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### 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

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### 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 ...

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### Working with Neighbours (2)



**Northamptonshire**

- Silverstone

**South East Midlands LEP**

- Aligned strategies on EU funds

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### Local

**Buckinghamshire**  
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Building PARTNERSHIP  
THE ENTREPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN

**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?.....

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### STRATEGIC ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES



**M40 Corridor**

**High Performance Technology**

**East West Corridor**

**Paralympics & Sport**

**Agri-Food**

**Town Centre Regeneration**

**Electronics & Smart Devices**

**Film, TV & Games**

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### Priorities

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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 ...




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### Growing Places Fund

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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.




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### Chiltern / South Bucks LSP asked ....

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- 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?

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**High Street?**

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KINDLY STRATEGISTS  
THE ENTERPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN

**Business support**

**gfirst** ACOM

**HW BID Co**

<http://hwbidco.co.uk>

**Chiltern**  
District Council

**South Bucks**  
District Council

successful town centres –  
developing effective strategies.

Understanding your high street

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

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