



LOW CARBON ACROSS THE SOUTH EAST

1.1 Project Summary:

Low Carbon Across the South East (LoCASE) will provide a consistent, accessible business support programme across the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) area that helps businesses optimise the use of resources and adopt low carbon solutions in ways that improve business performance in terms of resilience, profitability and competitiveness, and protect the environment.

LoCASE is the best solution for SME support across the SELEP because it brings together two existing successful grant programmes, coupled with knowledge transfer and support so businesses can reduce CO₂ and improve efficiency. Business support models developed through previous projects are now at the stage where they can and should be delivered pan-LEP.

Following external evaluation of these successfully delivered EU projects it has been determined that the majority of beneficiaries reported higher economic and environmental impacts as a result of accessing this model of support. It is this type of demand led evidence that has enabled the delivery partners to create a programme which will address the proven business need across SELEP.

1.2 Geographical Scope:

LoCASE will be delivered across the SELEP area by the Delivery Partners utilising existing extensive networks. SMEs will be able to seamlessly access the programme through multiple routes. This will include local authority referral, Growth Hub referral, and engagement at awareness raising events and through peer to peer referral.

1.3 The Partnership:

The LoCASE Programme will be delivered by: Kent County Council, Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea Council, Thurrock Council, East Sussex County Council and the University of Brighton, with Kent County Council acting as the Accountable Body.

1.4 Programme Duration:

LoCASE commenced activity on the 29th February with the signing of the Grant Funding Agreement between KCC and DCLG. The Programme will officially be launched in the autumn of 2016, with delivery commencing in the summer of 2016. All activity will be concluded by April 2019.



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1.5 Key Project Targets:

C1- Number of enterprises receiving support	1,050
C5 - Number of new enterprises supported	77
C26 - Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	47
C29 - Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	80
C34- Estimated greenhouse gas reductions (in Tonnes of CO ₂ eq)	6,510

1.6 Budget Overview:

Total Budget	£18,525,565
ERDF Contribution	£8,858,923
Public Sector Contribution	£666,642
Private Sector Contribution	£9,000,000