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LOCAL ENTERPRISE
PARTNERSHIP

We represent the largest LEP area in England outside London in terms of population and economic output

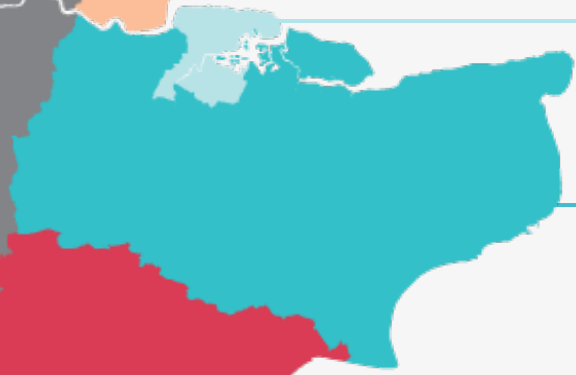
The SELEP area

We cover an area encompassing the local authority areas of:



Essex

Southend



Medway

Kent

Thurrock



East Sussex



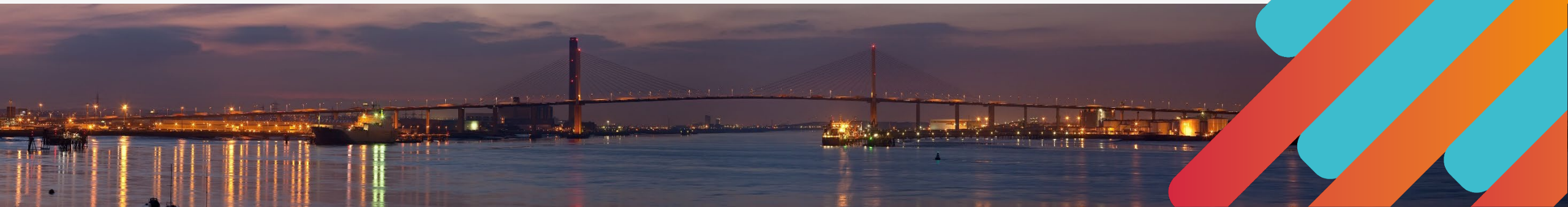
***Working together for a faster, smarter
and more sustainable economic recovery***

Our ethos

Our aim is to ensure the survival and stability of our economy in the short term and to drive sustainable economic renewal and growth in the medium to long term.

We will do this by focusing on four strategic priorities which reflect our unique geography, assets and opportunities:

- ***BUSINESS RESILIENCE AND GROWTH***
- ***UK'S GLOBAL GATEWAY***
- ***COMMUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE***
- ***COASTAL CATALYST***





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What does SELEP do?



We provide clear vision and strategic leadership to drive sustainable private sector-led growth and job creation



We bring together businesses, councils, universities and other industry players in a genuine partnership for growth



We provide strategic direction for investment in activities like skills, business support, transport links and business facilities



We strive to put collaboration and engagement at the heart of its activity



We work with partners to pursue and attract major investment in to the SELEP area to deliver significant economic growth



SELEP

Our structure

Accountability Board

Strategic Board

Investment Panel

Federated Boards

Success Essex

Opportunity South Essex (OSE)

Kent and Medway Economic Partnership (KMEP)

Team East Sussex (TES)



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OUR RECOVERY AND RENEWAL STRATEGY



Our four strategic priorities

BUSINESS RESILIENCE AND GROWTH

We want to grow back stronger, increase productivity and innovation and become the UK's most successful location for inward investment.



UK'S GLOBAL GATEWAY

We want the South East to capitalise on new international trading relationships, and we will help strengthen our gateway locations through improved transport and digital infrastructure, innovation capabilities and local skills development.



COMMUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Accelerating housing delivery remains a key ambition for SELEP, with plans to lead the country in delivering 25% (87,100 homes) of the government's Garden Communities programme.



COASTAL CATALYST

We aim to improve the economic prosperity of our coastal and rural communities through sector adaptation and growth that will improve productivity and create high value job opportunities.





Driving Sustainable Economic Renewal

Our medium to long-term response to economic recovery

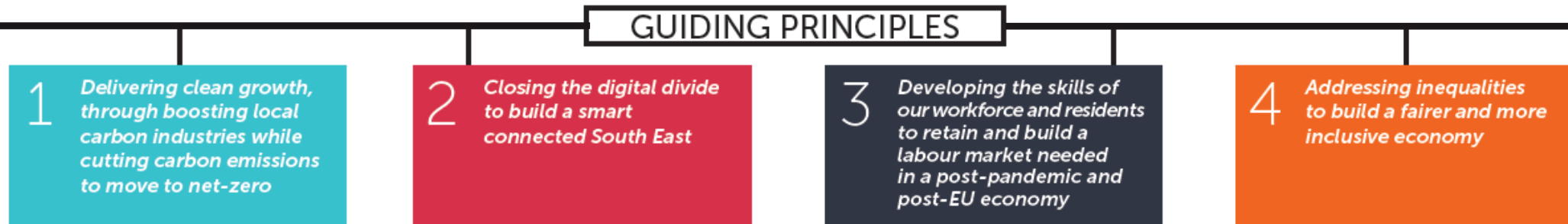
Our medium to longer term aims focus on four strategic priorities which reflect our unique geography, assets and opportunities:



These are underpinned by seven key objectives, which are to:



And four guiding principles:





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OUR WORKING GROUPS AND BUSINESS SUPPORT





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Our working groups

CLEAN GROWTH



Clean growth, to reduce carbon emissions whilst enabling economic growth, is one of the primary drivers for our Economic Strategy

COASTAL COMMUNITIES



Given the length of coastline in the SELEP area, the LEP is faced with huge opportunities and challenges and with strong interest and representation at local level

ENTERPRISE ZONES



The South East LEP's Enterprise Zones comprise Harlow Enterprise Zone (Harlow, Essex), Discovery Park Enterprise Zone (Sandwich, Kent), North Kent Enterprise Zone (Kent) and Newhaven Enterprise Zone (Lewes)

HOUSING



Developing a new generation of garden communities through sustainable new developments

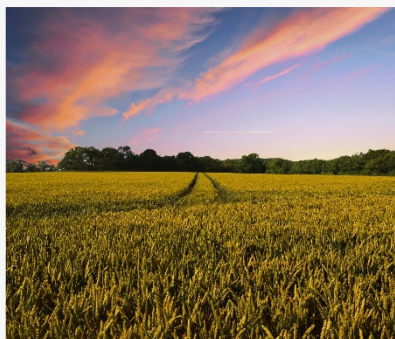
MAJOR PROJECTS



SELEP is working with a range of major projects across our geography through a Major Projects Group and skills sub-group. Collectively, these projects will offer a wide range of job opportunities in the coming months and years

Our working groups

RURAL



SELEP's rural economy is a vibrant mix of traditional and innovative land-based businesses including farming, horticulture, viticulture, forestry and rural tourism. These sit alongside a broad range of non-rural businesses

SECEN



The South East Creative Economy Network works to accelerate growth in the digital, creative and cultural sector. It is a working partnership between local authorities, creative businesses and education bodies across the South East LEP area

SKILLS



The skills working group and Skills Advisory Panel (SAP) aim to provide a strategic LEP view and input to skills issues, as well as explore and inform funding opportunities, new projects and government priorities, such as apprenticeship reforms and T-levels

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



With Ministerial and Cabinet Office encouragement and the support of social enterprises from across the South East, we are working hard to develop our Social Enterprise Strategy

U9



The membership of U9 is formed of nine higher education institutes within the SELEP area. The network exists to build regional university capacity by providing a platform to promote the higher education sector across the SELEP region

Growth Hubs are local and private sector partnerships led by the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). They provide a mechanism for integrating national and local business support, so it is easier for businesses to access the help and advice they need to thrive and grow.

The South East Business Hub (SEBH) helps businesses on the path to growth and prosperity. SEBH can connect businesses with the services that match their needs and help companies make their mark in England's most enterprising economy.





Growth Hub Governance Structure



Tackling local digital skills challenges and building thriving and inclusive local economies in the South East

The South East Digital Skills Partnership is co-chaired by Alison Parmar (Federation of Small Businesses) and Professor Melissa Hanna-Brown (Pfizer UK), with leads for each of our Working Groups, each focusing on digital skills priorities and challenges faced by our region.

Since our launch in June 2019, we've worked with various local and national stakeholders to offer help and support to small businesses and charities across the region, educators and students, and to our residents too.



STAY VISIBLE.
STAY VIABLE.
STAY PROFITABLE.

WEBINAR | 9 JULY

Jane Knight
speaking on
TRADITIONAL AND
ONLINE NETWORKING

**SUCCESSFUL
MUMS**

DIGITAL SKILLS
PARTNERSHIP
SOUTH EAST

DIGITAL + SKILLS = INDUSTRY 4.0
SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON SECTORS AND
OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE SOUTH EAST




**SOUTH EAST
SKILLS**

8 OCT 2020 | 9.30am - 1.30pm | ONLINE

THE SOUTH EAST LEPS SKILLS ADVISORY PANEL AND
DIGITAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020

GEORGE ANIBABA
SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGER AT
KENT SURREY SUSSEX ACADEMIC HEALTH
SCIENCE NETWORK

DIGITAL SKILLS
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Sessions

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**Preventing
Digital
Exclusion** | Tackling the
South East's
Digital Divide

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TechCentre

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We Are Digital

Helen Milner
Good Things Group

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East Sussex Council

Jim Wilkinson
South East DSP



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OUR ECONOMY AND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON OUR BUSINESSES



A POPULATION OF
4.28 million

6.4% SHARE OF UK POPULATION

3.6% GROWTH OVER FIVE YEARS
COMPARED TO 3% UK

GVA WAS
£99 billion
IN 2019

5% OF UK GVA

11% REAL GROWTH OVER FIVE YEARS
COMPARED TO 8.6% UK

16,987
NET DWELLING
COMPLETIONS
IN 2019/20

176,410

BUSINESSES IN MARCH 2020

1.8%
GROWTH FROM 2019 TO 2020

340,400
SELF-EMPLOYED IN 2020

16.5%
OF THOSE EMPLOYED
COMPARED TO
14% UK AVERAGE

2,155,100
ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE
RESIDENTS IN 2020
80.6% OF POPULATION AGED 16-64

WE HAVE TWO OF LONDON'S AIRPORTS
STANSTED AND **SOUTHEND**

MAJOR PORTS INCLUDING
DOVER, LONDON GATEWAY AND TILBURY,
THE HAVEN PORTS AND **NEWHAVEN**

TWO FREEPORTS
FREEPORT EAST AND **THAMES FREEPORT**

AND THE UK'S ONLY RAIL CONNECTION TO
CONTINENTAL EUROPE

WE HAVE
9

UNIVERSITIES

PROVIDING KEY KNOWLEDGE
AND INNOVATION ASSETS

AND SUPPORTING

139,465 STUDENTS

WITH ABOVE AVERAGE QUALIFIERS IN
MEDICINE AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

949,300 (37.2%)
LEVEL 4 QUALIFICATION AND ABOVE

1,964,000 (76.9%)
LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATION AND ABOVE

153,700 (6.0%)
NO QUALIFICATIONS

2020 FIGURES FOR POPULATION AGED 16 TO 64



IMPACT ON JOBS AND PEOPLE

SELF-EMPLOYED INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME

GRANT 4: 1 FEB 21 – 30 APR 21

144,600

CLAIMS MADE TOTALLING

£442.8 million

57%

OF ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

GRANT 3: 1 NOV 20 – 29 JAN 21

164,800

CLAIMS MADE TOTALLING

£507.8 million

65%

OF ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME

MAY 2021

140,700

TOTAL FURLOUGHED JOBS

8%

OF THOSE ELIGIBLE

20,090

IN ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT
AND RECREATION

30,020

IN ACCOMMODATION
AND FOOD

6,120

IN OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

20,210

IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL, MOTOR
VEHICLE TRADE

CLAIMANT COUNT

145,230 (5.7%)
IN MAY 2021

COMPARED WITH
71,750 (2.8%)
IN MARCH 2020

VACANCIES

7%

RISE ON 2019 LEVELS

EXCEEDED PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS
IN MAY 2021 FOR THE FIRST TIME

SECTORS WITH HIGHEST RECRUITMENT ACTIVITY

CONSTRUCTION

BUSINESS SUPPORT

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

SECTORS SHOWING GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

ESTIMATED LOSS OF

£10bn GVA

DURING 2020



IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

OUR
GROWTH HUB
SUPPORTED
6,776 BUSINESSES
IN 2020 AND WAS
SIX TIMES BUSIER
IN JAN 2021 VS JAN 2020

554 ENQUIRIES
WERE HANDLED IN APRIL 2021
ACROSS
**345 UNIQUE
BUSINESSES**

South
East
Business
Hub

LOCAL AUTHORITY PAYMENTS TO
SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES

278,292
GRANTS PAID
TOTALLING
£1.45 billion

UP TO 30 MAY 2021

CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS LOAN SCHEMES

114,347
LOANS PAID
TOTALLING
£4.87 billion

UP TO 31 MARCH 2021
(EXCLUDING CLBILS)

GREATEST IMPACT IN TERMS OF
ESTIMATED GVA LOSS IN 2020

CONSTRUCTION
£2.1bn

RETAIL
£1.9bn

MANUFACTURING
£1.3bn

GREATEST IMPACT IN TERMS OF
ESTIMATED JOB LOSSES IN 2020

HOSPITALITY
22,100

RETAIL
9,200

ARTS AND LEISURE
6,600



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Key sectors

A high value, knowledge-based economy, the region's key sectors are:



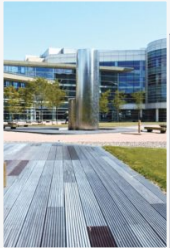
Construction



Education



Health and Care



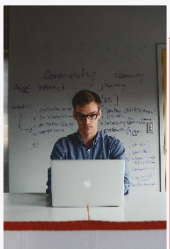
Life Sciences



Manufacturing



Low Carbon and
Environmental



Creative and
Digital



Food
Production



Transport and
Logistics



SKILLS

DIGITAL SKILLS
PARTNERSHIP

SKILLS STRATEGY 2018-
2023

£2M COVID-19 SKILLS
SUPPORT FUND

EUROPEAN SOCIAL
FUND

TUTOR BURSARY
PROGRAMME

SKILLS ADVISORY PANEL

STRATEGY

RECOVERY AND
RENEWAL STRATEGY

LOCAL INDUSTRIAL
STRATEGY

SKILLS STRATEGY 2018-
2023

SMARTER FASTER
TOGETHER

ENERGY
SOUTH2EAST

BUSINESS SUPPORT

SOUTH EAST BUSINESS
HUB

LOCAL GROWTH HUBS:
- BUSINESS EAST SUSSEX
- BEST GROWTH HUB
- KENT & MEDWAY
GROWTH HUB

£2.4M COVID-19
BUSINESS SUPPORT
FUND

GROWTH HUB CLUSTER
WITH LONDON AND
HERTFORDSHIRE

FUNDING

LOCAL GROWTH FUND

GROWING PLACES
FUND

SECTOR SUPPORT FUND

GETTING BUILDING
FUND

EUROPEAN
STRUCTURAL FUNDS:
- EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND
- EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND
- EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL
FUND FOR RURAL
DEVELOPMENT



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OUR CAPITAL PROGRAMME





£579m POT
108 PROJECTS



Local Growth Fund

Capital grant for investment in infrastructure projects; includes the Skills Capital Fund. This funding aims to support the delivery of jobs, homes, new learners and other economic growth objectives

£49.2m POT
27 PROJECTS



Growing Places Fund

Capital loan, awarded at a low or zero percent interest rate. Similar to the LGF, this funding aims to tackle barriers to economic growth

£85m POT
36 PROJECTS



Getting Building Fund

£900m national pot for shovel-ready capital projects which can be delivered within 18 months to combat economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic

£2.5m POT
21 PROJECTS



Sector Support Fund

Revenue grant aimed at supporting the work of the SELEP sector working groups

Local Growth Fund

2020/21 marked the final year of the LGF programme, with all £578.9m LGF having been fully committed to projects across the SELEP area.

Whilst the delivery of some of the larger and more complex projects will continue, almost all of the LGF has now been transferred across the local authority partners for the completion of the 108 projects included in the programme.

£579m
PROGRAMME

108
PROJECTS



MERCURY RISING

LOCATION

Colchester, Essex

PROJECT COMPLETION

Summer 2021

FUNDING

£1,000,000

MATCHED FUNDING

£10.095m

PROJECT OUTPUTS

With two auditoria, three rehearsal spaces, meeting rooms and state-of-the-art technical, production and workshop facilities, the Mercury will be a leader in the regional theatre ecology of the UK. The building will also serve as a community hub, providing safe spaces for multiple community groups, people of all faiths, ethnicities, race and backgrounds. With a new café and bar and separate hospitality areas, there will always be something available to the community.



Local Growth Fund CASE STUDIES

KENT AND MEDWAY MEDICAL SCHOOL

LOCATION

University of Kent at Canterbury and Canterbury Christ Church University

FUNDING

£9,000,000

MATCHED FUNDING

£16,840,000

PROJECT OUTPUTS

The first medical school in Kent providing lecture theatre, classroom, anatomy and clinical skills simulation laboratory space and seminar rooms across the two university campuses in Canterbury.



Growing Places Fund

The Growing Places Fund was established by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Transport in 2011 to unlock economic growth, create jobs and build houses and help 'kick start' development at stalled sites.

The fund works as a recycled capital loan scheme regenerating funds based on the repayment schedules agreed for existing Growing Places Fund projects.



£49.2m

MADE AVAILABLE
TO SELEP FOR
INVESTMENT AS A
RECYCLABLE LOAN
SCHEME

£64.9m

TOTAL VALUE OF
PROJECTS
SUPPORTED
THROUGH GPF
INVESTMENT

27

TOTAL NUMBER
OF PROJECTS

2,641

TOTAL JOBS
CREATED

2,553

TOTAL HOUSES
CONSTRUCTED



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Growing Places Fund CASE STUDY

GREEN HYDROGEN GENERATION



LOCATION

Kent

PROJECT COMPLETION

Autumn 2022

FUNDING

£3,470,000

This is a GPF loan and will be repaid over an agreed time period.

PROJECT

The project involves the installation of the UK's largest zero carbon hydrogen production system near Herne Bay. The system will be powered by way of a direct connection to the on-land substation for the existing Vattenfall offshore wind farms.

The project will demonstrate the economic and practical viability of generating hydrogen from wind energy, to produce hydrogen on a bulk scale to be used in zero emission transport solutions. The hydrogen will be used to fuel fleets of hydrogen buses in the South East. The hydrogen supply will eventually expand to serve fleets of lorries, taxis and trains.



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£85m

FOR THE SOUTH EAST

36

PROJECTS

Getting Building Fund

Created to help bolster the economy and support sectors most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Government announced the £900 million Getting Building Fund in 2020.

SELEP received an £85 million share of the fund and its Board agreed on a final list of 36 projects to benefit. These projects will deliver **9,167** new jobs and safeguard a further **3,341**.

There will be **7,234** new homes unlocked, over **50,000sq m** in new commercial space unlocked and **8,663** new learners assisted through new skills facilities and programmes.



RESTORING THE GLORY OF THE WINTER GARDEN

LOCATION

East Sussex

PROJECT COMPLETION

1 May 2022

FUNDING

£1,600,000

JOBS CREATED/SAFEGUARDED

26 created, 10 safeguarded

PROJECT

The project will restore the Winter Garden, a key facility in Eastbourne's Devonshire Quarter, to its former glory and ensure its longevity and visitor experience benefit future generations.

ST GEORGE'S CREATIVE HUB

LOCATION

Kent

PROJECT COMPLETION

31 March 2022

FUNDING

£323,204

CREATIVE EXHIBITION SPACE AND WORKSPACE

2,200sq ft and 761sq ft

PROJECT

The St George's Creative Hub will be a new arts facility in the heart of Gravesend town centre, offering gallery space, a range of activities linked with an active cultural programme and workspace for creative businesses. This will be delivered through the redevelopment of two currently vacant adjacent two-level retail units in the St George's Centre, which are owned by Gravesham Borough Council and which occupy a prominent site.

TINDAL SQUARE

LOCATION

Essex

PROJECT COMPLETION

31 March 2022

FUNDING

£750,000

JOBS CREATED/SAFEGUARDED

150 created, 250 safeguarded

PUBLIC REALM OR GREEN SPACE IMPROVED/CREATED

3,000sq m

PROJECT

The project will create a new civic public square of over 3,000 sqm that provides a destination space for arts, events and celebrations outside Shire Hall in Chelmsford city centre.



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Sector Support Fund



The Sector Support Fund supports one-off discrete pieces of work which are of a pan-LEP nature with a sector focus that brings demonstrable benefit and has support across the LEP.

It uses Growing Places Fund revenue grant to fund a programme of works to support the sector focused activities that are being undertaken on a pan-LEP basis and that are predominantly led by the SELEP working groups.

£2.5m

TOTAL VALUE OF PROGRAMME

21

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS

£229,626

SPEND IN 2020/21

£1,238,362

SPEND TO DATE

ENERGY AND CLEAN GROWTH MAPPING

LOCATION

Pan-LEP and reporting updates through the Clean Growth Working Group and SELEP Secretariat

PROJECT COMPLETION

12 month project started in July 2020, completing August 2021

SECTOR SUPPORT FUNDING

£129,500

MATCHED FUNDING

£55,500

PROJECT

This project seeks to provide a SELEP wide assessment of opportunities within the emerging local energy and clean growth sector.

The project will undertake an in-depth analysis of the supply chain for the local energy and clean growth sector and will refresh and build upon the now out of date analysis of the Low Carbon Environmental Goods and Services sector that was undertaken in 2012.



Sector Support Fund CASE STUDIES

BUY LOCAL SOUTH EAST

LOCATION

Pan-LEP including Produced in Kent, Natural Partnerships, East Sussex and Rural Community Council of Essex

PROJECT COMPLETION

12-month project running between June 2020 and June 2021

SECTOR SUPPORT FUNDING

£69,510

MATCHED FUNDING

£29,790



PROJECT

The Food and Drink sector has become increasingly important on the regional government agenda in recent years, with food tourism growing in the South East.

British food (Buy British) has become hugely popular in and outside the UK, with customers growing more environmentally aware. There is a shift toward local and sustainable food.



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Areas of focus

COVID-19
Response

EU
Transition

Net-Zero

Catalyst
South

Diversity
and
Inclusion

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ECONOMIC RECOVERY