

## BLEP Commitments – Local Industrial Strategy

### Assets

Theme	Initial proposed actions	Commitments within final LIS	Reason for any change
<b>Westcott Venture Park</b>	Enhancing networking across the Space Propulsion, UAV and next generation communications value chains.	Enhance networking across the space propulsion, <b>launch, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and Satellite Applications</b> value chains.	Specificity added to action
	Raising the profile of the UK capabilities in upstream space, to an international audience, focussing initially on chemical propulsion and propulsion systems.	Raise the profile of UK capabilities in upstream space focussing initially on propulsion systems.	Needs engagement with UKSA to ensure that this appetite is considered within wider approaches to developing UK capability in space.
	Embedding International Trade services into the facilities at Westcott to act as a key link in the UK space supply chain and creating additional brokerage capacity with international and domestic demand.	Working with the Department for International Trade, the LEP will seek to develop a Buckinghamshire Export and Inward Investment Partnership as a chapter of the wider Arc Internationalisation Plan. This plan will be based on Westcott space assets and linked to other key sectors and global locations, including working with government to consolidate a global creative industries capability in the area.	As above
	Attracting interest from the finance community, large corporates and overseas investors.	Attract investment from the finance community, large corporates and overseas investors.	No change
	Enhancing key research, development and test facilities across the Westcott Space Cluster.	Enhance key education, research, development and test facilities across the Westcott Space cluster.	No change
	Enhancing collaboration on skills development initiatives between business and skills providers at every level of the education system.	Further collaborate on skills development initiatives between business and skills providers	Minor change

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<b>Pinewood Studios / National Film and Television School:</b>	Open Buckinghamshire as an international creative gateway. Maximise Pinewood's expansion plans through a connected Innovation Park with increased access to Heathrow Airport and Western Rail Access to Heathrow.	Deleted	Dealt with in Place section
	Maximise Pinewood and NFTS' expansion plans to enable them to adapt to the changing industry landscape and to capitalise on the vast array of filming locations in Buckinghamshire, building on the reputation as being the most filmed county in England.	Develop and enhance the Screen Industries Global Growth Hub at Pinewood Studios to improve links between creative content providers and the wider business and specialist education networks both on and beyond the Pinewood lot.	Broader action to reflect support from DCMS towards Pinewood Studios ambition.
	To support the NFTS to formalise their global alumni network, to strengthen networking, leadership and management development opportunities.	Deleted	NFTS dealt with in Government and Buckinghamshire LEP partnership commitments section (p.24) Government already funding NFTS with Local Growth Fund money
	To generate new forms of immersive creative content and gain buy-in from creative giants. This will help exploit crossover of the UK's 2nd largest export industry (television) and support the significant IT, software and computer services sector in Buckinghamshire.	Deleted	Not clear
	Raising the profile of the UK capabilities in immersive content and connect emerging work in immersive technology	Working locally and with government to consolidate a global creative industries capability and further support exporting and inward investment in the film, TV and games sector.	Made more concise and removed corporation names

	with creative industry giants e.g. BBC/Netflix, to an international audience. Embedding International Trade Resources into the Film, TV and Games sector in the area to act as a key link in the UK immersive content supply chain and create additional brokerage capacity with international and domestic demand.		
	Attracting talent and interest from the finance community, large corporates and overseas investors by showcasing and building on the example set by Creative Media Skills to help address national skills gap and create set-ready workers.	Deleted	Not clear
	Investing in key research facilities and programmes, to ensure the sector is capable of adapting to changing circumstances.	Secure investment in key research facilities and programmes.	Made more concise
	Enhancing collaboration on skills development initiatives between business and skills providers at every level of the education system.	Through the Creative Sector Action Group and Skills Advisory Panel, the LEP will work to: improve collaboration between different parts of the education system; engage businesses in identifying local priorities and challenges; and supporting skills providers to respond to local economic priorities.	Reworded to include mechanism for improving collaboration and action to engage businesses identifying local priorities
	Develop an investment programme around town centres to create creative industry clusters and hubs, to create a 'buzz' in Southern Bucks locations such as Iver which is benefitting from Crossrail investment, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Chesham.	Deleted	Not clear

	Open a Centre for Immersive Technology (C4IT) for skills training, testing of concepts, working collaboratively with the School of Computing at Buckingham.	Deleted	Centre for Immersive Technology and Digital Content Production comes under the Government and LEP partnership commitments – as part of the Growth Fund investment in the NFTS
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<b>Silverstone &amp; Advanced Manufacturing</b>	Enabling businesses to engage with universities in a meaningful way;	Deleted	Not clear
	Ensuring that business investment and financial incentive packages are focussed on SME innovation;	Ensure that business investment and financial incentive packages are focussed on SME innovation.	No change
	Continuing to build the capacity of the High-Tech Super Cluster to improve networking opportunities across the Arc.	Continue to build the capacity of the Silverstone High-Tech Cluster to improve networking opportunities across a wider “super-cluster” from across the Arc.	Reworded slightly
	Supporting the development and application of emerging technologies in companies in the Silverstone Technology Cluster, by improving the linkages between firms within the cluster and the knowledge base, strengthening the cluster and enabling investment in the participating firms.	Support the development and application of emerging technologies in companies in the Silverstone Technology Cluster. This will be done by improving the linkages between firms within the cluster and the knowledge base and enabling investment in the participating firms.	Reworded slightly
	Delivering a unique new approach to skills provision in Buckinghamshire that brings all schools, FE and HE providers together with business at scale. This would include new schools and academies focusing on practical tech	Deleted	Not clear

	and STEM skills, majoring on employer involvement, a year in trade, work experience etc. but be imbedded within mainstream provision. This would also support a regional focus on new and flexible Centres of Technology at the heart of the Growth Corridor.		
	Developing the innovation ecosystem to improve B2B connectivity between businesses and universities and other centres of research excellence.	Develop the innovation ecosystem to improve connectivity between businesses, and between businesses and universities; taking advantage of the network of entrepreneurs associated with the University of Buckingham with a track record of innovation and commercialisation and other centres of research excellence.	Re-wording of action and expanding to mention the University of Buckingham and entrepreneur networks
	Attracting interest from the finance community, large corporates and overseas investors.	Attract interest from the finance community, large corporates and overseas investors.	No Change
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<b>Health and Social Care Model:</b>	Nurture collaboration between businesses and health and care providers to support the operation of the Integrated Care System and the use of technology in adult social care, expanding the capacity to support business spin-offs from the Health Care Trust and the Universities.	Support collaboration between businesses and health and care providers who will deliver the Integrated Care System by using technology in adult social care; expanding the capacity to support business spin-outs from the Health Care Trusts and the Universities.	Minor amendment
	Improve quality HE/research input to develop some 'state of the art' thinking around commercialisation and taking products to market.	Deleted	Not clear
	Utilise heritage as the birthplace of the Paralympic Movement to position	Exploit the area's heritage as the birthplace of the Paralympic Movement positioning	Re-wording of the action to provide more detail

	Buckinghamshire as the “medical tech adoption accelerator” with dedicated pathways for at scale product testing and dedicated medical device regulation degree apprenticeship programmes.	Buckinghamshire as the ‘medical tech adoption accelerator’ to conduct product testing at-scale and provide degree apprenticeship programmes dedicated to medical device regulation.	
	Exploit the opportunities offered by housing growth in the Aylesbury Garden Town and surrounds to test the application of new technologies to provide care in people’s homes and to advance the use of technology within clinical settings to support remote monitoring & virtual consultation.	Use the opportunities offered by housing growth in the Aylesbury Garden Town and surrounds to test the application of new technologies which will provide further care directly in people’s homes, and to advance the use of technology within clinical settings for remote healthcare monitoring and virtual clinical consultation.	Minor re-wording of action
	Expand the UK’s first Independent Medical School at the University of Buckingham and develop a cross curricular programme looking at the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare applications.	Support collaboration between businesses and health and care providers who will deliver the Integrated Care System by using technology in adult social care; expanding the capacity to support business spin-outs from the Health Care Trusts and the Universities.	Action expanded to reflect a whole system approach to integration.
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<b>Strategic Priorities 2030</b>	Maximising the potential of future housing growth to support the growth of Low Carbon Vehicles and embed at the heart of all future developments and stimulating shared mobility solutions.	Deleted	Not clear
	Establish a living lab where an innovative approach to public procurement and service	Drive innovation through <b>new “Living Labs”</b> , including the Aylesbury Garden Town. These 'Labs' will bring together existing expertise in the area	Actions have been grouped to include public and private sector

	commissioning is established to explore, test and roll out new transport service opportunities.	and beyond - including the Satellite Applications Catapult, The University of Buckingham, the Regional Energy Hub, the Connected Places Catapult and patient trials at Stoke Mandeville Hospital - to test emerging technologies in real world environments. Bucks LEP will act as a broker, bringing together business and public expertise to drive innovation.	expertise and Garden Town Developments.  This commitment from the final LIS draft is repeated later on in the Drivers section under "Ideas"
	Embedding an open innovation approach into key public sector infrastructure planning and development structures – including the Aylesbury Garden Town to enable the commissioning of innovative technological solutions and future-proof infrastructure investments.	As above	As above
	Working with regional and national partners like EEH and Meridian to support the creation of a cluster of excellence in driverless car testing, to accelerate the development of this technology, grow intellectual capital and attract overseas investment in the UK.	Deleted	Not clear

## Drivers

Theme	Initial proposed actions <sup>1</sup>	Commitments within final LIS <sup>23</sup>	Reason for any change	Next steps/further action
<b>Ideas – Living Lab and New Innovation<sup>4</sup></b>	A collaboration between local government, developers and service providers to exploit the potential of the new housing development;	Establish an <b>Innovation and Enterprise Board</b> comprising key local and national stakeholders that will build on Buckinghamshire's unique capabilities and connect the innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems	Changed to mention the establishment of an Innovation and Enterprise Board  This new commitment is identical to one moved from	

<sup>1</sup> This column lists all the proposed actions from the initial version of the LIS – they do not necessarily relate directly to the action next to them in the third column.

<sup>2</sup> **The commitments in Green** are new in the latest version of the LIS – those not highlighted have derived directly from the initial proposed actions.

<sup>3</sup> The commitments listed here are those for the LEP – there is a further section in the latest draft where actions are listed under each of the foundations which are to be carried out with partnerships in the arc or with central government. Those elements of the commitments here which reference partners are elaborated on in this section of the LIS.

<sup>4</sup> There has been a lot of consolidation from the initial version of the strategy – initially, “Living Labs” had its own section so some actions have been integrated in the process.

**In the Executive Summary of the latest version the actions identified seem to be different from those at the end of the *Ideas* section of the strategy. See below.**

**Actions from version 16 executive summary which do not appear in the Ideas section summary:**

- extending step-out test facilities at the Westcott Venture Park to support the wider use of 5G applications within Health and Social Care, clinical and emergency services applications; **(this appears in the initial version from January)**
- working with the planning system and developers to encourage the adoption of early stage technologies in all future developments.

		to support ambitious business and so rapidly translate new ideas into knowledge-driven growth in the area.	Infrastructure to Place section  (Neither govt comment versions have mention of this board – so added afterwards)	
	The extension of the step out test facilities at the Westcott Venture Park to support the wider use of 5G applications within Health and Social care, clinical and emergency services applications.	Drive innovation through new “Living Labs”, including the Aylesbury Garden Town. These 'Labs' will bring together existing expertise in the area and beyond - including the Satellite Applications Catapult, The University of Buckingham, the Regional Energy Hub, the Connected Places Catapult and patient trials at Stoke Mandeville Hospital - to test emerging technologies in real world environments. Bucks LEP will act as a broker, bringing together business and public expertise to drive innovation.	January proposed commitment for 5G mentioned under the Digital Infrastructure section  “Living Labs” – originally had its own section in the January document and also had references in the Digital Infrastructure section  This commitment is also almost identical to one in the assets section under Strategic priorities.	
	The establishment of a partnership between the England’s Economic Heartland programme together with HS2 Ltd, East	-	January version proposed commitment to England’s Economic Heartland partnership now mentioned	

	West Rail and Highways England to provide extended community access to the digital connectivity and legacy access alongside the new transport corridors.		under the Infrastructure Section	
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<b>People – Skills and Inspiration Revolution</b>	‘Mainstreaming’ successful T-Level practices on industry placement in advance of full roll out.	In addition, the SAP will build upon the high levels of business interest to work with DfE to boost industry placements in disciplines befitting the Buckinghamshire economy. This will include engaging with and encouraging employers to build capability ahead of the roll out of T levels.	Rewording of action, T Levels now mentioned in this action	
	Developing a much stronger collaborative approach between employers and providers, including on apprenticeships through Skills Advisory Panels.	Build on current engagement with the Careers and Enterprise Company, the National Careers Service and the Buckinghamshire Careers Hub, to establish a prestigious, structured careers offer which provides clear work pathways from school into work. This work	Integrates the Skills Advisory Panel and work pathways from initial actions into the final commitment  Very similar to commitments around Pinewood in the Assets section	

		will be overseen by the Skills Advisory Panel.		
	<p>Creating a prestigious identity, with structured career guidance, that cuts through the perception that vocational routes are second-best to academic qualifications.</p> <p>Harnessing the assets, resources and expertise of employers for 'mandatory' and well-supported work experience embedded within the curriculum, potentially within a new generation of sandwich courses.</p>	Work with employers across the area to facilitate effective use of the apprenticeship levy through transfer flexibilities.	Action changed to have a focus on the apprenticeship levy	
		Inspire the workforce of the future to work in Buckinghamshire's leading businesses in space, creative, high value manufacturing and digital health.	A new action which addresses comments from BEIS industrial strategy team (30-5 page 2) about the meaning on "inspiration" and its difference from innovation.	
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<b>Infrastructure: Digital Superhighway "Digital Infrastructure"</b>	By comprehensively mapping all coverage – including cellular, 5G and broadband to support wider commercial investment. This	Comprehensively map all digital coverage including cellular, 5G and broadband to support wider commercial development.	Re-wording of original action to make a more general action. 5G now	

	<p>will require growing the Broadband Team and ensuring skills and talent can match the ambition so that it is able to support individual communities in their attempts to get broadband through community fibre partnerships (CFPs), as well as to advise on which public funds are available to them.</p>	<p>Develop a new digital investment strategy to help target investment into gigabit connectivity.</p> <p>Secure broadband provision through community fibre partnerships.</p>	<p>Following two new actions are integrated from the initial proposed commitments or relating to it.</p>	
	<p>By supporting the drive towards consumer &amp; business adoption &amp; diffusion of digital, artificial intelligence &amp; machine learning technologies &amp; undertaking applied research projects with firms with high value potential in the Digital &amp; Care sectors, helping companies to exploit advances in these technologies (particularly, linked to the development of “Smart City” concepts linked to local planned Garden Town Developments’.</p>	<p>Work with the England’s Economic Heartland and emerging Sub-national Transport Body to deliver commitments to east / west connectivity, improve resilience through north / south routes and strengthen access through Old Oak Common.</p> <p>Support businesses to take advantage of the benefits of digital infrastructure.</p>	<p>England’s Economic Heartland – comes from initial proposed commitment under the “Ideas” section</p> <p>New recommendation coming from the initial proposed action</p>	
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<p><b>Business Environment</b></p>	<p>Stimulating growth aspiration – working with ambitious entrepreneurs to promote a highly positive culture of business investment.</p>	<p><b>Innovation Support:</b> Stimulus to encourage innovation in the form of small-scale vouchers to incentivise investment in R&amp;D.</p>	<p>Green Denotes new actions – not in the January version Detailed actions on the promotion of culture of business investment</p> <p>Comment from Business Growth – about needing to something which takes into account means to simulate aspiration and helping businesses to do this</p>	
	<p>Maintaining and strengthening the Local Growth Hub – as the first stop shop of support.</p> <p>Establishing a strong eco-system of business support – plugging gaps in the specialist services that can have a direct impact on scaling up ambitious businesses.</p>	<p><b>Leadership and Management Development:</b> Expanding mentoring and business growth programmes delivered by a range of providers such as Be the Business, particularly in Enterprise Zone and Business Improvement Districts, to be coordinated by the Local Growth Hub, to support business scale up aspirations and capability</p> <p><b>Rural Business Support:</b> An offer that fits the rural economy which can be broken into strong land and food-based parts of our local economy but also</p>	<p>Gives mechanism for improving business support through Local Growth Hub – detail added</p> <p>New action added for rural business support – encompasses initial proposed action for plugging gaps in business support</p>	

		homeworkers in rural locations.		
		<b>Supply Chain Development:</b> A programme of supply chain mapping and development driven by a detailed analysis of market need, trade flows and opportunities for investment at scale.	New Action	
		<b>Incubation and Co-working Spaces:</b> Develop new and enhanced high quality business accommodation with access to plug and play services combining 3D printers, ultrafast broadband and collaborative working practises. This will deliver the leadership capacity that our firms need to grow into new domestic and overseas markets.	New Action	
		<b>Collaboration Tools:</b> Creating a new sharing platform where employers can share resources, facilities etc. to prevent down time and the risk of incurring additional costs.	New Action	

		Working with the Department for International Trade, the LEP will seek to develop a Buckinghamshire Export and Inward Investment Partnership as a chapter of the wider Arc Internationalisation Plan. This plan will be based on Westcott space assets and linked to other key sectors and global locations, including working with government to consolidate a global creative industries capability in the area.	Addresses comment about internationalising Bucks	
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<b>Places – Investing in Buckinghamshire’s Future</b>	Identifying Strategically relevant innovation capability.	Use local capital budgets to capitalise on connections to the major and local road network.  <b>Establish an Innovation and Enterprise Board</b> comprising key local and national stakeholders that will build on Buckinghamshire’s unique capabilities and connect the innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems to support ambitious	Establishment of an Innovation and Enterprise Board was in Infrastructure Section but fits more to a Place commitment to innovation.  Innovation and Enterprise Board also identical to an action in the v16 draft of the ideas section as the first commitment in the Ideas section	

		business and so maximise knowledge-driven growth in the area.	Builds on mentions of innovation ecosystem in the Assets section	
	Anchoring this activity in the UK through commissioning against mission-oriented objectives.	Build on its traditional manufacturing base through the development of the central station quarter at High Wycombe and other key town centre locations.	The initial proposed commitments are very general and seem to have been broken down into specific actions.	
		Use Garden Town-planning principles, new technologies and disruptive housing delivery to form a technological testbed to integrate new communities and improve the quality of life for existing residents in and around Aylesbury.	New Action	
		Ensure new and existing growth areas are linked and serviced by sustainable infrastructure.	New Action	
	Networking these capabilities with appropriate support.	Working with local partners to promote a Productive and Healthy Places Programme to support the delivery of the place strand of this Local Industrial Strategy (see box below).	This is the only mention of a Productive and Healthy Places Programme in the v16 document	

