

Agenda item 8

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East Sussex Economy Recovery Plan

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This report summarises the most recent key actions and progress being made in delivering the East Sussex Economy Recovery Plan, termed *East Sussex Reset*. The plan was officially launched in Sep 2020, with all of the activities of the six ‘missions’ listed in a detailed Action Plan. TES agreed that progress on the Action Plan would be reported quarterly. A copy of the full updated Action Plan can be viewed on the [ESCC website](#).

To note, across the six missions there are many projects/actions being driven forward by stakeholders, and these are interlinked (not just discrete to that specific mission). We would like to thank all of the stakeholders/contributors and Mission Leads for coordinating responses on the progress of the plan and the significant actions taken so far.

Due to the significant level of financial intervention provided to businesses across East Sussex, this report also mentions the small business grants which each Borough and District Council has distributed.

Top Headlines:

- **A total of circa £87.85m is being invested into East Sussex as a result of the Economy Recovery Plan**, which is a combination of £53.47m newly secured monies and a further £34.38m aligned from ongoing monies committed OR already secured from external resources to support the survival, reset, recovery and growth of businesses in East Sussex. This is up substantially from the initial £45m investment outlined in Sep 2020, whereby £16m new monies were identified and a further £29m aligned from ongoing monies.
- It’s too early to indicate some collective key outputs and outcomes, but where this is possible on individual projects/actions these have been captured in the detailed Action Plan.

Mission 1: Thinking local, acting local

- ESCC’s Procurement Team has reviewed and developed its Social Value Policy for East Sussex. This policy will underpin the delivery of Social Value by ensuring it is a core consideration of good commissioning, good procurement and good contract management. The policy will embed a new flexible Social Value Measurement Charter which is more focussed on supporting the local economy, and driving activity through the Social Value Marketplace to support the VCSE sector. Once in place, this policy can be used to drive collaboration between ESCC and external partners across the county.
- The Procurement Team has contributed to discussions with the Skills East Sussex (SES) Construction Task Force, which has established a subgroup for social value procurement in construction projects. Team members also convened a meeting directly with many public bodies in East Sussex, including NHS Trusts, Blue Light and Local Authorities to encourage interest in a joint strategy and procurement route for Construction and Built Environment projects, which will have a significant focus on Economy Recovery Plan priorities. If successful, this will lead to even greater consistency across East Sussex public sector procurement on these aspects.
- Eastbourne BC and Lewes DC have launched a new website to promote local manufacturers. The website, [Make Local](#), showcases manufacturers across different sectors including food and beverage, plastics, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

- ESCC has launched its 'Pivot' programme, delivered by Sussex Innovation Centre (SINC), to help businesses adapt and thrive.
- The Business East Sussex (BES) Growth Hub Peer-to-Peer network programme has launched, delivered by SINC and MDHub, bringing together business leaders to collaboratively find solutions to shared problems.
- A new Locate East Sussex (LES) Inward Investment Marketing Plan has been completed, presented to the LES Sponsors Board and approved. It includes targeting businesses looking to move from London and surrounding counties.
- A commercial property supply and demand study, termed 'Space to Grow', has been commissioned.
- The South East Business Boost (SEBB) programme is ongoing and delivering well on its business support services and small grants programme. Evaluation of the different strands (>Breakthrough, Ready to Grow and Big Ambitions, delivered by Always Possible and Digital Islands) will be undertaken. Particular learning is expected from >Breakthrough to add to evidence that the impacts of Covid-19 do not fall equally across the population, with BAME communities and women particularly affected.
- A consortium led by ESCC, working alongside other Growth Hub partners across SELEP, has submitted a bid to the SELEP Covid-19 Business Support programme on the digitisation of SMEs.
- The Eastbourne Fishermen CIC was able to secure a further £360k from the SELEP Local Growth Fund (LGF) to deliver increased storage areas for equipment and to enable processing onsite, alongside a new visitor centre attraction.

Mission 2: Building skills, creating jobs

- All learning providers (FE, HE, Independent Training Providers and Community Sector) have swiftly moved their learning to online and blended platforms in response to the third lockdown.
- East Sussex College Group (ESCG) has allocated almost all of its Adult Education Budget to support Covid-19 recovery. Courses have been actively promoted via Sussex Chambers and in partnership with other key agencies.
- The colleges have worked with employers and the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) / Jobcentre Plus (JCP) to deliver a range of Sector-based Work Academy Programmes (SWAPs) which have successfully supported 178 people and already moved 21 into employment.
- Bexhill College has successfully moved its learning for international students to a livestreaming platform.
- Plumpton College has started consulting on their new Strategic Plan for 2021-24 and will be hosting a range of stakeholder events to gather feedback in Feb/Mar 2021. Allied to this, the College's Corporation has agreed an ambitious three-phase Estates Strategy. The first phase will focus on the campuses in Lewes and Eastbourne and will see £2m of Department for Education (DfE) capital funds deployed to improve the sites ahead of the Sep 2021 term. Moreover, £1.45m of additional Local Growth Fund (LGF) monies have been secured through SELEP to deliver an agri-food centre of excellence and improved access.
- Partnership bids have been submitted to DWP for a number of Youth Hubs, bringing together employment support services for young people across the county. Results should be known by Apr 2021.
- Sussex Chambers have uploaded several hundred kickstart opportunities (6-month job placements) to the DWP portal. There are some delays to these opportunities becoming available locally but will provide positive opportunities for young people in the county as they come onstream.
- The county's new 'Transform' programme – an apprenticeship brokerage service to support SME take up – has been officially launched during National Apprenticeship Week (8-12 Feb 2021). The programme is now receiving a number of referrals.
- A range of digital inclusion schemes have been delivered by the Standards & Learning Effectiveness Service (SLES), Youth Employability Service (YES) and ESCC Libraries to enable adults and young people to access IT equipment to support their learning, and further work continues to try to secure funding in order to achieve this delivery. ESCG has delivered a range of free digital skills learning to over 200 people.

Mission 3: Fast-forwarding business

- Everyday Creativity programme: creative practitioners/companies have now been appointed and codesign with hosts is now in progress. East Sussex Library Service is a partner in the project to promote the opportunities available.

- Towner and De La Warr Pavilion have launched the Talking Loud seminar series – online business talks, particularly for those working in the creative, cultural and digital sectors as part of South East Creatives.
- Online support programme “Do We Really Want to Bounce Back?” launched by the East Sussex Arts Partnership and South Downs National Park, for freelance creatives to provide advice on recovery.
- Ditchling Museum of Art+Craft has developed a new outreach project to care homes to support socially isolated and vulnerable elders, training support workers to deliver onsite.
- Consortium bid for SELEP tender to support Visitor Economy recovery was submitted in Feb 2021. Partners include Visit Essex, Visit Kent, Southend Council, Sussex Modern, Visit 1066 Country and Visit Eastbourne.
- In partnership with Skills for Care and Independent Lives (Brighton), Project Art Works is delivering a six-month programme of free training for families and care givers.
- Project Art Works has distributed over 150 boxes of individually personalised art materials to children with disabilities, families and neurodivergent adult artists between Mar 2020 and Feb 2021.
- £200k SELEP Sector Support Funding secured for a pan-SELEP collaboration involving Visit Essex, Visit Kent and Sussex Modern.
- The Sussex Tourism and Culture Recovery Group has procured an external agency to produce an evidence base to inform a medium-term action plan and long-term vision for the Sussex visitor economy, shaping future collaboration between Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC), East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and West Sussex County Council (WSCC). The agency will analyse the evidence base created, identifying ways in which to improve awareness of the county as a national and international culture, leisure and business visitor destination, and create recommendations which clearly identify and articulate areas of the Sussex-wide visitor economy which would benefit from investment, giving a clear rationale which can be used to inform and substantiate bids for external funding. The work will be undertaken between Mar and Jul 2021.

Mission 4: Better places, fuller lives

- Hastings and Newhaven Town Deal Investment Plans were submitted to Government in Jan 2021.
- Newhaven town centre awarded more than £5m from the Government’s Future High Streets Fund (FHSF), focused on repurposing derelict and underused buildings and better integrating, diversifying and strengthening the town centre.
- Work to advance new local plans is progressing well. Early stages for most and against the backdrop of major changes to the planning system at a national level, which could impact on overall programmes.
- Development Management sections are severely impacted by the ongoing lockdown and adjusted ways of working. All Councils have backlogs of cases, some significant. Measures are being put in place to limit the impact on the recovery, however this remains a challenge.
- All Local Planning Authorities continue to undertake proportionate enforcement to ensure that businesses can find ways to operate during the lockdown and beyond.

Mission 5: Cleaner energy, greener transport

- Commenced local consultation on the Emergency Active Travel Fund tranche 2 measures, including the School Streets pilots which will run at seven schools from 15 Mar 2021 for six weeks.
- Third ferry crossing between Newhaven and Dieppe now running.
- Newhaven Port secured £6.2m of Government monies from the Port Infrastructure Fund to build new border infrastructure for handling new customs and trading processes after Brexit. Part of the monies will provide road infrastructure which will complement the Newhaven Port Access Road, opening up the viability of commercial space.
- The second bid to the ‘BEIS Green Home Grant Local Authority Delivery Fund’ for £1.17m to address fuel poverty was approved in Jan 2021.
- A contractor is now ready to start delivering LoCASE support to businesses.

Mission 6: The future is digital

- TechResort has won further funding from MHCLG to grow digitalinclusionkit.org, a national resource that’s free for any Digital Skills Partnership to use.

- The same ESCC group that coordinated and delivered the East Sussex Digital Inclusion European Social Fund (ESF) contract has worked together to submit a bid to the SELEP Covid-19 Recovery Fund for Skills. If successful, the bid will be a pan-SELEP project working with organisations in Essex and Kent including Essex Library Service, Optivo Housing in Kent and East Sussex, and CXK in Kent and Sussex. The bid will centre on a tablet and laptop loan scheme with initial ideas based on purchasing 450 devices which will be loaned out to over 750 residents who are unable to access digital kit, connectivity and basic skills.
- ESCC to continue to work with DCMS on its Gigabit Connectivity Programme to provide expertise and influence investment in the county. East Sussex is one of a few pilot areas across the country testing DCMS's data, approach and logic model.
- Led by the University of Sussex and Public Health, TES is undertaking work to develop a home/work balance toolkit to respond to the technical and mental/physical health challenges of working from home during the ongoing pandemic.

Grants distributed through Borough and District Councils

- Three grant schemes were made available from the Government last year to support businesses through the pandemic, distributed to East Sussex businesses through our Borough and District Councils. All three schemes – *Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF)*, *Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Business Grants Fund (RHLGF)* and *Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund (LADGF)* – closed on 30 Aug 2020. The final figures, as reported to TES at the [Dec 2020 TES meeting](#), showed that local authorities in East Sussex distributed over £126.8m to 10,756 businesses through the first two grant support schemes, plus an additional £7.6m to 863 businesses in discretionary funds.
- The Government has since released two further grant support schemes – *Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSRG)* and *Additional Restrictions Support Grant (ARG)*. The latest data for these schemes is shown here:

Local Authority	Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSRG)			Additional Restrictions Support Grant		
	Payments from Government to LA	No of grants paid from LA to businesses	Value of grants paid from LA to businesses	Payments from Government to LA	No of grants paid from LA to businesses	Value of grants paid from LA to businesses
Eastbourne BC	£2,714,399	1,119	£1,335,782	£2,074,900	90	£112,982
Hastings BC	£2,411,816	882	£1,213,916	£1,853,220	59	£63,352
Lewes DC	£1,883,961	746	£928,459	£2,065,360	66	£77,230
Rother DC	£2,987,125	819	£1,111,127	£1,921,600	128	£161,140
Wealden DC	£3,159,100	732	£1,102,947	£3,229,500	61	£81,168
East Sussex Total	£13,156,401	4,298	£5,692,231	£11,144,580	404	£495,872

All data is taken from the [Gov.UK](#) website, updated 24 Feb 2021. The current update provides data on the funding paid to local authorities up to 18 Dec 2020, and the grants paid out from local authorities to businesses as reported by local authorities on 18 Jan 2021. Note that the LRSRG source data on the Gov.UK website is further broken down into three parts – open businesses, closed businesses and Christmas Support payments.

Strategic Economic Infrastructure

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This note provides the current position on the progress of a number of strategic and local transport infrastructure projects reported previously to Team East Sussex.

2. Strategic Road Network (SRN)

A27 smaller scale interventions

- 2.1 Highways England (HE) announced a package of smaller scale interventions for the A27 east of Lewes in Sep 2017 following the inclusion of the scheme in the Government's Roads Investment Strategy 2015–20. These interventions comprised:
 - capacity improvements at Polegate comprising two lanes in both directions from Cophall to an enhanced A27/A2270 traffic signal junction;
 - improved capacity at Drusillas roundabout;
 - safety improvements at Wilmington crossroads;
 - a new path from Drusillas to Berwick station, new/upgraded crossings at Wilmington, Selmeston and Firle.
 - new shared use path along the A27;

- 2.2 Construction of the improvements at the A27/A2270 junction, which also includes changes to the A27 junctions with Brown Jack Avenue and Gainsborough Lane, as well as the widening from the junction up to Cophall roundabout, commenced Jun 2020 and is currently programmed for completion in summer 2021. Work commenced Jan 2021 on the improvements at Drusillas roundabout and will be completed by the end of the year. Overall, the package of smaller scale interventions will be completed in 2022. Visit highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a27-east-of-lewes for more information on the package of smaller scale interventions.

A27 East of Lewes Study

- 2.3 Although the smaller scale improvements address some of the existing issues on the A27 between Lewes and Polegate in the short to medium term, they don't address these and future issues in the long term, particularly with significant housing and employment growth planned in the South Wealden area. Accordingly, funding from the Roads Investment Strategy (RIS) allocation was secured in May 2017 by the A27 Reference Group, which comprises local MPs, local authority leaders and the LEPs, for a study to look at a new dual carriageway route between Lewes and Polegate. The HE-commissioned study looking at these potential new route options was completed in May 2018.
- 2.4 The study, which was an early stage investigation, recognised that there is a strong strategic case for an off-line improvement between Lewes and Polegate to address current problems and to facilitate housing and economic growth in the area. It identified that all the route options considered would bring significant economic benefits outweighing the dis-benefits.
- 2.5 The outcomes of the final study fed into the Department for Transport (DfT) as part of the development of the Roads Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) which sets out the investment that Government will be making in the Strategic Road network (SRN) and that HE will be expected to deliver during the second road period between 2020 and 2025.
- 2.6 RIS2 was published in Mar 2020 and identifies further work to be undertaken on developing proposals for the A27 between Lewes and Polegate as a potential pipeline scheme for construction between 2025 and 2030. This further work will be managed by HE and we are still awaiting further information from them on the timescales for when this work will commence.
- 2.7 The A27 Reference Group will play an important part in providing that single voice to HE and Government on the case for this much needed investment in a more comprehensive solution for the A27 to Lewes that improves the economic connectivity of Eastbourne and south Wealden. It will equally be important to ensure the scheme is also included in the recommended interventions identified through the Transport for the South East (TfSE) Outer Orbital Study which is currently being undertaken.

A21

- 2.8 Improvements to the A21 Kippings Cross to Lamberhurst, Flimwell and Hurst Green sections were identified in our submission to Government as priorities for inclusion HE's second RIS. None of these projects were eventually included, but the RIS did identify the development of a package of road safety improvements for the A21 corridor. HE has recently commenced work on the safety package study and general information on the scope of the study is available at highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/a21-safety-package.
- 2.9 Despite not being included in RIS2, we will continue to develop the case for further improvements to the A21 with Transport for the South East (TfSE) through their South Eastern radial corridor study, which will commence mid-2021.

3. Major Road Network (MRN)

- 3.1 Following a Government consultation in early 2018, Government announced its final Major Road Network (MRN) in Dec 2018. The MRN comprises the most economically important 'A' class local authority managed roads, sitting between the HE-managed Strategic Road Network (SRN) and the local road network.
- 3.2 In East Sussex the following roads have been included in the MRN:
- A22 Eastbourne to Forest Row (including Golden Jubilee Way);
 - A26 Lewes to edge of Tunbridge Wells;
 - A259 Eastbourne to county boundary with Brighton & Hove;

- A272 edge of Haywards Heath to Maresfield;
- A259 Glyne Gap to Batchelors Bump; A21 Baldslow to Hastings seafront and A2102 Silverhill to St Leonards seafront (Hastings);
- A2270/A2021 Polegate to Eastbourne town centre; A2280 Cross Levels Way and A2290 Lottbridge Drove (Eastbourne/South Wealden).

3.3 Funding is available for the MRN through the National Roads Fund from the early 2020s and DfT guidance identifies the types of schemes that are eligible for funding:

- Bypasses or new alignments;
- Missing Links between existing stretches of the MRN or SRN;
- Widening of existing MRN roads;
- Major structural renewals on roads, bridges, tunnels and viaducts on MRN roads;
- Major junction improvements (e.g. grade separation);
- Variable Message Signs (VMS), traffic management and the use of smart technology and data to raise network performance;
- Packages of improvements which may include elements of safety, widening, new alignment and junction improvements.

3.4 DfT will provide funding between £20m and £50m, although the lower threshold will not be applied rigidly, and there is an expectation of a local contribution of at least 15% towards the scheme.

3.5 TfSE was asked to coordinate with its constituent local transport authorities on potential MRN schemes across their geography that could come forward as 'early entry' MRN schemes, commencing before Apr 2023 or for delivery between 2023 and 2025. TfSE assessed all the schemes put forward across their geography against the MRN criteria as set out by DfT, as well as TfSE's strategic objectives for the region which focus on sustainable economic growth, improved quality of life and the environment. Following this assessment TfSE identified the A22 Corridor Package and A259 South Coast Road Corridor as two of their ten priority MRN schemes for submission to Government.

A22 Corridor Package

3.6 East Sussex has developed a £35m outline business case, including a 15% local contribution from development contributions and CIL monies, relating to a package of junction improvements on the A22 Corridor in South Wealden. This is an early entry MRN scheme for commencement before Apr 2023.

3.7 This package of improvements has been identified in the Wealden Local Transport Plan Study (2018) as infrastructure required to support the current and planned housing and employment growth in the Wealden Local Plan; it includes:

- Boship roundabout;
- Hempstead Lane;
- A295 (Eagles) South Road roundabout;
- A27/A22 roundabout;
- A22 Golden Jubilee Way/Dittons Road roundabout.

3.8 The outline business case (OBC) was sent to DfT in Jul 2019. Following ongoing engagement with DfT throughout 2020, further transport modelling work is currently being undertaken to inform a revised OBC for submission in Aug 2021. A public consultation is planned to start early-Jun 2021 with the outcomes to feed into the revised OBC. Subject to sign-off of the OBC, it is programmed that the full business case will be submitted to DfT in early 2022.

A259 South Coast Road Corridor

3.9 East Sussex put forward a pre-strategic outline business case relating to the A259 East Sussex South Coast Road Corridor Package, focussed on the section of the road between Eastbourne and Brighton, as a potential MRN scheme for delivery between 2023 and 2025.

3.10 It is anticipated that the package will focus on delivering measures to enhance access to public transport and to enable people to cycle or walk for all or part of their journeys, alongside localised road and junction capacity improvements, highways structural maintenance and safety improvements,

and the potential use of smart technology. This will provide a balanced package of measures by improving the efficiency, effectiveness and resilience of this key corridor of movement that will be fundamental for both existing and future users.

- 3.11 The commissioning of a local study was delayed to follow on from the TfSE Outer Orbital Corridor Study; the TfSE study commenced autumn 2020 and is due for completion in Sep 2021. Therefore, the detail of the package and the content of the Strategic Outline Business Case will be informed by the TfSE study, which will look at strategic interventions, and our own study, which will look at more localised interventions. The A259 study is currently being scoped and is due to commence in 2021/22, taking an estimated 12-18 months to complete. Subject to approval of the Strategic Outline Business Case by Government, further work will be required to progress to the Outline Business Case and then Final Business Case stages which can take up to a further two to three years to complete.

4. Rail

High Speed Rail

Economic Impact

- 4.1 A 2017 study into the economic impact of High Speed rail into East Sussex, commissioned by East Sussex, Hastings, Rother and Eastbourne, identified that High Speed rail would be a potential game changer for the local economy and will:
- transform the connectivity and image of the area with reduced journey times;
 - support growth in London and the South East with improved connectivity with the capital critical to economic prosperity;
 - act as a catalyst for economic growth attracting investment and ensuring the area is a more desirable place to live and work leading to lower out-migration of skilled labour and in-migration of higher earners.

- 4.2 Taking into account all benefits assessed for East Sussex, the High Speed rail service could provide economic benefits in the range of £711.2m of GVA (£459.9m for East Sussex and £285.6m nationally in total over a 30 year horizon) and 1,290 jobs per annum once all benefits are realised. Visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/roads/roadschemes/bexhill-hastings-high-speed-rail for a copy of the Economic Impact Study.

Ashford West Junction and Timetable Study

- 4.3 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 has focused on the physical changes needed at Ashford to enable the High Speed trains to run from the High Speed Rail link onto the Marshlink. The second phase has involved a timetable study on what changes would be required to the Marshlink and High Speed Rail service timetables as well as the infrastructure necessary on the Marshlink to facilitate this.
- 4.4 This work, funded by DfT and ESCC, identified a technically feasible option for the new platform and track layout changes at Ashford East junction. Working on the assumption of splitting/joining High Speed services at Ashford, with changes to the Marshlink and HS1 timetable and double tracking through Ore Tunnel and line speed improvements, the timetabling study identified that journey times could be reduced to around 70 minutes to Hastings and around 80 minutes to Bexhill.

Kent and East Sussex Rail Connectivity pre-GRIP study

- 4.5 Network Rail announced in Feb 2020 that they would be undertaking the Kent and East Sussex Rail Connectivity pre-GRIP study. The study is looking at four options to potentially improve rail connectivity to the Kent and East Sussex coast – two in East Sussex relating to Hastings/Bexhill/Eastbourne (one with the HS1/Marshlink line through Ashford station, line speed improvements and electrification of Marshlink taking account of the Government's decarbonisation agenda, and one without the electrification element), one for Thanet and one for Dover/Folkestone.
- 4.6 The study, funded by DfT and ESCC, commenced in Sep 2020 and will be completed in Apr 2021. The outputs from the study are:
- the pre-GRIP level of design work required to produce the order of magnitude costs that Network Rail can include within a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC);

- economic analysis of the options; and
- a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC).

4.7 On completion of the study, the SOBC will be submitted to Government in Apr 2021 for their consideration, with a Funding Request to Government to progress to the next development stage to follow.

Rail Franchises

4.8 On 21 Sep 2020 Government announced that the franchising system will be replaced with more demanding Emergency Recovery Measures Agreements (ERMAs). These address the continuing impact of the pandemic on the railway over the next 18 months, with tougher performance targets and lower management fees.

4.9 These ERMAs will then pave the way for wider rail industry reform and is a prelude to a white paper which will respond to the [Keith Williams review of the rail industry](#) and his recommendations. The publication of the white paper is expected once the Covid-19 pandemic has abated.

Brighton Mainline – Croydon remodelling

4.10 Network Rail has been developing proposals to remove the bottleneck located in the ‘Selhurst triangle’, the junctions north of East Croydon and through East Croydon station. As the main route connecting the capital with Gatwick Airport and the south coast via the Brighton Mainline, the removal of this bottleneck will provide a significant boost to the regional and national economy, speeding up services through the area and improving punctuality and reliability in train services.

4.11 Following initial public consultation in 2018, Network Rail completed further consultation on their proposals for remodelling the Croydon bottleneck in Sep 2020: www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/sussex/upgrading-the-brighton-main-line/unblocking-the-croydon-bottleneck.

4.12 To deliver their proposals, Network Rail will need to obtain powers to work outside the railway boundary through a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) and are currently in the process of preparing an application for these powers to the Secretary of State for Transport. The TWAo is currently programmed for submission in late-2021.

Uckfield Line

4.13 The Uckfield line is currently unelectrified south of Hurst Green, meaning that a fleet of diesel trains is utilised on the line. Network Rail has been asked by DfT to explore future power solutions for the line.

5. Aviation

Gatwick

5.1 The consultation on Gatwick’s Masterplan closed in Jan 2019, which included proposals for the potential use of the standby runway by smaller aircraft for departures (e.g. A321s, 737s, with larger aircraft departing from the main runway and all aircraft arriving on the main runway) to increase the overall capacity of the airport.

5.2 Gatwick commenced the Development Consent Order (DCO), which follows a six-stage process, in 2019 to enable the use of the standby runway to happen. This will involve adjusting the distance between the standby and main airfield taxiway by 12m, which will require a new pier location, hangar and ancillary development and assessments of impacts including flood risk, surface access improvements and car parking.

5.3 Gatwick submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in Sep 2019, who subsequently consulted key stakeholders, including the County Council, on what should be included in the EIA. Gatwick had proposed to undertake a more detailed consultation with local authorities, lasting several months, from Mar 2020 as part of the pre-application stage of the DCO. However, in Mar 2020 Gatwick announced that the DCO process would pause and the consultation would be delayed owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Gatwick has recently confirmed that they will be restarting their work on progressing the DCO.

Gatwick Rail Station

5.4 A £150m upgrade to Gatwick Airport station to increase capacity, improve accessibility, provide a better journey experience and improve train performance started in May 2020.

- 5.5 The project is being managed by Network Rail in partnership with DfT and Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR), and is being delivered by Costain. Gatwick Airport Ltd and Coast to Capital LEP are co-funding the project with £37m and £10m respectively. GTR, the company that operates Gatwick Express, Thameslink and Southern services, is operating a dedicated timetable during the project.
- 5.6 Following the closure of Platform 7 between May and Nov 2020 for Stage 1 works, the platform has now reopened. The key remaining dates for the scheme are:
- Stage 2, Platforms 5 & 6 closed: Nov 2020 – May 2022
 - Stage 3, Platforms 3 & 4 lift and staircase installed: Sep 2020 – Mar 2023
 - Stage 4, concourse work: Sep 2021 – Mar 2023
 - Completion of remainder of the work: Sep 2023
- 5.7 Updates on the progression of the scheme are available at www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/sussex/upgrading-the-brighton-main-line/gatwick-airport-station-upgrade.

Gatwick Freeport bid

- 5.8 In Feb 2021 Coast to Capital LEP submitted a Freeport bid to Government for Gatwick Airport and Manor Royal Business District, known as 'Gatwick Freeport'. A decision is expected from Government this spring. Further information on the bid is available at www.coast2capital.org.uk/bids.

6. Infrastructure to Unlock Jobs and Homes

North Bexhill Access Road (NBAR)

- 6.1 NBAR is a new road from Combe Valley Way (the Bexhill Hastings Link Road) to the A269 north of Sidley. Funded using Local Growth Fund (LGF) monies secured through the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP), the access road will unlock 28,000 sqm of employment space and 500 new homes in the Rother District Local Plan. The road opened to traffic in Mar 2019.

Queensway Gateway Road (QGR)

- 6.2 QGR is a new link-road between Queensway and the A21 in north Hastings, unlocking 12,000 sqm of employment space as identified in the Hastings Local Plan. Also funded by LGF monies, work on the next phase of the permanent solution was completed in Jan 2021. These works now provide access to and from Queensway for all businesses which have a frontage on QGR, and delivers the permanent road to the boundary of the properties which are still to be acquired.

Temporary connection to A21

- 6.3 In light of the delays that have been encountered with the required acquisition of the land for the final section of the road, a *temporary* connection to the A21 is being considered to enable vehicles to use the road for access to the A21 as an interim solution until the permanent connection can be delivered. This would involve the introduction of traffic lights at the junction between the A21 and Junction Road and securing a temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and a stopping-up order for the section of road between Junction Road and The Ridge.
- 6.4 In doing so, Sea Change Sussex needs to demonstrate to the County Council and Highways England (responsible for the A21 north on Junction Road) that the temporary scheme will work satisfactorily and will not have a wider detrimental impact on the strategic and local road networks. Subject to HE and ESCC approvals being given, and the necessary legal agreements being in place, it is expected that the temporary connection would be open to traffic by Aug 2021.

Permanent connection to A21

- 6.5 In order to allow the final section of the permanent connection, which involves the introduction of a roundabout on the A21, to progress it is essential that the required land acquisitions are completed. SCS has engaged with the identified landowners with the aim of progressing these acquisitions. At this stage it is not possible to give a definite timeline for completion of the final phase of the permanent solution as it is dependent upon the outcome of the ongoing land acquisition negotiations.
- 6.6 The best-case scenario can be achieved if SCS is able to secure the necessary land through negotiations from all of the relevant landowners. If this can be achieved, SCS has indicated that the construction works to complete the permanent connection would commence in summer 2021. Based on this best-case scenario, the project could complete in Jan 2022. However, if the land cannot be secured through

negotiation, and a CPO process is deemed necessary, then the construction start and completion could be delayed by anywhere between 6 and 18 months.

7. Newhaven

Newhaven Port Access Road (NPAR)

- 7.1 NPAR is an integral part of Newhaven Enterprise Zone, which came into effect in Apr 2017 and is identified within the ESCC Council Plan as a key priority for driving sustainable economic growth.
- 7.2 The first phase of the road was completed by a developer in 2015, with the County Council completing the route with a bridge over the Newhaven–Seaford railway line and Mill Creek, taking the road into port land to the south and ultimately linking into the East Quay area.
- 7.3 Having started work onsite in Jan 2019, and following a 20-month construction period, the scheme was completed in Oct 2020. The total cost of the scheme is £23.2m (£13.2m from ESCC and £10m LGF).
- 7.4 Visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/roads/roadschemes/newhaven-port-access-road for further information on the Port Access Road. A time-lapse video of the road's construction is also available at <https://vimeo.com/470233741/17c6ef63ba>.

Port Access Road connections

- 7.5 In Dec 2020, £6.2m of Government monies was secured from the Port Infrastructure Fund to build new border infrastructure for handling new customs and trading processes after Brexit. Part of the monies will provide the final road infrastructure connection from the Port Access Road into the port land, opening up the viability of commercial space and maximising the benefits that the PAR will generate.

Newhaven – Dieppe Ferry

- 7.6 In Oct 2020 the Newhaven to Dieppe ferry was one of nine routes serving eight ports in the country to receive a Government freight contract aimed at increasing the country's import and export capacity during the Brexit transition period. The route will receive part of the £77.6m national contract with Brittany Ferries, DFDS, P&O and Stena, thereby securing its future. A third daily freight-only crossing started in early 2021.

8. Local Transport

Local Transport Capital Programme

- 8.1 The 2021/22 local transport capital programme will be considered by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment in Mar 2021. The draft programme includes a broad mix in scale/value of over 80 schemes funded from various funding sources including SELEP LGF monies, development contributions and funding allocated in ESCC's capital programme. Within this, priority is being given to expediting the development and delivery of LGF funded projects over 2021/22 and into 2022/23.

Emergency Active Travel Fund tranche 2

- 8.2 In Nov 2020, £1.8m (£1,456,160 capital and £364,040 revenue) was allocated for the second tranche of Emergency Active Travel Fund measures in the county.
- 8.3 As part of the funding requirements, consultation proposals were published at the end of last year on the ESCC website – www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/planning/emergency-active-travel-fund/tranche-2-emergency-active-travel-fund – setting out how we intend to consult locally on the various elements of the package.
- 8.4 The programme for delivery of the tranche 2 improvements is currently being finalised, with the vast majority being delivered in 2021/22. In programming the works, consideration has been given to the requirement to advise DfT on the outcomes of the consultation on schemes and how public feedback has influenced the proposed measures, prior to starting construction. All measures will be delivered by the end of Jun 2022 in accordance with the tranche 2 funding requirements.
- 8.5 The first element of the package that will be implemented will be School Streets pilot schemes at six schools across the county. The School Streets scheme will involve the temporary closure of the road outside a school to motor vehicles, thereby opening the streets to families on foot, bike or scooter at drop-off and pick-up times, and giving everyone the space they need to get to school and move around their local environment safely. These temporary restrictions will not apply to residents, business

premises on the street, emergency services, school transport, blue badge holders, deliveries and carers of residents on the street – access for these groups will be managed by stewards through the closure.

- 8.6 The pilot schemes will run from 15 Mar 2021 for six weeks either side of the Easter school holidays. See www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/planning/emergency-active-travel-fund/school-streets-trial-project for more information on the School Streets pilot.

9. Regenerating Town Centres

- 9.1 Across the county there have been various regeneration schemes delivered by the County Council focussed on our town centres, including most recently in Uckfield (2014-16) and Hailsham (2016-17). There are a number of town centre schemes currently under development as outlined below.

Eastbourne Town Centre Improvements

- 9.2 Phase 1 of the package, costing £8.25m with £5m coming from LGF, was developed to support the extension of the town centre's Arndale (renamed 'Beacon') shopping centre. The scheme focussed on improving the pedestrian environment and public realm on Terminus Road between Station roundabout and Bankers Corner, Gildredge Road and Cornfield Road, and the relocation of the bus stops into Cornfield Road and Gildredge Road with a one-way bus lane through Terminus Road from its Ashford Road junction to Bankers Corner. Phase 1 was completed in Jan 2020.
- 9.3 Regarding Phase 2, since early 2018 engagement has taken place with stakeholders from across the community in Eastbourne to identify priorities for better movement and access in and around Eastbourne's town centre. A package for Phase 2 was identified through a series of stakeholder workshops, with priority given to developing proposals for the section of Terminus Road between Bankers Corner and Langney Road, which will utilise £3m of LGF monies approved by SELEP in Feb 2019 for improving movement and access in Eastbourne town centre.
- 9.4 Consultation on the proposals was undertaken in Nov/Dec 2019, and work on the detailed design commenced in Jun 2020. To inform the detailed design, stakeholder update meetings were held in Sep 2020, Oct 2020 and Feb 2021. Construction is programmed to start autumn 2021.
- 9.5 Work to progress the designs for further improvements to movement and access in Eastbourne town centre – Terminus Road (Langney Road to Grand Parade), Memorial roundabout and Ring Road relocation – has also been recently commissioned.

Bexhill and Hastings

- 9.6 Proposals for London Road in Bexhill and for improving connectivity between the rail station and seafront in Hastings are being progressed. Both will be funded through the LGF monies secured for the area with an additional Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contribution towards the London Road scheme.

Future High Streets Fund

- 9.7 Recognising the importance of ensuring the vitality of our town centres, both now and in the future, the Government announced its £650m Future High Streets Fund in late-Dec 2018.
- 9.8 The fund, which would support and fund local areas' plans to make their high streets and town centres fit for the future, is expecting any potential investment bids to fall under a number of themes, including improvements to transport access, traffic flow and circulation, public realm improvements and supporting adaptation of the high street in response to changing technology.
- 9.9 Following a call for expressions of interest, all our Borough and District Councils submitted EOIs to the Government in Mar 2019. It was announced in Jul 2019 that Lewes DC, with their EOI related to Newhaven town centre, had been successful in progressing to the next stage where applicants need to develop a business case. Lewes DC submitted their £7.2m business case in Jun 2020, and Government announced in Dec 2020 that Lewes DC will receive just over £5m in relation to their bid.

Town Deals

- 9.10 In Sep 2019 the Government announced that it will invite 100 places to develop proposals for 'Town Deals' to transform their town's economic growth prospects with a focus on improved transport, broadband connectivity, skills and culture.
- 9.11 Both Hastings and Newhaven were chosen for the opportunity to bid for up to £25m from this programme. Government has subsequently been working with Hastings BC and Lewes DC, along with

other local stakeholders, to understand the respective town's local assets, opportunities and challenges.

9.12 Government published its guidance to enable towns to develop their Town Deals in Jun 2020, and both Hastings BC and Lewes DC submitted their evidence-based Town Investment Plans on 31 Jan 2021. The outcomes of the Town Deals are expected to be known in Apr/May 2021. Further details on the two Town Deals are available at:

- [Newhaven Town Deal](#)
- [Hastings Town Deal](#)

10. Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plan

10.1 In Mar 2016 DfT published a national Cycling and Walking Investment Plan (CWIP). The key objectives are to double levels of cycling and reverse the decline in walking, reduce the rate of cyclists killed or seriously injured on England's roads, and increase the percentage of children aged 5 to 10 that usually walk to school.

10.2 The CWIP encourages local authorities to develop their own Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plans (LCWIP). Public consultation was undertaken on the East Sussex LCWIP in autumn 2020. All the comments received are currently being analysed and the LCWIP will be reported in County Council's Cabinet in summer 2021 for approval.

Transport for the South East (TfSE)

(ESCC officer contact: [Russell Spink](#))

- In Jul 2020 Transport for the South East (TfSE) submitted its thirty-year transport strategy to the Secretary of State for Transport for consideration, alongside a proposal to secure statutory status as a sub-national transport body.
- In autumn 2020 Government decided that it would not be progressing with statutory status for TfSE at this time, but confirmed that officials will have due regard to the transport strategy when making policy decisions.
- Work is progressing on a series of five area studies which will determine packages of investment to improve north-south and east-west travel in the South East region. Taken together, these investment packages will form a regional strategic investment plan which TfSE plans to publish for public consultation in 2022.
- DfT grant funding of £1.225m for 2020-21 has enabled three area studies to get underway:
 - 'Outer orbital' focussing on east-west movement along on the A27/A259/A256 and the east and west coastway rail corridors;
 - 'Inner orbital' covering east-west movement in the area immediately adjacent to London; and
 - 'South central' focusing on the A22/M23/A23/A24/Brighton mainline corridor.
- A future mobility strategy for the South East is due to be completed in spring 2021. Work on a freight, logistics and international gateways strategy started in Jan 2021 and is due to be completed in autumn 2021.
- DfT has confirmed further grant funding for TfSE of £1.225m for 2021-22 to support its work. This will enable the area studies and associated technical programme to be completed and the strategic investment plan to be developed.

Business East Sussex (BES)

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BES Growth Hub

- The Growth Hub is continuing to receive high volumes of calls/contacts, nearly all related to Covid-19. This slowed slightly in the third quarter of 2020/21 but activity remains more than double that of previous years, with nearly 1,000 businesses making contact since the beginning of the financial year.

- The volume of calls has meant that the service has needed to focus primarily on ‘light touch’ (classed as up to one hour of direct support) interactions to enable as many businesses as possible to be supported. However, the team continues to provide more in-depth support where necessary, and refers to the variety of other programmes available in the county which can provide further support.
- We continue to convene the BES Providers Group where providers of business support can network, learn about new programmes available in the county and share intelligence on issues businesses are facing. The last Providers Group brought together 24 participants from 18 different organisations.

EU Transition Support

- The Growth Hub was granted additional funding for the period Nov 2020 to Mar 2021 to provide support for SMEs around the changes to trading with the EU in light of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. The Growth Hub has employed a fulltime EU Exit Navigator on a temporary basis, as well as securing the services of a variety of specialist advisers covering topics such as VAT, trade documentation, Intellectual Property and HR. During the period Nov-Jan, most businesses were preoccupied with Covid-19 disruption and few were putting EU Transition near the top of their list of priorities. However, in the last few weeks many more businesses are engaging with our programme of outbound calls/emails and accessing the specialist support. It is our view that it would be good if the support could be continued beyond Mar 2021, although no further funding is forthcoming at this point from Government.

Additional Growth Hub activity: Peer Networks and Pivot Programme

- As well as the core activity listed above, the Growth Hub has launched two new programmes aimed at supporting ambitious businesses to adapt to the changes effected by the pandemic and to come back stronger. As part of the national [Peer Network Programme](#), we have set up and run two peer networking cohorts in partnership with the Sussex Innovation Centre (SINC) and MD Hub. Both programmes are running well and showing high levels of participant satisfaction. We expect to be asked to run a further two cohorts on behalf of SELEP in the next financial year.
- We have also procured a delivery partner for the ‘Pivot Programme’ which, as reported previously to TES, is being funded through SELEP ERDF legacy funding for the next 24 months to support ambitious, high growth potential SMEs to ‘pivot’ and grow. SINC has been appointed as delivery partner for this exciting programme, which will be going live in early 2021/22.

South East Business Boost (SEBB) 2

- The new approach to the delivery of the SEBB 2 programme continues to perform strongly. Across the SELEP region there has been significantly increased interest in the grants programme, meaning that we are in the positive position of needing to manage demand for the grants rather than chase targets. We are working with our delivery partner, [Always Possible](#), to ensure we support businesses where impact will be highest and to ensure we meet targets for new job and new product/service creation.
- Always Possible is also delivering the innovative >Breakthrough programme aimed at women and BAME entrepreneurs. The first cohort of this programme focussed on women entrepreneurs and was oversubscribed, with cohort two focussing on BAME-led enterprises due to start imminently. Communications products are being developed to raise awareness of and celebrate women and BAME-led SMEs in East Sussex, and will be shared with partners in due course.
- Two other strands of the programme (Big Ambitions for ambitious businesses needing specialist support businesses and Ready to Grow for businesses less than three years old) are being run by [Digital Islands](#) and are likewise proving very popular with additional cohorts being put in to meet demand.

Developers East Sussex (DES)

(ESCC officer contact: [Dave Evans](#))

- The DES group has continued to hold more frequent virtual meetings, with an ongoing focus on the impact of Covid-19 on development. The most recent DES meetings have also included information/updates on EU Exit Transition, ESCC’s Asset & Investment Strategy, the government’s Housing Delivery Test, and most recently the impacts of the Budget 2021 on the construction industry.
- DES has maintained regular engagement with officials from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), as well as Homes England, on market intelligence and the ongoing issues caused by the pandemic. The focus was initially on areas of planning, housing starts/completions, Stamp

Duty Land Tax (SDLT), Help to Buy, and the general state of play for getting construction back onsite. Discussions have now moved towards the importance of confidence in the housing market, and the potential for a 'cliff edge' with SDLT and Help to Buy. MHCLG acknowledged that the weekly calls during the early part of the pandemic were extremely useful, so calls have continued open-ended on a monthly basis.

- The annual Leaders' Dinner took place on 19 Jan 2021 as a virtual 'conversation' with the Leaders. The event was well attended and enabled open discussions between developers, planners and senior local authority officials in an informal setting.
- DES has been liaising with the Kent and Essex developer groups on more joined-up work, with joint correspondence exchanged with the Secretary of State, Robert Jenrick MP. A virtual meeting was also arranged for 25 Feb 2021 with the **Minister for Housing, Chris Pincher MP**. This was a very positive meeting covering a wide range of issues in a relatively short period of time – the Minister allowed the meeting to roll on an additional 15 minutes from the planned half-hour session. The Minister also asked to meet the developer group chairs again in 2-3 months to track progress on the issues discussed, including Grant on S106 affordable homes, the Phosphates and Nitrates issues in Kent, and loan fund support for local authorities and developers with S106 contributions. The Minister also asked for further detail on a number of points and this is being followed up.
- Additional recent DES work has included feeding into the Economy Recovery Plan (ERP), engagement with Localis, working with the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for SME Housebuilding, and providing a training session to Councillors/Members at Hastings BC.
- Discussion topics for upcoming DES meetings include construction in education, sustainable construction (including low carbon, clean growth and net zero), commercial property and engagement with utilities.

Environment East Sussex (EES)

(ESCC officer contact: [Andy Arnold](#))

- The second bid to the BEIS Green Home Grant Local Authority Delivery fund for £1.17m to address fuel poverty was approved in Jan 2021.
- The LoCASE programme is ready to start delivering support to businesses, once Kent CC finalises the management processes.
- A bid has been submitted from East Sussex to SELEP's Sector Support Fund (SSF) to develop nature-based projects that will remove carbon from the atmosphere.
- The EES Board will be working with the Skills East Sussex (SES) Board on low carbon skills.
- Covid-19 is continuing to cause delays to the delivery of most programmes.

Skills East Sussex (SES)

(ESCC officer contact: [Holly Aquilina](#) and [Caroline Bragg](#))

SES Board and Sector Task Groups

- The SES Board met on 12 Jan 2021 and were given updates on the partnership activity of the Economy Recovery Plan (Mission 2); SELEP updates including the launch of the £2m Skills fund and the forthcoming Economic Recovery and Renewal Strategy, with skills as core priority area; the Government Spending Review and National Skills Fund; and local progress on the Government's Plan for Jobs.
- SES Task Groups for Construction, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Visitor Economy and Creative and Digital continue to meet quarterly, with businesses, stakeholders and education providers collaborating on careers provision for young people and adults, and government-funded initiatives for their sectors such as the Sector-based Work Academies Programme (SWAP) to support individuals with work-readiness preparation and employment opportunities.
- The next SES Board meeting will take place on 12 May 2021 and will focus on the FE Skills White Paper, reviewing current SES delivery and priorities, and setting new priorities for 2021-24.

Apprenticeships East Sussex (AES)

- AES met on 9 Dec 2020 and undertook planning and promotion for National Apprenticeship Week (4-8 Feb 2021), apprenticeship incentives and Kickstart.
- Members received an update on the launch of the ESF funded 'Transform' programme to support SMEs to access apprenticeship training, utilise Apprenticeship Levy and government incentives, which has now started taking its first SME referrals.

Adult Careers Campaign

- The next meeting of the Careers Group takes place on 9 Mar 2021. Since the last meeting, subgroups have been taking forward several areas of development identified at the Nov 2020 meeting:
 - Virtual careers events to promote jobs in the Health and Social Care, Construction, Engineering and Creative and Digital sectors are in development and due to be delivered in May 2021 for schools and for adults. They will be promoted via the Careers Hub to schools, via partners to those that they support and via Jobcentre Plus (JCP) to those being supported by job coaches.
 - Interactive infographics are in development to promote jobs in key sectors (including nursing, construction site management and digital). These will sit on the Careers East Sussex website.
 - A course and careers search tool is in development, to help jobseekers identify career paths and the learning available locally that will enable them to train or retrain in order to access new roles.
 - A new search tool for professionals wanting to offer pre-employment support to those furthest from the workplace is in development.

Careers Hub East Sussex

- The Careers Hub continues to work with all secondary schools, special schools and colleges, and their Enterprise Advisers to drive up understanding of careers, the labour market and enterprise, and transition support for young people. The East Sussex Careers Hub is now one of the top performing Hubs in the country as measured against the national Gatsby Benchmarks.
- Since Sep 2020 the Hub has commissioned the MY Trust's Youth Employability Service, who work with all NEET young people in East Sussex, to extend their offer and start working with year 11s at risk of NEET in 2021 (from Sep 2020).
- The Hub has continued to develop online and virtual resources for educators, employers, parents/carers and young people on [Careers East Sussex](#), including an Employability Passport to help young people reflect on their skills. Virtual [Open Doors](#) and Work Experience as an alternative to physical workplace visit are proving to be successful and popular with schools.
- The Hub is continuing to meet every four months with primary schools that took part in the [Primary Careers Hub pilot](#) to share practice and keep careers, employability and raising aspirations on the agenda.

Social and Temporary Housing pilot project (ESTAR)

- The Public Health, Adult Social Care funded 'ESTAR' programme, to broker those currently in temporary/ supported housing and refuges into learning and work support, is making good progress. They are mapping the range of interventions and support available to those in housing across the county and will work with housing providers to build capacity about learning and employment.
- Their first FORUM meeting brings together housing providers with those offering pre-employment support alongside JCP, Youth Employability Service (YES) and the National Careers Service. It is hoped that these will provide excellent networking opportunities for those who need pre-employment support provision.

Locate East Sussex (LES)

(ESCC officer contact: [Vera Gajic](#))

- This is an abbreviated version of the report presented to the LES Sponsors' Board in Jan 2021, covering the period Oct-Dec 2020. The full version can be provided on request from vera.gajic@eastsussex.gov.uk.
- Locate East Sussex continued to deliver support to companies during an extremely difficult trading period. In spite of disruptions, commercial moves are progressing and interest is being followed-up in new

developments for companies based in East Sussex, those from neighbouring counties and a limited number of international prospects.

- During the first quarter of 2021 companies will start to feel the impact of withdrawal from the EU and suffer consequences – both foreseen and unexpected. This will combine with the continued challenge of keeping business going through lockdown. Only the prospect of a widespread vaccination programme will enable companies to endure these challenges, focus on the future and what this may bring.

Output	Oct-Dec 2020		Project Total	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
C4 12hr support	5	3	60	8
C8 employment increase	9.5	40.6	115	41.6
investment success	3	5	36	12
reinvestment success	3.8	8	45	13
jobs created (core)	28.8	60	345	72

- Made Local – collaborated with Team East Sussex and ACES on a campaign to encourage support of local retailers in the run up to Christmas.
- Craft and Design T level – supported engagement of the creative community and creative companies with the development of the new Craft and Design T-level curriculum.
- Space to Grow – a new report on the supply and demand of Commercial Property in East Sussex has been commissioned from Stiles Harold Williams (SHW). The report is due to be completed to consultation stage next month and presented to the LES Sponsors Board on 28 Apr 2021. A report to TES will follow in Jun 2021.
- Wellbeing in homeworking – continued collaboration with University of Sussex and TES in an initiative to improve wellbeing for people working from home.
- Towns and High Streets – continued collaboration to support town centre funding programmes in Newhaven and Hastings.
- Research – monthly Coronavirus updates delivered on developments in commercial property market. Discussions progressed on review of future property requirements.
- Website – stories which focus on positive performances of companies being featured and work underway to ensure site meets ESCC web usability standards. A new area is in development to host Land Supply Report and Coronavirus Property Updates. New users increased by over 50% and web sessions increased by over 30%.
- Social media – activities continued with an extensive range of issues covered.
- Newsletter – redesigned and a new welcome email created. Four editions were circulated to subscribers and the number of subscribers grew by 38 to 696.
- Case studies – studies were published on White Feather Funerals, a Heathfield funeral director, and Eastbourne internet provider Lightning Fibre.
- Business planning and property webinar – this programme will support a limited number of companies to develop their approach, starting in Feb 2021.
- Defence procurement webinar – working with Sally-Ann Hart MP for Hastings and Rye, a roundtable will be held for companies interested in finding out more about procurement in the defence sector and the work of the MoD's Defence and Security Accelerator.

Economic Profile

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- The Economic Profile report is attached as a separate document. It's also available to view on the East Sussex in Figures website: <https://tinyurl.com/vsjmaj4h>.

Dashboard of SELEP funded projects (LGF/GPF/GBF/SSF)

(ESCC officer contact: [Marwa Al-Qadi](#))

Project Category	Scheme Name	Start Date	End Date	LGF Spend Profile							Progress Update	
				2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Actual	2020/21	Post 2021		Total
A21/A259 Hastings/Bexhill Growth Corridor												
LGF Transport	Queensway Gateway Road	2015/16	2021/22	1.419	1.121	5.000	0.89	1.57			10	1. QGR provides a new road between Queensway and A21 in north Hastings; 2. Additional £4m LGF reallocated plus additional £2m Sea Change Sussex (SCS) funding in Feb 2018; 3. First phase of the road to the mid-roundabout opened Dec 2018; 4. Phase 2a (intermediate roundabout to Ramblers Coaches entrance) completed mid-2019; 5. A temporary traffic solution to provide a link between the completed road and the A21 will be completed by the end of summer 2021; 6. Phase 3A started onsite autumn 2020, completing access to the last of the businesses with a QGR frontage and completing the road to the boundary of the car showroom - this element will enable the above temporary solution to be implemented; 7. Phase 3B will provide permanent connection of QGR through to the A21; 8. Not possible to give a definite timescale for construction start as dependent on land ownership issues being resolved and whether this is through negotiation or not - best case scenario of all land being secured by negotiation means construction could start summer 2021 with completion early 2022; 9. Regular updates are being provided to the SELEP Accountability Board, with the next update due 12 Mar 2021.
LGF Transport	North Bexhill Access Road	2015/16	2018/19	6.41	4.6	5.590	2				18.6	1. NBAR runs from a roundabout on the BHLR to the A269 north of Sidley; 2. Business case approved Nov 2015, planning permission granted by Rother DC Feb 2016; 3. The full length of NBAR was completed and opened to traffic in Mar 2019; 4. There remains a delay in the formal adoption of the road until after the Stage 3 road safety audit is completed.
LGF Transport	Hastings and Bexhill Movement and Access Package	2015/16	2022/23			0.345	0.796	1.476	1.98	4.403	9	1. Package of walking & cycling infrastructure and junction capacity improvements identified in Local Plan Infrastructure Delivery Plans to support housing and employment; 2. Business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2018 with budget reduced by £3m to £9m; 3. Schemes have continued to be progressed through their respective design and delivery stages through the ESCC capital programme of local transport improvements; 4. Varying slippage and delays experienced across the package as a result of Covid-19 - consultations have had to be delayed which has knock-on impacts on schemes progressing through to construction; 5. Additional drop in spend of £448k against the MARS Rail Station to Seafront scheme as additional junction modelling is required which will now move construction for Station Approach into 2021/22; 6. Construction of various elements of the package to slip into 2021/22 and 22/23; 7. Also a delay to consultation of the Hastings MARS and Bexhill cycle network schemes due to further national lockdowns; 8. Received SELEP Strategic Board approval in Dec 2020 for spend beyond Growth Deal period.
LGF Infrastructure	Bexhill Enterprise Park North	2019/20	2021/22					0.44	1.1	0.4	1.94	1. Site and servicing infrastructure to provide full access to the individual development plots within the Bexhill Enterprise Park North business park from the North Bexhill Access Road; 2. LGF-3B allocation agreed by SELEP Investment Panel Mar 2019, and Business Case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Jun 2019; 3. Initial Reserved Matters application was rejected in Oct 2019 resulting in a delay to the programme but still within funding period; 4. A planning appeal was submitted Dec 2019, scheduled for Jan 2021, and SCS has submitted a separate planning application for the Site Access Road to progress site enabling works; 5. SELEP Accountability Board received a further project update in Sep 2020 where it was agreed that the project remains on hold until the planning appeal has been concluded; 6. The planning appeal hearing commenced on 19 Jan 2021 with the outcome expected late-Feb 2021, so an update report and decision will be taken at the 12 Mar 2021 SELEP Accountability Board meeting to consider the LGF allocation based on the outcome of the planning hearing.
LGF Infrastructure	East Sussex Strategic Growth Package	2016/17	2020/21			3.550	4.3	0.35			8.2	1. Funding approved by SELEP Accountability Board Jan 2017; 2. Work on the road extension at Bexhill Enterprise Park completed Sep 2017; 3. Construction of High Weald House at Bexhill completed Apr 2019; 4. SCS will look to refinance against the property and utilise the funding to commence construction of further employment space at Sovereign Harbour.

LGF Infrastructure	Churchfields Business Centre (formerly Sidney Little Road Incubator Hub)	2019/20	2020/21					0.192	0.208	0.1	0.5	1. LGF-3B allocation agreed by SELEP Investment Panel Mar 2019; 2. Business Case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Jun 2019 and grant agreement to transfer funding to Hastings BC completed Nov 2019; 3. Planning application submitted Oct 2019, consent obtained 3 Jun 2020; 4. Delay has had a knock-on effect on the programme with tendering process now on hold - HBC is currently considering how to approach the build phase given the potential impact of Covid-19 on the construction industry; 5. Construction RIBA Stage 5, appointment of contractor, build tender documents published Jun 2020; 6. Tenders came back higher than expected creating a £0.7m funding gap, so selection and appointment of the construction contractor to be agreed if the funding gap can be closed; 7. Construction works still estimated to commence Apr 2021, with completion of build end of Dec 2021; 8. Letting of the incubator units expected to commence following construction in late 2021.
LGF Infrastructure	Bexhill Creative Workspace	2019/20	2020/21					0.7	0.26		0.96	1. LGF-3B allocation agreed by SELEP Investment Panel Jun 2019, business case approved by Accountability Board Sep 2019; 2. Spend commenced Q4 2019/20; 3. Building contractors BD Harris onsite Oct 2020 for Phase 1 (external envelope), completed Jan 2021; 4. Phase 2 work tendered Jan 2021 due to reworking plans for the internal layout; 5. Phase 2 completion expected Apr 2021; 6. Potential tenants now being directed to the College for occupation of studios Spring 2021.
TOTAL											49.2	

A22/A27 Eastbourne/South Wealden Growth Corridor

LGF Transport	Hailsham / Polegate / Eastbourne Movement and Access corridor	2015/16	2016/17			0.254	0.664	0.471	0.001	0.72	2.11	1. Sustainable Transport Corridor between Hailsham, Polegate & Eastbourne, part of strategic transport improvements identified to support planned housing & employment growth within the Wealden & Eastbourne Local Plans; 2. Includes improvements for buses to/from Hailsham accessing Polegate Station, the DGH/East Sussex College & Eastbourne Town Centre, plus walking & cycling improvements along the corridor for more local journeys; 3. Business case approved by Feb 2017 Accountability Board; 4. Consultation on Phase 1 proposals Sep 2017, results reported to LMTE Jun 2018; 5. Detailed design completed for Victoria Drive bus lane and progressing for other approved schemes - A2270/Wannock Road/Polegate High Street junction & Eastbourne Road bus lane; 6. Delivery in 2021/22 and 22/23 following completion of the A27/A2270 junction improvement as part of HE's A27 smaller scale interventions package; 7. A revised programme and spend beyond the Growth Deal period was approved by the Dec 2020 SELEP Strategic Board.
LGF Transport	Eastbourne and South Wealden LSTF walking & cycling package	2015/16	2020/21	0.6	0.37	1.63	0.498	0.949	0.677	1.876	6.6	1. Package of walking & cycling schemes identified in Eastbourne & Wealden Cycle Strategies to support housing & employment growth in these areas; 2. Business case for extension of first tranche of schemes (£2.6m) approved by SELEP Accountability Board Nov 2015 with spend focussed on Phase 3 of Horsey Way cycle route; 3. Spend in 2018/19 related to design of a number of schemes and the construction of Meads pedestrian improvements (completed); 4. Business case for the remaining £4m approved by Accountability Board Feb 2019; 5. Design work has been progressed for this package of schemes, including various cycle routes (Station to seafont & Stone Cross to seafont) and improvements for pedestrians through ESCC's capital programme for local transport improvements; 6. There are delays in the consultation processes which are required for Willingdon cycle route, Eastbourne Town Centre cycle route and cycle parking scheme as well as delays due to additional safety audit works required for the Langney to Sovereign Harbour cycle route - these will now take place in late spring 2021; 7. Received approval at the Oct 2020 SELEP Strategic Board meeting for revised programme to spend LGF beyond Growth Deal period - construction will continue in 2021/22 and 22/23.
LGF Infrastructure	Swallow Business Park	2015/16	2018/19	0.505	0.895						1.4	COMPLETED. 1. Planning permission granted for northern & southern parts of site; 2. Business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2016; 3. Site's first tenant (VACGEN) has taken possession of the building and is installing production facilities; 4. Construction of the starter units completed and ready for tenants - My Life Bathrooms has occupied Block E; 5. Overall the business park has generated 60 FTE jobs to date and there has been great interest in the units; 6. ESCC continues to monitor project outcomes as part of the SELEP Benefits Realisation reporting.
LGF Infrastructure	Devonshire Park Quarter Redevelopment	2017/18	2019/20			5					5	COMPLETED. 1. Scheme approved by SELEP Accountability Board Mar 2017; 2. Accelerated spend for 2017/18 approved by Accountability Board Nov 2017; 3. Congress Theatre completed and opened Mar 2019 with an inaugural concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra; 4. Welcome Building construction also complete; 5. Site open Jun 2019 with first conferences from Oct 2019.

LGF Transport	Eastbourne town centre LSTF access & improvement package	2015/16	2020/21		0.55	0.245	3.7	0.6	0.3	2.605	8	<p>Phase 1: 1. Business case developed for £3m funding for Terminus Road improvements associated with Arndale Centre (The Beacon) extension, approved by SELEP Accountability Board Apr 2016; 2. Additional £2m LGF allocated to ensure completion of this phase; 3. Works started Mar 2018 with Mildren Construction; 4. Construction completed Jan 2020.</p> <p>Phase 2: 1. Business case for £3m approved at Feb 2019 Accountability Board; 2. Preliminary design completed and consultation on Phase 2a (Terminus Road: Bankers Corner to Langney Road) held in autumn 2019; 3. Following LMTE approval in Apr 2020, inception meeting for detailed design held Jun 2020, for completion by end-2020; 4. Stakeholder detailed design updates held Sep 2020, Oct 2020 & Feb 2021; 5. Early Contractor Involvement workshop held with Costain in Jan 2021 with further ECI workshop to be programmed following design freeze in Mar 2021; 6. TROs to be advertised summer 2021 and construction programmed to start autumn 2021; 7. Received approval at the Oct 2020 SELEP Strategic Board meeting for revised programme to spend LGF beyond Growth Deal period.</p>
LGF Transport	A22/A27 Junction improvements (removed from LGF programme)										0	<p>WITHDRAWN. 1. Since the £4m LGF allocation was initially made in 2014, delivery of a number of the junction improvements was successfully secured from different match funding sources (HE's smaller scale interventions & the HPEMAC); 2. As a consequence and in light of other funding pressures in the overall East Sussex LGF programme, £3m of the £4m was reallocated to other LGF projects in late-2017/early-2018 with TES approval, leaving £1m available for remaining junctions in this package; 3. Designs were progressed for the two junctions in Stone Cross as part of the wider package of junction improvements in South Wealden in order to support planned housing growth set out in the Wealden Local Plan, but it became clear that the £1m available was <u>not</u> sufficient to deliver any of the junctions without significant additional monies being allocated; 4. SELEP advised it wasn't possible to reallocate the £1m to other projects in the East Sussex LGF programme, so the £1m was instead made available for the LGF-3B pot; 5. A Major Roads Network outline business case for £35m was submitted to DfT in Jul 2019 in relation to a package of junction improvements on the A22 corridor, which includes these and other junction improvements in the area.</p>
LGF Infrastructure	Strategic Site Investment Package (formerly Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park)	2015/16	2021/22	0.53	1.17						1.7	<p>COMPLETED. 1. Review of projected costs originally allocated to site infrastructure at Sovereign Harbour resulted in a broadening of the scope to also include North Queensway and North Bexhill Business Parks, so investment will enable site infrastructure to be delivered across the three sites; 2. Revised scope approved by Government, and revised business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2016; 3. Works related to this scheme have now been completed at all sites.</p>
LGF Infrastructure	Eastbourne Fisherman Quayside and Infrastructure Development project (LGF)	2020/21	2021/22						0.72	0.36	1.08	<p>1. Provisional LGF-3B allocation agreed by SELEP Investment Panel Jun 2019; 2. Scheme already utilising GPF allocation (£1.15m, see below) and EMFF grant funding (£1m) to deliver Phase 1 of the scheme, so Phases 2 & 3 can now be completed collectively with Phase 1; 3. Business Case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Jul 2020; 4. Construction now commenced onsite for GPF Phase 1 elements; 5. Following a review of costing in light of the pandemic, a funding gap of £0.36m was identified, so the project applied for additional funds from the SELEP LGF Covid Response Fund; 6. The additional ask was endorsed by TES as a high priority project and was prioritised for funding at the Dec 2020 SELEP Strategic Board meeting; 7. The additional LGF and updated business case was approved at the 12 Feb 2021 SELEP Accountability Board, to commence delivery of Phases 2 & 3 in Apr 2021.</p>
TOTAL											25.89	
Newhaven Maritime and Clean Tech Growth Corridor												
LGF Infrastructure (SELEP & C2C funded)	Newhaven Flood Alleviation Scheme	2016/17	2017/18	0.3	0.8	0.4					1.5	<p>1. Environment Agency led scheme to reduce flood risk in Newhaven and recognise wider benefits 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. EA appointed main contractor Jackson Hyder to produce detailed designs and construct flood defences; 5. Construction started Nov 2016, scheduled to be completed late-2019/early-2020; 6. Majority of works now complete - only substantive work remaining is completion of rail flood barrier infrastructure in Area 1, and whilst the appropriate outline design approvals have not been received from Network Rail, verbal confirmation that they have been agreed in principal has been provided; 7. Some civil works undertaken in Nov 2020, and rail possessions booked in Dec 2020 and Mar 2021.</p>

LGF Infrastructure (C2C funded)	Newhaven Port Access Road	2015/16	2020/21				7.5	2.5			10	1. Identified by DfT as one of their 'portfolio' schemes meaning they 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 completed as part of the Eastside development; 4. Tender completed, BAM Nutall identified as preferred contractor; 5. Value engineering exercise undertaken, scheme including ancillary costs can be funded within overall £23.2m budget; 6. Business case for £10m approved by DfT Aug 2018; 7. Construction started Jan 2019 and was completed in Oct 2020; 8. Funding from the Ports Infrastructure Fund secured to enable connections between the end of the Port Access Road and the Port land to be provided.
LGF Infrastructure	Exceat Bridge (removed from LGF programme)										0	WITHDRAWN. 1. £2.6m secured from ESCC capital programme plus £2.1m LGF-3B funding (business case approved by SELEP Jul 2020), however further funding required to plug a funding gap of approx £3m; 2. Project unable to plug funding gap so does not meet LGF funding conditions; 3. LGF allocated to the scheme has been returned to the LGF pipeline, confirmed at the Sep 2020 Accountability Board meeting.
TOTAL											11.5	
Pan LEP												
LGF Pan-LEP	Housing Regeneration Project (Hastings)	2016/17	2017/18				0.667				0.667	COMPLETED. 1. Offer of £2m LGF from original £10m ask was made as part of the Growth Deal 'expansion' in Jan 2015; 2. Pan-LEP project includes Hastings, Thanet & Tendring so the East Sussex share of the £2m is approx £666k; 3. Bid documents recast to reflect £2m offer, revised business case approved at Feb 2017 Accountability Board; 4. Hastings BC partnered with Amicus Horizon in a major intervention programme, 'CoastalSpace', involving acquisition & refurbishment of properties in St. Leonards; 5. A new property was selected following destruction of the property originally identified in the business case, approved by Sep 2017 Accountability Board; 6. Grant agreement between ESCC & HBC signed Nov 2017 and the property purchased; 7. All LGF funds have now been defrayed to the project partner; 8. Housing association Optivo has taken possession of the property and is developing a plan for full refurbishment to create 16 social housing units as part of the CoastalSpace programme.
TOTAL											0.667	
LGF Skills / Skills Capital and Equipment Funds												
Plumpton College	Skills for Rural Business post-Brexit	2019/20	2020/21				0.384	1.034	1.5	2.918		1. LGF-3B allocation agreed by SELEP Investment Panel Mar 2019 and Business Case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Jun 2019; 2. Issued a 6-month LGF extension so the project has continued to work towards 'scenario B', as set out in the Covid-19 impact assessment submitted May 2020; 3. Progress against the main elements is as follows: (a) Finance: the college financial year ended on 31 Jul 2020 and a small operating surplus was made; this is highly significant and ensures a wider opportunity of choice for borrowing requirements; (b) Planning permission: obtained full planning permission with SDNPA planning committee voting unanimously in favour of the application and several members expressing very complimentary views of the scheme and the benefits; the process undertaken will significantly reduce risk by bringing forward many of the preliminary elements such as archaeology survey works ahead of main contractor procurement; (c) Main contractor procurement: almost finalised full QS cost plan against which the tender will be set; work underway to align the specification with the budget and so far remains within budget; Plumpton is appraising a local development framework as a potential source of procurement; 4. The project has experienced a degree of cost escalation as procurement work continues, identifying a funding gap of £1.4m, so applied for additional funds from the SELEP LGF Covid Response Fund; 5. The additional ask was endorsed by TES as a high priority project and was prioritised for funding at the Dec 2020 SELEP Strategic Board meeting; 6. The additional LGF and project change request was approved at the 12 Feb 2021 SELEP Accountability Board.
East Sussex College Group	Specialist Equipment for STEM Centre	2016/17	2017/18			0.075					0.075	COMPLETED. 1. Specialist industry-relevant equipment supporting a new STEM Centre enabling 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. East Sussex College has now made the final claims for this scheme.
Plumpton College	Science & Eng for Tree Management	2016/17	2017/18			0.14					0.14	COMPLETED. 1. Scheme complete and fully claimed.

East Sussex College Group	Refurbished Science Facilities	2016/17	2017/18		0.16					0.16	COMPLETED. 1. East Sussex College awarded £159,400 towards total project costs of £478,320 (33%) in Round 1 for refurbishing the reception/hub of the new STEM Centre and an alteration to the existing Science Laboratory at their Lewes campus; 2. Work completed so now in delivery; 3. Due to negotiations with builders/subcontractors, overall costs reduced, so SELEP's 33% contribution also reduced to £80k resulting in a surplus of £79,440; 4. SELEP Accountability Board agreed Jan 2017 that the college could utilise the £79k underspend for their broader project, enhancing the first floor laboratory, subject to full application and approval by the Board; 5. Application for £39,515 approved by Accountability Board May 2017, with remaining unused funds returned to LGF programme for later allocation.
Plumpton College	Growing Apprenticeship & Skills Training in Engineering	2016/17	2017/18		0.088					0.088	COMPLETED. 1. Scheme complete and fully claimed.
TOTAL										3.38	

Getting Building Fund - July 2020

GBF	Charleston Access Road	2020/21	2021/22							0.0893	1. Funding awarded at Nov 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF investment will support completion of resurfacing and improved drainage to the 1km access road to the venue with the potential for a new cycle way to be completed subject to additional funding; 3. Specification for road surface now complete and sent to contractors to supply final quotes; 4. Anticipated project delivery by end of Mar 2021.
GBF	Creative Hub - Fisher St, Lewes	2020/21	2021/22							0.25	1. Funding awarded at Nov 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF investment will ensure the project is able to bring an historic public asset in a central location back into active economic use and deliver 533 sqm of redeveloped commercial floorspace; 3. Phase 1 ground floor and café works have commenced - building is water tight and boilers replaced; 4. Anticipated completion date and opening of ground floor May 2021, subject to Covid-19 restrictions; 5. Anticipated project completion Sep 2021.
GBF	Fast Track Business Solutions for the Hastings Manufacturing Sector	2020/21	2021/22							3.5	1. Funding awarded at Oct 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF investment will help deliver 4,000 sqm GIA of business accommodation on part of North Queensway Innovation Park (NQIP); 3. Progress made with land acquisition transfer of remaining Highways land from ESCC to SCS; 4. Majority of pre-development works completed and scheme design finalised; 5. Progress made with detailed planning and pre-construction; 6. Anticipated project completion Mar 2022.
GBF	Observer Building, Hastings (Phase 1b)	2020/21	2021/22							1.713	1. Funding awarded at Oct 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF investment will significantly accelerate the full redevelopment of the 4,000 sqm Observer Building, which has been empty and increasingly derelict for 35 years, into a highly productive mixed-use building, creating new homes, jobs, enterprise space and support; 3. Tender specification has been completed and circulated; 4. Contractor mobilisation anticipated Mar 2021; 5. Practical completion anticipated Mar 2022.
GBF	Delivering the Glory of the Winter Garden	2020/21	2021/22							1.6	1. Funding awarded at Oct 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF investment will restore and complete the regeneration and refurbishment of the Winter Garden to its former glory to ensure its longevity and enhance visitor experience; 3. Kitchen design and JCT agreed, east apse roof work and flooring elements ordered, toilet design and Bistro Bar decoration complete, Floral Hall bar complete; 4. Expected that Winter Garden open for banqueting, live performances, exhibitions in Floral Hall and Gold Room by May 2021; 5. Phase 2 (South Pavilion and façade) completion expected by Mar 2022.
GBF	Riding Sunbeams	2020/21	2021/22							2.528	1. Funding awarded at Nov 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF funding will develop the route to market for the world's first MW scale solar farm directly powering the DC railway network; 3. Project team appointed; 4. Planning appraisal undertaken to understand impact of any changes due to new technology / increasing efficiency; 5. Ongoing discussions taking place regarding land acquisition; 6. Anticipated project completion Mar 2022.
GBF	UTC Maritime and Sustainable TechHub	2020/21	2021/22							1.3	1. Funding awarded at Nov 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF funding will allow conversion of the former UTC@harbourside building into an education-led skills training centre with commercial workspace for SMEs specialising in the marine sector; 3. Initial Heads of Terms have been received; 4. Continued refinement of National Maritime business case has taken place; 5. Initial feasibility work has been undertaken; 6. Anticipated construction completion Mar 2022.

GBF	Sussex Innovation Falmer	2020/21	2021/22							0.2	1. Funding awarded at Nov 2020 SELEP Accountability Board; 2. GBF investment will enable sustainable transport investment and increase availability of Covid-19 compliant workspace; 3. Work complete on installation of electric car charging points; 4. Anticipated project completion Jul 2022.
TOTAL										11.18	
Growing Places Fund - loan funding											
GPF (Round 2)	Eastbourne Fishermen's Quay (GPF)	2017/18	2018/19					0.575	0.575	1.15	1. Project approved at Dec 2017 Accountability Board; 2. Before land purchase could be completed Carillion went into administration and Administrators sold the freehold to Premier Marinas who were not willing to sell it on; 3. As an alternative the lease of the land over 75 years with peppercorn rent was offered, presenting a feasible option to enable delivery of the project; 4. Change from land-purchase to long-lease will not impact outcomes nor the cost of delivery, and change of scope noted at Sep 2018 Accountability Board; 5. Contractor procured and costs rose slightly from original contractor's bid, but EU10CIC secured increased grant from EMFF to cover the difference; 6. Premier Marinas lease signed Mar 2020; 7. Construction started onsite.
GPF (Round 2)	Charleston Centenary	2017/18	2018/19					0.12		0.12	COMPLETED. 1. Physical outputs comprise a new café-restaurant facility in the converted Threshing Barn with more than twice the covers of the previous café, an auditorium and education space in the adjoining converted Hay Barn and completely new Wolfson gallery spaces with retail foyer; 2. To support these developments there is improved separate access to the Charleston site and a significantly enlarged and improved car park with landscaping; 3. GPF elements of scheme complete - Charleston Centenary has met forecast jobs figure for the project and monitoring continues for post-delivery benefits realisation; 4. Project updates indicate that completion of the project has enhanced the potential for secondary spend and offers a new attraction to the Charleston site which is independent of the house, potentially appealing to a wider market; 5. Due to the substantial financial impact of Covid-19 to the charity, the project was granted flexibility on the GPF loan repayments, and a revised repayment schedule was approved at the Jul 2020 Accountability Board.
GPF (Round 3)	Observer Building, (Phase 1a) Hastings	2020/21							1.75	1.75	1. Loan to fund delivery of the Observer Building (Phase 1) project in Hastings; 2. LMSMED approval given Jul 2020 to enter into loan agreement with White Rock Neighbourhood Ventures Ltd, and business case approved at Sep 2020 Accountability Board; 3. Planning permission granted 18 Sep 2020; 4. Contract out to tender in Nov 2020 (tender deadline had to be extended to 22 Jan 2021); 5. Loan agreement now being finalised for the project to draw down the loan funding.
GPF (Round 3)	Barnhorn Green, Bexhill	2020/21							1.75	1.75	1. Loan to fund delivery of Commercial and Healthcare Development project (Phase 1) at Barnhorn Green in Bexhill; 2. LMSMED approval given Jul 2020 to enter into loan agreement with Rother DC; 3. Business case submitted to SELEP ITE for Gate 1 review Nov 2020; 4. Business case and GPF funding approved at the 12 Feb 2021 SELEP Accountability Board.
TOTAL										4.77	
Other: Coast to Capital LEP Funded Schemes											
C2C LGF	Springman House	2016/17	2019/20							2	1. Lewes DC completed purchase of Springman House Mar 2017, and LDC Cabinet authorised the design and construction of the new fire station in Jun 2017; 2. Corstophine & Wright architects appointed Jan 2018 to design the blue light facility; 3. Fire station proposals approved by East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (ESFRS) Policy & Resources Panel Jan 2019 subject to detailed design and planning - once the new fire station is complete, ESFRS will transfer freehold of their existing fire station site to LDC to allow for delivery of the North Street Quarter (NSQ) scheme; 4. NSQL, the majority landowner at the NSQ site, has confirmed that it will sell its land to third-party developer Human Nature, and on 10 Dec 2020 LDC Cabinet confirmed that the Council will also sell its NSQ land to the same developer so that it can progress the comprehensive redevelopment of the NSQ site - contracts are expected to be completed by 31 Mar 2021; 5. The sale of the Council's land is conditional on the new landowner/developer securing planning permission for the new NSQ scheme that it wishes to deliver - Human Nature will submit a new planning application for a revised NSQ scheme including more homes and a more sustainable development, and LDC will work with Human Nature to understand its new proposals and timeframe for delivery, including the Springman enabling project; 6. LDC is currently preparing an application to demolish the Springman House building, allowing for further intrusive site investigations to be carried out meaning that development of the site can progress quicker once planning permission is secured.

C2C LGF	Newhaven Eastside South	2016/17	2020/21		0.4	1.2				1.6	COMPLETED. 1. Work on Eastside South is complete and fully let, despite the impact of Covid-19.
C2C LGF	Railway Quay	2016/17	2020/21		1.5					1.5	1. Purchase of Railway Quay completed by Lewes DC Apr 2017; 2. Market Demand Study undertaken by Cushman & Wakefield to look at development options for the site, with a report produced Jun 2017; 3. Lewes DC is now considering which development plan option to take forward, although this was delayed by ongoing discussions with the Department for Education over the future of UTC; 4. LDC pursuing a 'meanwhile' use for Railway Quay, having secured Towns Funding for a scheme that will be delivered Spring 2021; 5. LDC also in negotiations with DfE regarding the former UTC building (which adjoins the site) and has secured Getting Building Funding (GBF) for the refurbishment, enabling delivery of more than 3,000 sqm of refurbished commercial and education space.
C2C LGF	Charleston Centenary	2017/18	2018/19			0.4				0.4	COMPLETED. 1. The grant has supported the various parts of the Centenary project including facilities for the barn renovation, specialist catering and exhibition equipment and landscaping of the grounds to help attract over 50,000 visitors per year and introduce them to Charleston's cultural offer.
TOTAL										6	

Revenue Funds - SELEP Sector Support Fund

SSF	Planning and prioritising future skills, training and business support needs for rural businesses across SELEP (Lead: Plumpton College)	2019/20	2020/21					0.096		0.096	1. All outputs have been delivered; 2. Executive summary report completed and published on the SELEP website; 3. Final report expected and will also be published on the SELEP website.
SSF	Coastal Communities Supplement to the SELEP Strategic Economic Plan (Lead: Hastings Borough Council)	2019/20	2020/21					0.04		0.04	COMPLETED. 1. Project now fully complete.
SSF	Creative Open Workspace Masterplan and Prospectus (Lead: East Sussex County Council)	2019/20	2020/21					0.049		0.049	<u>SECEN Creative Open Workspace:</u> 1. Contract in place; 2. Creative Peer Challenge Group and Planners Challenge Group in place; 3. Draft Map options appraisal produced; 4. Scope of Masterplan proposed and currently under consideration. <u>SECEN Prospectus:</u> 1. A holding draft version is currently in design phase; 2. Content will reflect the period of uncertainty in the face of the pandemic and will be revisited in the future.
SSF	Accelerating Opportunities Within the Newhaven Enterprise Zone (Lead: Lewes District Council)	2019/20	2020/21						0.115	0.115	<u>Avis Way:</u> 1. Scoping study, Transport & Access Review, and spatial audit & analysis of the Estate all completed; 2. Survey of all businesses on Avis Way undertaken with a 50% response rate; 3. Project Change request likely to be submitted due to Covid.
SSF	Building Back Better (Lead: Orbit Housing Association)	2020/21	2021/22						0.192	0.192	1. Project approved at Dec 2020 SELEP Strategic Board; 2. Grant agreement to be finalised and signed.
TOTAL										0.49	