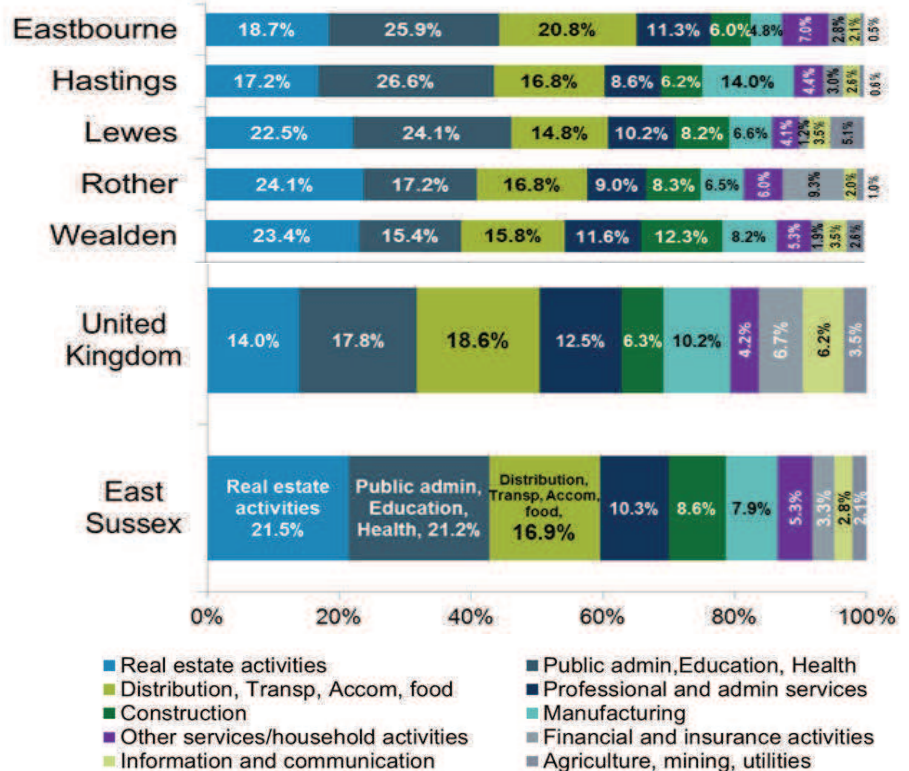
Eastbourne: Public admin etc. (26% of GVA in 2016); Distribution etc. (21%)

Hastings: Public admin etc. (27%); Manufacturing (14%)

Lewes: Public admin etc. (24%); Real estate (23%)

Rother: Real Estate (24%); Finance etc. (9%)

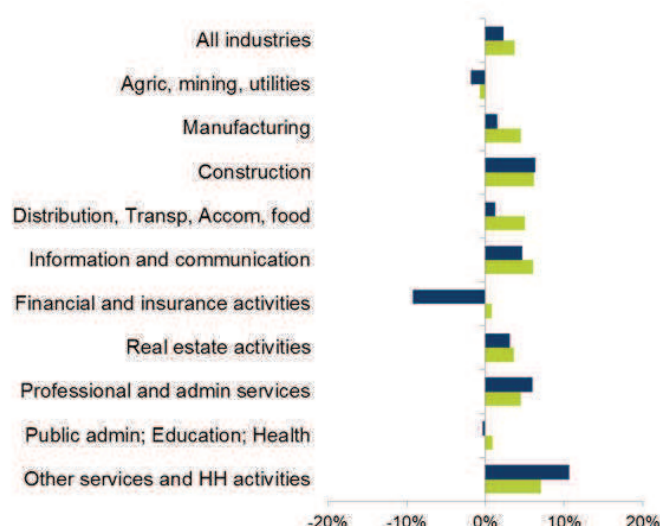
Wealden: Real estate (23%); Construction (12%)



Long-term change in GVA 2006-16



Short-term change in GVA 2015-16¹

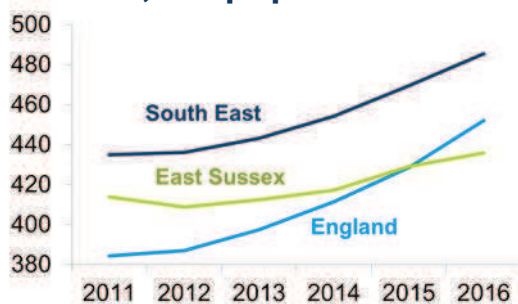


Change in GVA by industry varies significantly over time. Some sectors which saw significant growth over a 10 year period have shown a decline more recently.

Businesses

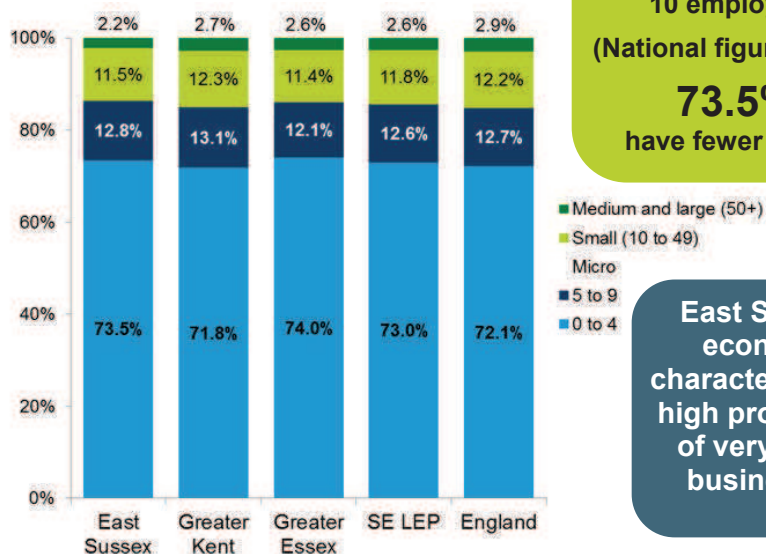


Active businesses per 10,000 population³



East Sussex has fewer businesses than average for the region and growth is slowing.

Business size in 2017⁴

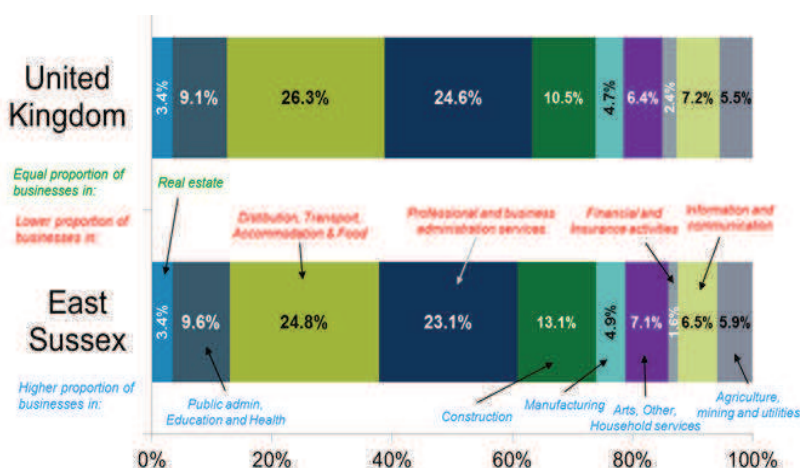


86.3%
of businesses in the county have fewer than 10 employees
(National figure 84.8%)

73.5%
have fewer than 5

East Sussex economy characterised by high proportion of very small businesses

East Sussex businesses by sector in 2017⁴



- While Real Estate contributes most to GVA, it make up only a small proportion of businesses (3.4%)
- One quarter of all businesses are in the Distribution, Transport, Accommodation & food sector, but they make up a smaller proportion than the national average, and only account for 16.9% of GVA.
- The second largest sector in terms of number of businesses is the Professional, technical and business administration services, but these account for only 10.9% of GVA.

Fastest growing sectors in the county⁴ (2012-2017)



Business administration and support services - up 30%
(England up 53%)

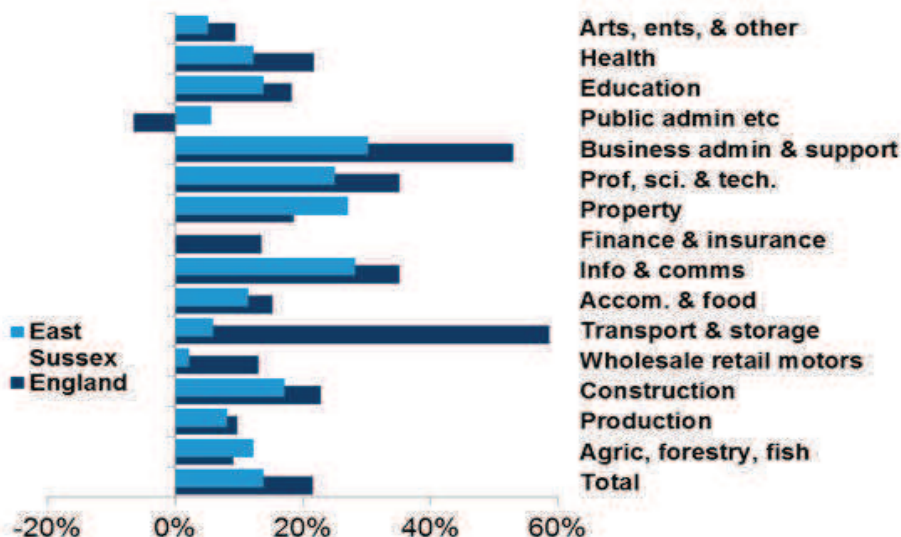


Information & communication - up 28%
(England up 35%)



Property - up 27%
Higher than national rise
(England up 19%)

Percentage change in businesses by sector 2012-2017⁴



Business starts, closures and survival

23,880

active businesses in
East Sussex in
2016 - highest since

2004³

- ♦ 1 in 9 of these were new start-ups
- ♦ That's 2,590 new businesses
- ♦ But 7% fewer new businesses than in 2015
- ♦ And new business registration rates down

**Active
businesses**

Up 9%

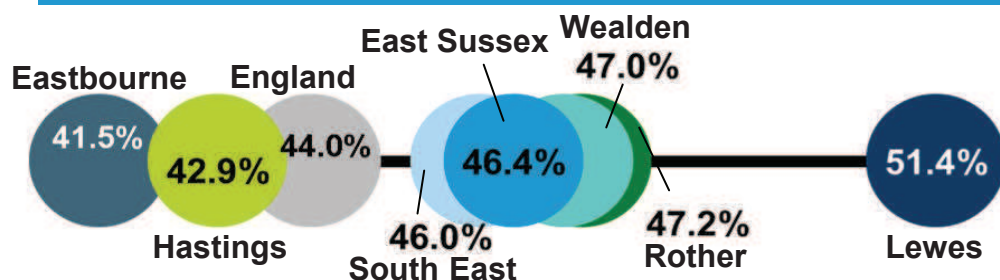
since 2011,

up 2.3%

since 2015

46.4% of businesses in East Sussex started in 2011 survived their first five years

5 year business survival rates for the county are higher than the England average³:

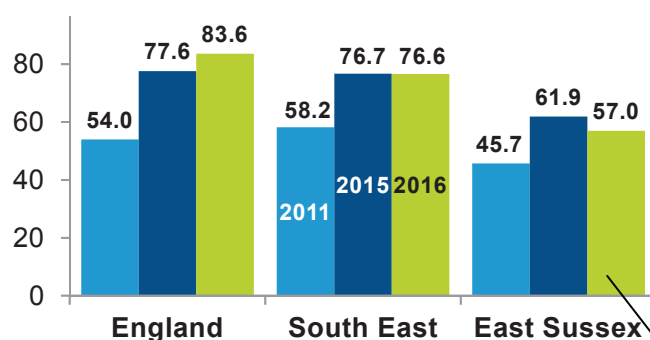


- 530 more active businesses in 2016 (23,880) than in 2015 (23,350).
- New business growth slower - 200 fewer new business starts than in 2015 and only slightly more business starts (2,590) than closures (2,405) in 2016.³

Business births and deaths in East Sussex 2006-16³



New business registration rates 2011-16³



Second lowest of all counties/UAs in the South East

East Sussex priority sectors: percentage change in number of businesses, 2012-2017⁴

East Sussex

26,035

5,475

1,685

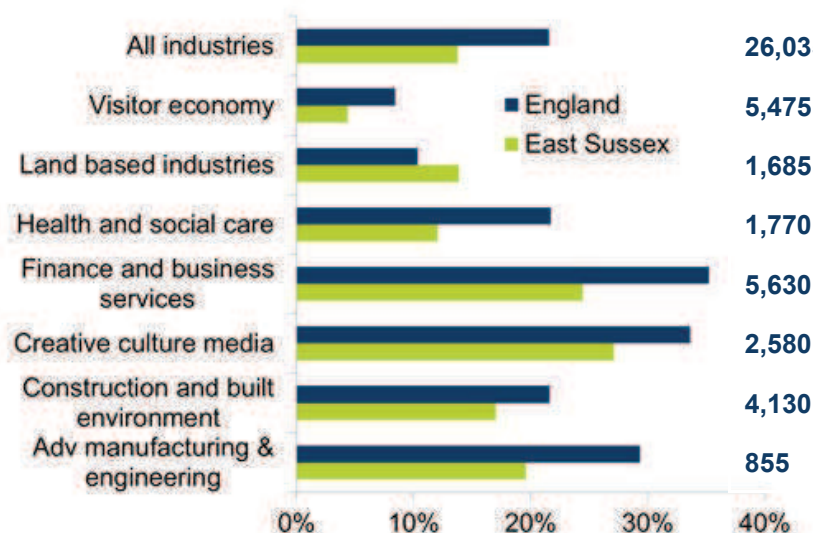
1,770

5,630

2,580

4,130

855



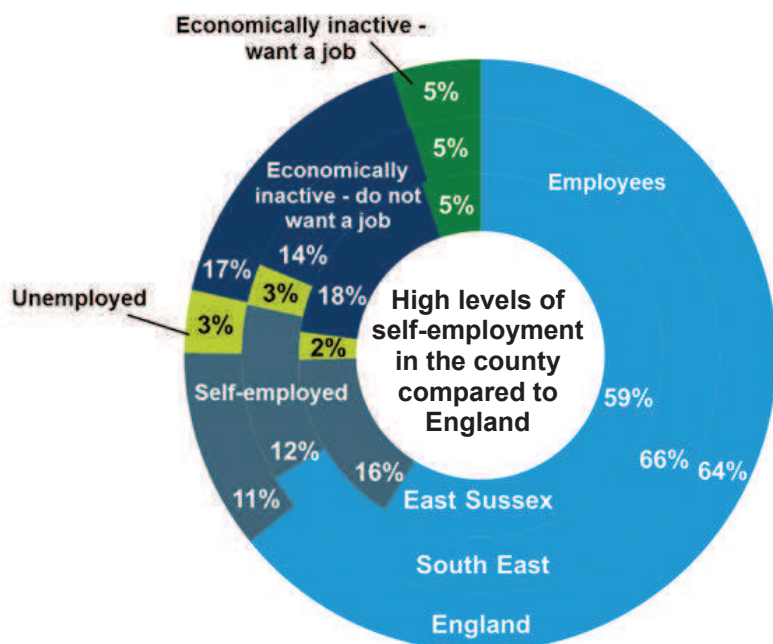
- The finance and business services combined sector is the largest of the priority sectors (as defined in the growth strategy), with Visitor Economy businesses forming the next largest group.⁴

- Growth in most priority sectors was slower between 2012 and 2017 than in the country as a whole

(note that some SIC sector divisions occur in more than one priority sector)

Labour market

Economic activity and inactivity in the year to March 2018⁵

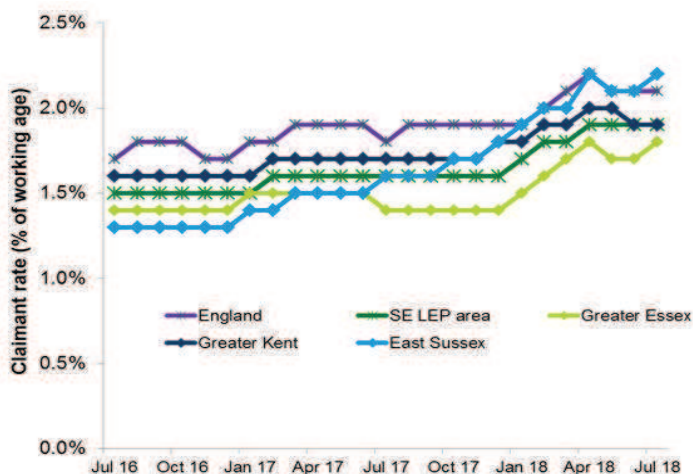


Workforce projections⁸

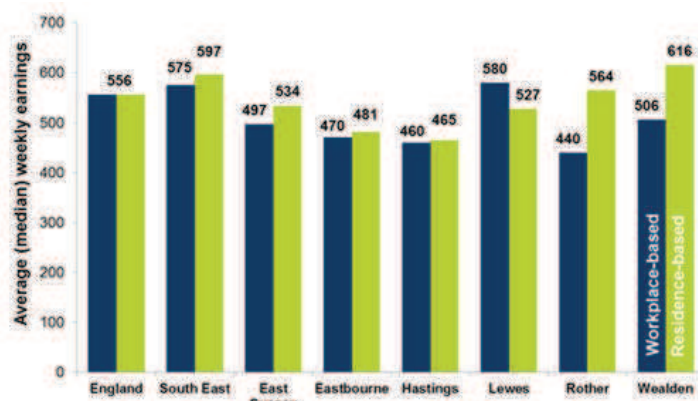
Between 2016 and 2021 there is projected to be marginal growth in the number of people in the East Sussex labour force, although after 2027 there is projected to be a slight decline.

- At 74.4%, the East Sussex employment rate⁵ is slightly below average (England 74.9%) with comparatively high levels of self-employment and people working part-time⁶.
- The Claimant Count rose in the month to July in line with the national trend and the claimant count is now 38% higher than in July 2017⁹.
- In November 2017, 9% of the county's working age population were claiming out-of-work benefits.
- Average earnings for jobs in the county are lower than average
- A slightly lower proportion of the county's residents have higher level qualifications compared to national and regional populations, but a lower proportion have low or no qualifications.
- A higher percentage of the county's workers are part-time - 36.7% against a national average of 31.9%.

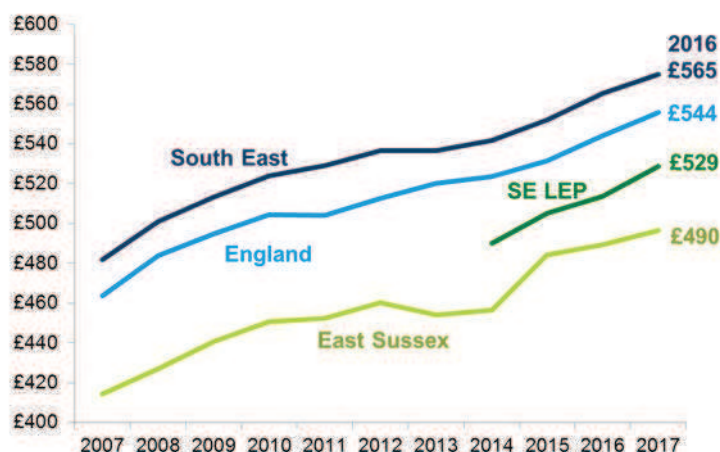
UC/JSA claimant rate, July 2016-July 2018



Average (median) earnings in 2017⁷



Workplace-based median full-time earnings, 2007-2017



jobcentreplus

6,865 claimants

of Universal credit (UC) and Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) in East Sussex July 2018

2.2% of the working age population

Now slightly higher than the national average (2.1%) and

↑ 38% since July 2017

Table of targets

Growth measures – September 2018	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Contribute to unlocking key employment floor space allocated in Local Plans (Square metres)		Havelock Place 2,248	Glovers House and Sovereign House 4,690		Swallow Business Park 3,409			
Achieve average annual housing completions of 1,504 in East Sussex to 2020 in accordance with our Local Plans (Source: East Sussex County Council On-line Housing Monitoring Database)	1,298 (2012-13 data)	1,208 (2013-14 data)	1,358 (2014-15 data)	1,509 (2015-16 data)	1,445 (2016-17 data)	1,300 (2017-18 data)	Data due: September 2019	
Increase GVA per capita by 20% by 2020 (Source: Office for National Statistics)	£16,929 +22.3% 2003-13	£17,423 +22.1% 2004-14	£18,574 +25.4% 2005-15	£18,866 +19.4% 2006-16	Data due: December 2018			
Maintain the employment rate for East Sussex at a higher level than the England rate to 2020 (Source: Annual Population Survey/Labour Force Survey, NOMIS/ONS)	71.1% +0.1% points higher than England (Mar)	74.1% +2.4% points higher than England (Mar)	73.1% -0.2% points higher than England (Mar)	73.8% -0.1% points lower than England (Mar)	75.6% 1.2% points higher than England (Mar)	74.7% -0.5% points lower than England (Mar)	Data due: November 2018	
Maintain the Claimant Rate for East Sussex at below the England rate to 2020 (Source: Office for National Statistics/ NOMIS)	2.9% -0.8% points lower than England (April)	2.1% -0.6% points lower than England (April)	1.5% -0.4% points lower than England (April)	1.4% -0.4% points lower than England (April)	1.6% -0.3% points lower than England (April)	2.2% Equal to England rate (April)	Data due: April 2019	
Increase the percentage of working age residents in East Sussex with a Level 4 qualification to at least 35% by 2020 (Source: Annual Population Survey, Nomis/ONS)	32.4% -2.5% points lower than England	36.7% 1.0% points higher than England	31.2% -5.5% points lower than England	34.1% -3.8% points lower than England	37.9% -0.4% points lower than England	Data due: April 2019		
Reduce the percentage of working age residents in East Sussex with no qualifications and qualified only to NVQ1 to below the England level by 2020 (Source: Annual Population Survey, Nomis/ONS)	23.5% +2.2% points higher than England	19.4% -1.2% points lower than England	23.1% +3.1% points higher than England	22.4% +3.3% points higher than England	15.6% -2.9% points lower than England	Data due: April 2019		

Further information and sources

This publication is produced as an aid to understanding the mechanisms at work in the economy of East Sussex. The sources for all the data are given in this section

Gross value added

¹ Gross value added (GVA) data is released annually by the [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#), and GVA per head is calculated using [ONS mid-year-estimate data](#). GVA is a measure of the increase in the value of the economy due to the production of goods and services. Estimates are measured at current basic prices, which include the effect of inflation. The data). With the release of the 2016 GVA data a major change in methodology took place. Please ensure you use only the most recent data.

² GVA per hour worked data is obtained from the [ONS' Sub-regional productivity](#) tables. When assessing regional economic performance, it is recommended that the best measure of productivity is this data, rather than GVA per head or per job. This is particularly important when there are large net commuting flows into or out of an area, as is the case in East Sussex.

GVA per head relates the value added by production activity in an area to the resident population of that area, and thus is subject to distortion due to effects of commuting and variations in the age distribution of the population. Small areas, such as local authorities, can be subject to very large distortions and this should be borne in mind when interpreting the statistics as an indicator of relative economic prosperity. GVA per head is thus not a good measure of productivity.

GVA per job is also not the best measure of productivity because we have to consider the impact of higher proportion of part-time jobs.

Businesses

³ The Office for National Statistics (ONS) provide data on active businesses, start-ups and closures in the annual '[Business Demography](#)' series. These national statistics are compatible with EU wide business demography data. 1-5 year survival rates are also included with this data. All rates are calculated by the Research and Information Team using the latest available mid-year estimate population data from the ONS.

⁴ The [UK Business: Activity, Size and Location](#) (UK BASL) dataset from the ONS uses data from the Inter-departmental Business Register (IDBR) to report the total number of businesses. This is the most up-to-date source for data about business activity at local authority level and gives details of both the number of business enterprises and the number of local units. Data is available by industrial sector, business size (in terms of number of employees), annual turnover and age of business (years of trading). Some of the data is also published as 'UK business counts' in the Nomis website.

Business Demography counts differ from those given in UK BASL because the Business Demography methodology takes into account businesses that were active at any time during the reference calendar year, whereas UK BASL numbers are based on a snapshot taken from the IDBR on a specific date at the end of March of the relevant year. As a result, numbers in the Business demography dataset are higher than those given in UK BASL.

There are a number of other sources of business data available. For more information about business data sources and how the data can be used, see our [data note](#).

Employment, earnings, and benefits data

⁵ Employment data is sourced from the Annual Population Survey (APS) which is published by the ONS on the [Nomis](#) website.

⁶ Data on part-time and full-time working is obtained from the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) which is also published by ONS in [Nomis](#).

⁷ Earnings data is from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings which is published by ONS and is available on the [Nomis](#) website. We have mostly used workplace-based median earnings which gives earnings for jobs based in the area, but residence-based data is also given in the table, which is the earnings of those living in the area.

⁸ Workforce projections data is produced by the Research and Information Team of East Sussex County Council using the PopGroup family of population projection modelling software alongside a full suite of population projections, and published on [East Sussex in Figures](#).

⁹ Claimant Count numbers are produced by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and published on [Nomis](#) together with data on claimants of other DWP benefits. Other claimant data can be found on the DWP's [StatXplore](#) website.

For further information about GVA, sub-regional productivity, Business Demography and UK BASL data, visit the [ONS website](#).

[East Sussex in Figures](#) has detailed data about [GVA](#), [GVA by industry](#), [productivity](#), [business demography](#) and [business activity](#), [economic activity rates](#), [full- and part-time working](#), [workplace median earnings](#), [claimants of Universal Credit and JSA](#) and [workforce projections](#).

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ESiF is a web-based information system that contains detailed, up-to-date and reliable information on a very wide range of topics. It is free and very easy to use and puts individual users in control. ESiF lets you specify exactly what data you want to see (for the places and time periods you are interested in) and how you want to view it (as a table, chart or map).

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