



What is a LEP?



- Localism agenda (June 2010 Budget)
- Local Growth White Paper (October 2010)
- HMG invited LAs & business to form LEPs
- Established from April 2011
- Replaced RDAs (were abolished March 2012)
- 39 LEPs in England (21 have overlaps)
- Departments for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) and Communities & Local Government (DCLG)
- Links with other departments

About BTVLEP



- Sole purpose to deliver economic growth
- Equal Public-Private **Partnership**
- 5 Local Authorities (Leaders) = democratic input
- 5 Private Sector (Bucks Business First) = business
- Committed to jobs creation
- Make Bucks, best place to start & run a business
- Started Jan 2012
- Second smallest LEP, but ...

Bucks stats ...



- Bucks is a successful economy
- Challenges: Broadband; “brain drain”; small business growth

National

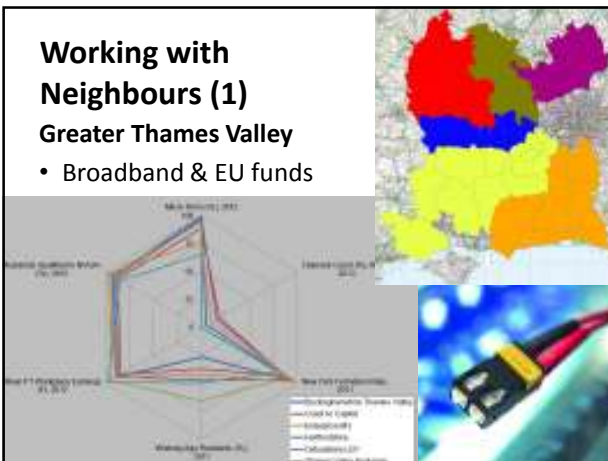
- Heseltine, Growth report
- June 2013, £2bn for LEPs
- Economic Growth Deal
- EU Fund - €13.9m (6yrs)
- Plans being developed
- LEPs role is still emerging



- Bucks 2nd smallest LEP
- Bucks v City agenda (raising profile)
- Lowest EU allocation - €4.50 per resident / annum
- Bucks demonstrate we are flexible and deliver

Working with Neighbours (1)
Greater Thames Valley

- Broadband & EU funds



Working with Neighbours (2)




Northamptonshire

- Silverstone

South East Midlands LEP

- Aligned strategies on EU funds

Local



Our Vision is:

- To ensure Buckinghamshire's economy remains globally competitive.
- Plan for Sustainable Economic Growth (on www)

Our Mission is:

- To create the conditions that support our business to compete more effectively in the Global Race.

How?.....

STRATEGIC ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES



M40 Corridor

High Performance Technology

East West Corridor

Paralympics & Sport

Agri-Food

Town Centre Regeneration

Electronics & Smart Devices

Film, TV & Games

Priorities



LEP will look to **support & help deliver:**

- improved **broadband** connectivity;
- help unblock **commercial property** investment;
- improved critical **transport infrastructure**;
- fix **utility constraints** preventing development;
- improved **town centres & business parks** for investment;
- stimulate **business growth** (including skills).

In **partnership** with Local Authorities, BBF, private sector ...



Growing Places Fund



Directed investment to:

- £2m Handy Cross;
- £2m Aylesbury Town Centre;
- £1m Hughenden Quarter road;
- £1.7m Broadband.

Funds to be recycled for other future investments.



Chiltern / South Bucks LSP asked



- What does BTVLEP do?
- What are the links to the community?
- Any training and employment opportunities?
- Is the LEP doing anything for our high street?

High Street?
Business support



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<http://hwbidco.co.uk>



South Bucks
District Council



<http://www.gloslep.co.uk/sector-groups/retail/high-st-toolkit>