

Update for SSDC Heidi Hallam Partnerships Manager



Outline

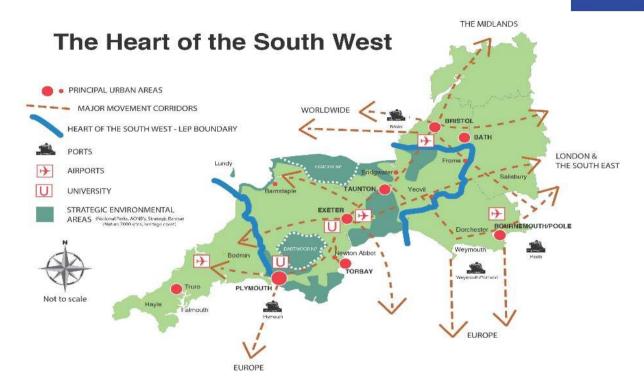
- My Role and Background
- Heart of the SW LEP Summary / Recap
- Working in Partnership for the Area
- Governance & Strategies inc. Growth Deal, ESIF
- Looking Forwards Together
- Questions & Answers

Partnerships Manager

- New role
- Looking after Partners & Projects
- 3 areas: Engagement with Districts
 - **Engagement with Business**
 - Support for the European Funds
- Local knowledge and broad experience

SSDC: linking with your team & partners Cllr Jo Roundell Greene, Rina Singh, Martin Woods,
David Julian and others.

Our LEP



Set up to deliver transformational economic change for the area & reposition the Heart of the South West's profile & reputation - nationally & globally - as a business location to invest in through its Strategic Economic Plan for 2014-30.

Recap

- One of 39 in England
- Government is a Key Stakeholder

Regional Role: Champion Priorities

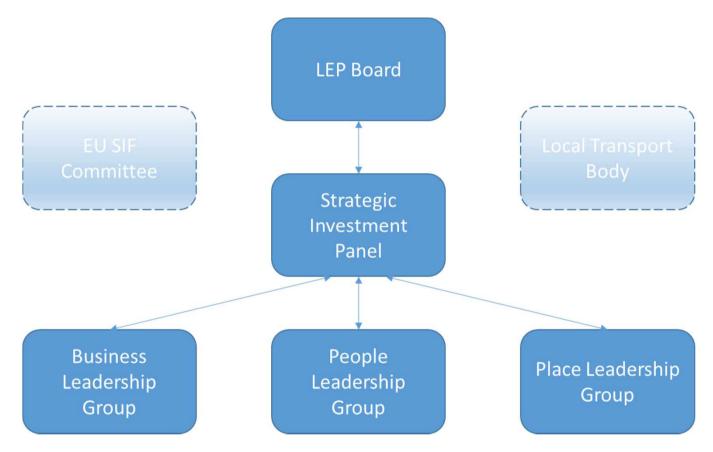
Secure Investment

Partnerships

- New (ish) CEO Chris Garcia
- NOT RDA No offices or discretionary £
- Small team and working with Partners
- Funding has asks & strings
- Public & private approaches to governance / working



Organisation



Links with Somerset Growth Board; and others across Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay

Multi level links for SSDC & LEP

- Board members Somerset x 2
- SCC part of Management Team and Place leads
- Somerset Growth Board & LEP
- SEDOG & LEP
- Links to People & Business groups
- Rural and other groups
- Partnerships Manager
- Somerset area included on ESIF Committee
- Yeovil College & Hinkley projects
- Other...

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Our priorities in a nutshell

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	Creating the Conditions for	Maximising Productivity and	Building on our
	Growth	Employment Opportunities	Distinctiveness
Place	 Infrastructure for growth: Transport and accessibility Digital infrastructure Sustainable solutions for flood management Energy Infrastructure 	The infrastructure and facilities to create more and better employment: • Enterprise infrastructure • Strategic employment sites • Unlocking housing growth	The infrastructure and facilities needed to support higher value growth: Specialist marine sites Innovation infrastructure Our environmental assets
Business	 Creating a favourable business environment A simpler, more accessible, business support system 	 Achieving more sustainable and broadly based business growth: Reaching new markets Globalisation 	 Supporting higher value growth: Innovation through Smart Specialisation Building innovation capacity
People	 Businesses and individuals can reach their potential: Skills infrastructure Accessibility to education/employment Employer engagement and ownership 	 Increasing employment, progression and workforce skills. Moving people into employment Supporting people to progress to better jobs Improving workforce skills 	 Creating a world class workforce to support higher value growth: Enterprise and business skills Technical and higher level Skills for our transformational opportunities.

Working in Partnership

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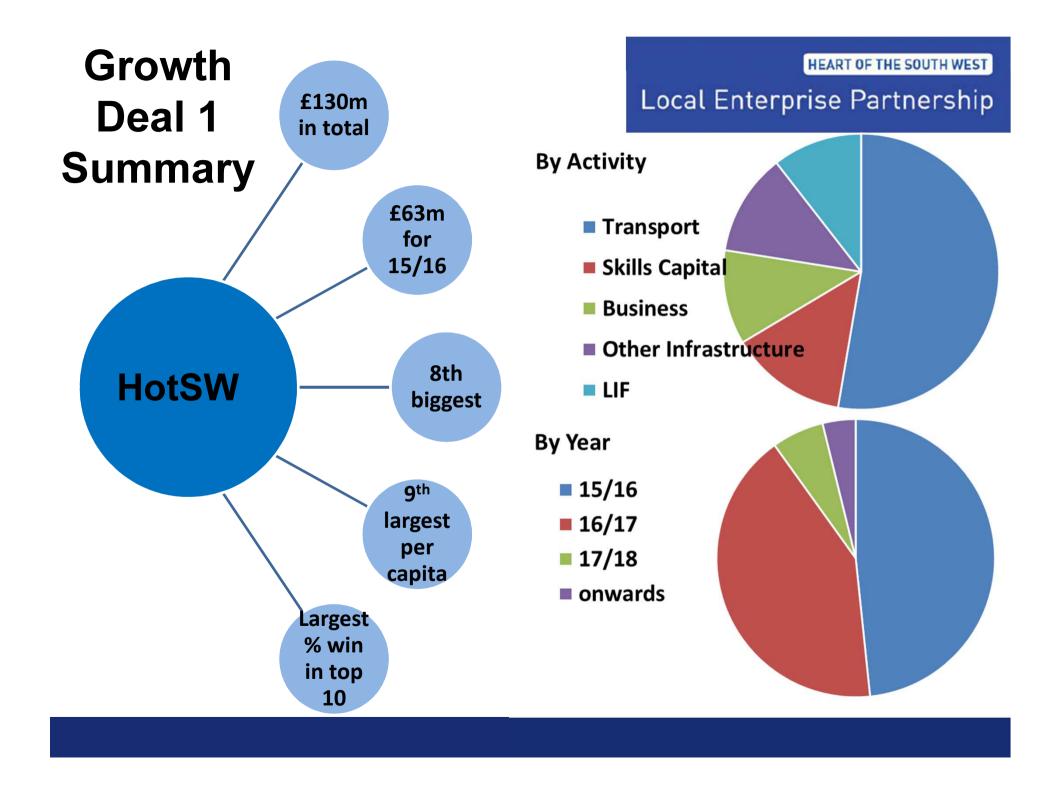
Benefits across our area

- Business Support and Skills
- SW Connectivity Broadband & Transport Infrastructure
- Employment Sites & Housing

Broader LEP pipeline (at time of writing)

- GD1 Yeovil Western Corridor capacity upgrade (£6.49m)
- Innovation Centre phase 2, Yeovil College (Vocational Training Centre and Career College), Chard Millfield link, A30 / Market St, Yeovil cycle and Walk package...

Working with your team on other solutions - creative / partnership working in times of austerity.



Growth Deal 1 being mobilised

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- £130m from Govt
- £140m of additional local investment
- At least 13,000 new jobs
- At least 8,000 new homes
- Enhanced transport connectivity
- Building on Hinkley Opportunities
- Maximising productivity, innovation & employment



Hinkley Programme

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Largest engineering project in Europe

14/15 Package of Support to maximise economic benefits including:

- Supply chain
- Education and skills consortium
- Manufacturing advice
- Hinkley Point Training Agency
- Employability Support
- Housing Support



ESIF 2014-2020

(European Structural Investment Fund Strategy)

- Aligned with and delivering the strategic ambition outlined in the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)
- The ESIF sets out types of activity we expect to see funded with European £ aligned to our priorities
- ESIF also includes activities that support the delivery of Growth Deal, Hinkley Programme and the Plymouth & Peninsula City Deal

ESIF - background

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Proposals for investment:

ERDF & ESF (place blind),

EAFRD (rural only).

Split by Transition (Plymouth, Torbay & Devon) and More Developed (Somerset)

	Transition	More Developed	Total
ERDF	£43.25m	£14.34m	£57.60m
ESF	£28.84m	£14.34m	£43.18m
EAFRD	Not split		£15.54m

ERDF - European Regional Development Fund

ESF - European Social Fund

EARDF - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development



5 Integrated Activities

- A. Maximising Innovation through
 Transformational Opportunities and Smart
 Specialisation (sectors)
- B. Enterprise and SME Competitiveness
- C. Reaching New Markets
- D. Digital
- E. Social and Economic Inclusion

A - Maximising Innovation through Transformational Opportunities and Innovation Sectors

- Aerospace*
- Agri-tech
- Big Data
- Environmental Futures*
- Marine*
- Nuclear*
- Photonics

- ERDF specialist facilities
 / infrastructure, support
 for innovation, (£17.5m)
- ESF Employer led solutions to higher level skills (£4.9m)
- EAFRD innovation support & dissemination related to agri-tech (£1m).

ESIF - What next?

- Updates & FAQ on LEP's website
- ESIF Committee (shadow?) meetings
- Finalising the ESIF strategy
- Finalising the implementation plan
- Working with Local Govt (DCLG) to develop the first call specifications
- Working with the ESF Opt-in providers to develop programmes of activity
- More detail on other slides if wanted B to E?

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Looking Forwards - Together

- Working more closely with the District Authorities
- Better engagement with wider Business Community
- End Jan 2015 Govt. announces GD1 extension
- End Feb 2015 (?) Brussels sign off UK programme (OP)
- April 2015 GD 1 projects start
- May (?) 2015 ESIF Implementation Plan
- Partnership working to apply for other funding and non-funded activities
- SSDC specific work e.g. cross LEP meeting (Dorset)

Looking Forwards - Revised Processes



Developing & delivering investment programme - what to improve?

We have learned some key lessons from experience of Growth Deals:

- Not enough time!
- Not always clear where to submit projects or how decisions taken
- Good processes given constraints but probably failing transparency test by not having more open decision-making processes

Growth Deal funding requirements are set out in:

- National assurance framework which sets Government's "the how"
- Local assurance framework governing how local partners will make investment decisions, manage programme and monitor delivery
 Both require transparency and effective democratic accountability one way to achieve this is through open and transparent processes for developing and managing the programme.

Identify, Prioritise, Manage & Monitor



Lessons from Growth Deal - we need to improve how we:

- Identify the projects put forward by partners that deliver against the strategic priorities set out in the SEP
- **Prioritise** those projects to develop a deliverable pipeline which is in need of investment
- Manage the delivery of projects when funding has been secured, as the LEP's investment portfolio or programme
- **Monitor** project & programme performance & evaluate effectiveness.

N.B: we need a mechanism for more than just Growth Deal - these proposals are to apply to any and all current and future funding for LEP priorities.

What have we got?

- Some of governance infrastructure Growth Deal 1
- Established Strategic Investment Panel (SIP) delegated authority to manage delivery of investment programme
- We need to provide clarity to Leadership Groups, SIP, and LEP Board about respective roles / responsibilities for the programme, and in particular the scheme of delegated authority flowing from Board

The following outlines draft processes to support the identification, prioritisation, management and monitoring of our investment programme, assigning proposed roles and responsibilities.

Developing a pipeline - principle of 3 stages

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Call for projects to support SEP

Stage 1: Ong list of potential projects submitted to LEP Leadership Groups.

Shorter list of projects in priority order awaiting funding approved by LEP Board.

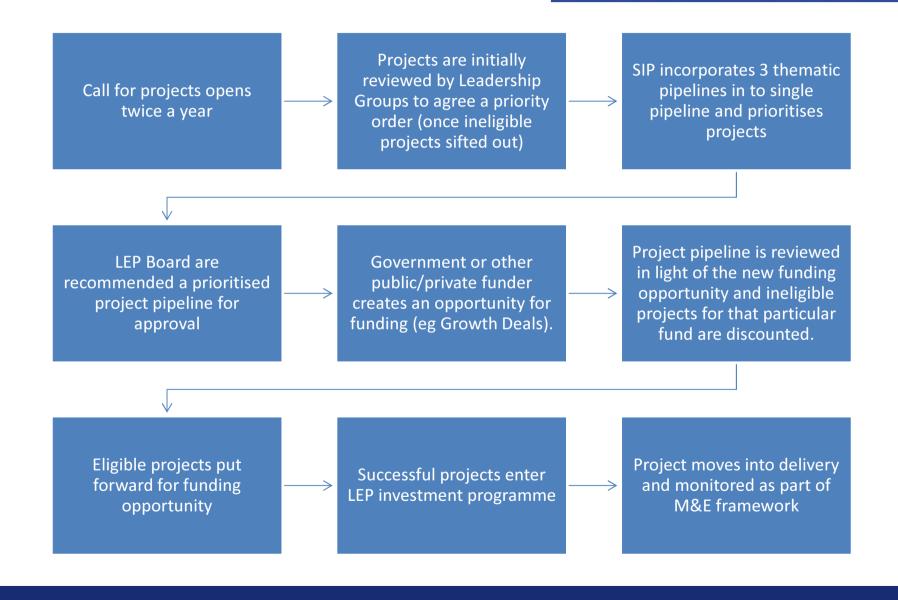
All projects
From Stage 2
Which have
secured
funding move
into delivery
phase.

Monitoring & evaluation

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Process Map

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Developing a Pipeline - the 3 Groups

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Process	Leadership Group	Strategic Investment Panel	LEP Board
Stage 1 – outline proposals	Manages a twice- yearly call for new projects with potential to deliver against the SEP	Ensures consistent process across all leadership groups for sourcing projects	Agrees the SEP, against which all projects will be assessed.
Stage 2 – Pipeline	Appraisal and prioritization of projects that are eligible. Prioritised list of thematic projects put to SIP	Prioritises projects together and combines list with existing pipeline – recommends single pipeline to LEP Board	Delegates authority for prioritising projects to the SIP and signs off proposed pipeline.
Stage 3 – Investment Programme	Manages thematic 'sub-programme' delivery within agreed change management policy. Escalates decisions to SIP accordingly.	Manages single investment programme within agreed change management policy. Escalates decisions to SIP accordingly.	Approves any LEP bids for funding. Makes programme management decisions escalated by Leadership Groups / SIP.

Multi Level Links for SSDC & LEP

- Board members
- Clearer decision routes Strategic Investment Panel etc.
- Links to People, Place & Business groups
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THANK YOU Q & A

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B - Enterprise & SME Competitiveness

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- Sector blind activity focusing on any SME with growth potential
- SME means all types of business including Social Enterprise
- ERDF Enterprise and Incubation space, business support system/growth hub, business support activities (including new starts) (£17.3m)
 - ESF Leadership and management skills, student/graduate links to industry and workforce skills (£17m)
 - EAFRD Business support and grants (£6m)

C: Reaching New Markets

Redressing insularity, helping SMEs to reach new markets, such as those emerging through our transformational opportunities, the web, exporting, low carbon and public procurement.

- ERDF Exporting advice, Manufacturing advice), supply chain development support, low carbon investment (developing new products/markets & supply chain readiness) (£12.6m)
- ESF none proposed
- EAFRD rural supply chains, rural tourism assets and infrastructure, low carbon and ecosystem services (£6.5m)

D: Digital

Brings together improvements in digital infrastructure with support for businesses to take advantage of new digital technologies, improving digital skills and inclusion.

- ERDF Digital infrastructure and digital utilisation (£5.2m)
- ESF Digital inclusion and digital skills (£4.8m)
- EAFRD Digital infrastructure (rural areas) and digital utilisation (£2m)

E: Addressing Social & Economic Inclusion

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 Activity to address social and economic inclusion – principally through helping people to access employment and training, but also exploring role of enterprise and supporting the growth of the social enterprise sector.

ERDF – Supporting the growth of social purpose organisations & Enterprise as a route out of worklessness (£4.7m)

ESF – Supporting the hardest to reach, young people, in work poverty and enterprise as a route out of worklessness (£16.5m)

EAFRD – none proposed

Our core aims

Environmental sustainability

 Achieving growth whilst protecting and enhancing our environment

Inclusion

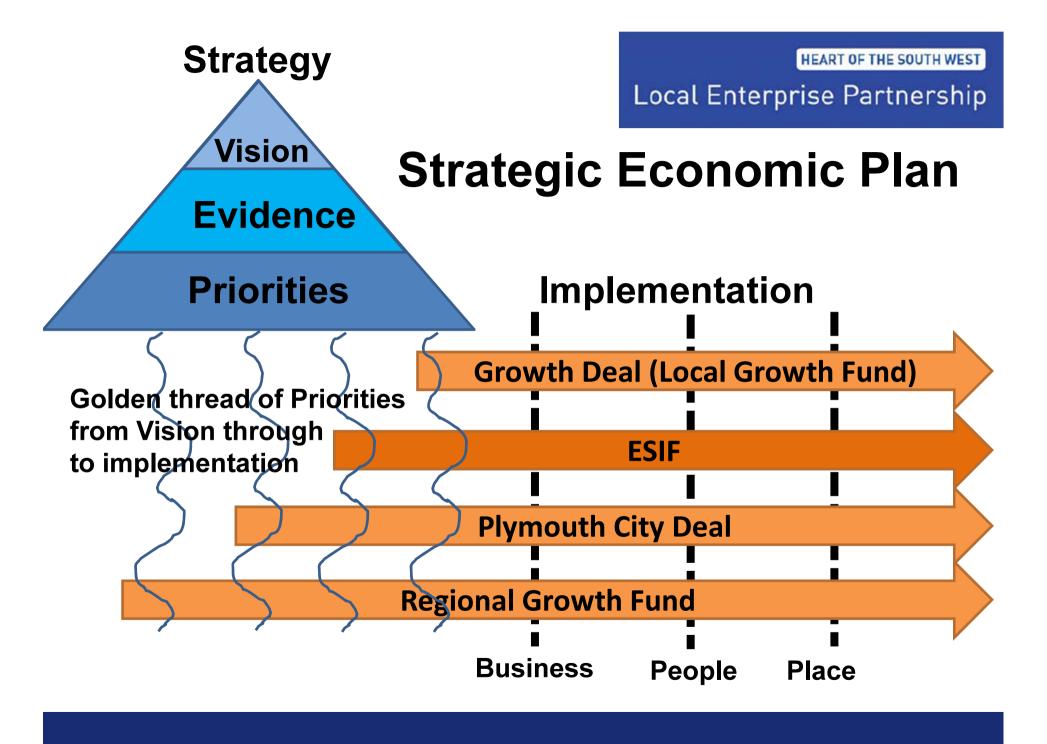
 Where opportunity to participate is available to all and everyone benefits from our collective successes Capitalising on our distinctive assets Utilising our distinctive assets to create higher value growth and better jobs (transformational opportunities, innovation, environmental assets)

Maximising Productivity and Employment

 Stimulating jobs and growth across the whole economy to benefit ALL sectors (including tourism, agriculture and food and drink)

Creating the conditions for growth

 Infrastructure and services to underpin growth (transport infrastructure, broadband and mobile connectivity, skills infrastructure)



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