



SOLENT
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SOLENT GROWTH FORUM

**WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018 AT 6.30 PM
(OR AT THE CLOSE OF THE PREVIOUS PUSH MEETING,
WHICHEVER IS LATER)
COUNCIL CHAMBER, FAREHAM BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

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AGENDA

1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence and appointment of Chair for the meeting

The Chair Councillor Cheshire has sent his apologies as he needs to be at a Council meeting.

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of 16 October 2017 (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve the attached minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October 2017.

4 Local Growth Deal (LGD) Programme Update (Pages 9 - 12)

This report provides an update to the Solent Growth Forum on the Local Growth Deal (LGD) programme which is investing in capital projects in the Solent area to support economic growth.

There will be a presentation from Robin Abbot, BAE Systems on the Test Bed project.

The Solent Growth Forum is asked to note the update report.

5 Strategy Update (revised item) (Pages 13 - 16)

Stuart Baker to present, Head of Local Growth, Solent LEP, to update on the work in train on the new strategy by the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). There will be a presentation at the meeting.

6 Forward Plan

A verbal update will be given - Marc Griffin/Stuart Baker.

7 Any other business and close

Membership

Councillor Seán Woodward Fareham BC
Councillor Donna Jones Portsmouth CC
Councillor Simon Letts Southampton CC
Councillor Guy Shepherd East Hampshire DC
Councillor Keith House Eastleigh BC
Councillor Mark Hook Gosport BC
Councillor Roy Perry Hampshire CC
Councillor Michael Cheshire Havant BC
Councillor Nick Adams-King Test Valley BC
Councillor Caroline Horrill Winchester CC
Councillor David Stewart Isle of Wight Council
Councillor Edward Heron New Forest DC

Invited Ex Officio Members

Di Roberts Brockenhurst College
Ken Moon Federation of Small Businesses
Tim Houghton Community First
John Henderson Highways England
Mike O'Neill Environment Agency
Ravneet Viridi BEIS
Fiona Dalton University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
Graham Galbraith University of Portsmouth
Bruce Voss Homes and Communities Agency
Vacancy Network Rail
Vacancy Skills Funding Agency
Vacancy Southern and Eastern Region Trades Unions Congress

Standing Ex Officio Members/Officers

Anne-Marie Mountfield, Chief Executive - Solent LEP
Stuart Baker & Marc Griffin Solent LEP
James Fitzgerald (for Chris Ward) Chief Finance Officer for Solent LEP
Accountable Body (PCC)
Sophie Mallon Legal Advisor to Solent LEP Accountable Body (PCC)

Agenda Item 3

SOLENT GROWTH FORUM

MINUTES of the meeting of the Solent Growth Forum held on Monday, 16 October 2017 at 7:15pm in the Council Chamber, Fareham Borough Council.

Present

Councillors

Tony Briggs	Havant Borough Council substitute member.
Mark Hook	Gosport Borough Council (Chair)
Caroline Horrill	Winchester City Council
Donna Jones	Portsmouth City Council
Warwick Payne	Southampton City Council substitute member.
Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Guy Shepherd	East Hampshire District Council
Sean Woodward	Fareham Borough Council

Ex-officio

Bruce Voss	Homes & Communities Agency
James Fitzgerald	Portsmouth City Council
Tim Houghton	Community First

Standing Ex Officio Members

Stuart Baker	Solent LEP
Marc Griffin	Solent LEP
Robert Parkin	Portsmouth City Council

Also present

Peter Grimwood	Fareham Borough Council
Stuart Jarvis	Hampshire County Council
Laura Taylor	Winchester City Council
Nick Tustian	Easteigh Borough Council
David Williams	Portsmouth City Council

9. Introductions and Apologies for Absence.

As the Chair, Councillor Cheshire had sent his apologies for absence, a chair for the meeting needed to be elected from the non LEP Board Director members of the SGF. Councillor Mark Hook was duly proposed, seconded and elected as chair for this meeting.

The following people sent their apologies for absence: Councillor Michael Cheshire, Graham Galbraith, Councillor Edward Heron, Councillor Keith House and Anne-Marie Mountfield.

10. Declarations of Interests.

No interests were declared.

11. Notes of the Previous Meeting of 14 March 2017 and Matters Arising.

The notes of the Solent Growth Forum meeting held on 14 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

12. Workforce Futures (Developing a new workforce strategy for the Solent area).

Stuart Baker, Head of Local Growth at Solent LEP introduced the report and provided a short presentation.

The Chair thanked Stuart for his presentation and invited comments and questions, which included the following points:

- It is essential that businesses are asked to identify what skills are currently lacking and those that will be required in five years' time.
- The UTC in Portsmouth is now open. During the process, they were almost forced to adopt a multi academy trust as a model.
- Employers in the area have sent a clear message to central government that they want local influence. It is therefore essential that local employers and education providers work together.
- Employers are telling us that there is limited talent coming through.
- There are two workshop sessions taking place on 31 October at the Hilton Ageas for providers and employers.
- Members are encouraged to give their views either at the meeting or afterwards by email.
- The implications of Brexit on skills supply in the Solent will be considered as part of the work programme, but it is acknowledged that the nature of the deal the UK government strikes with Europe is likely to continue past the delivery of this strategy.

13. Local Growth Deal Capital Programme Update

Marc Griffin, Head of Capital and Infrastructure at Solent LEP provided an update on the 2017/18 Local Growth programme. This was followed by a presentation on the Local Growth Deal funded capital projects delivered to date in the Solent LEP area. During the presentation members were asked to note that to date the Solent LEP has provided over £80m of capital funding to deliver local growth deal projects to support economic growth including transport, skills, innovation and housing infrastructure projects. He also informed them that the funding finance and performance management group will consider the options available to address the under allocation of funds currently reported for this year at its meeting in November 2017 for recommendation to the Board for their approval at December 2018.

14. Forward Plan.

Marc Griffin, LEP asked members to contact him if they had any other items for future meetings.

15. Any Other Business and Close.

There were no other items to discuss.

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The meeting concluded at 7.56pm.

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Agenda Item 4



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Item: 4

Title: Local Growth Deal Programme update to Solent Growth Forum

Date: 28 March 2018

Purpose: For information

1. Purpose of report

This report provides an update to the Solent Growth Forum on the Local Growth Deal (LGD) programme which is investing in capital projects in the Solent area to support economic growth.

The Solent Growth Forum can find background information to the Local Growth Deal at [Solent Growth Deal 1](#), [Solent Growth Deal 2](#) and [Solent Growth Deal 3](#) links.

2. Local Growth Deal Programme Status

The Local Growth Deal programme continues to progress in 2017/18. Table 1a below shows the forecast for 2017/18 which was considered by the Solent LEP Board on 7 March 2018. The approved capital programme either under negotiation or at funding agreement stage is £27,813,973, which is 90.6% of the total funding available for allocation in 2017/18.

Table 1a : Approved LGD Capital projects in 2017/18

Solent Growth Fund Programme Management Costs	£	175,000
Solent Growth Fund (2017/18)	£	1,700,000
Local Growth Deal Programme Management	£	366,044
Innovation programme Fund (2017/18) - Programme Management Costs	£	125,000
<i>Local Large Major transport schemes (Solent Metro)</i>	£	1,000,000
Solent Development Fund	£	223,500
Sub Total	£	3,589,544
Under negotiation with scheme promoters		
Fareham and Gosport multiyear programme (Newgate Lane South)	£	2,927,429
Innovation Programme Fund	£	2,500,000
<i>National Maritime Systems Centre</i>	£	5,000,000
Fareham College - Civil Engineering Training Centre	£	2,833,000
<i>Southampton Solent University - Warsash School of Maritime Science and Engineering</i>	£	7,464,000
Sub Total	£	20,724,429
Proposal to bring forward from 18/19 programme		
Stubbington Bypass (further advance)	£	3,500,000
Sub Total	£	3,500,000
Total Programme Allocation (a)	£	27,813,973
Solent Growth Deal Award 2017/18 (b)	£	24,302,028
Carry Forward from LGD 2016/17 (c)	£	6,391,255
Total LGD Capital Programme Funding 2017/18 (d) = (b) + (c)	£	30,693,283
Un allocated LGD programme funding 17/18 (e) = (d) - (a)	£	2,879,310

Note: The expenditure for the schemes in italics is split across the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years as shown in tables 1b and 2 below.

The Solent Growth Forum should note that following the mid-year review the forecast defrayal of funding approved in the current year is lower as shown in table 1b. The forecast expenditure is £16,304,307 which is 53.1% of the total funding available to spend in 2017/18. It should be noted that some of the schemes in the capital programme for 2017/18 will continue into 2018/19. Therefore, funding that has not been defrayed will be re-profiled into 2018/19 to facilitate the delivery of these schemes. This is reflected in the budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19 as set out in the financial forecasts and under table 2 of this update which the board approved.

Table 1b : Forecast LGD Capital programme expenditure against the 2017/18 allocation

Solent Growth Fund Programme Management Costs	£	175,000
Solent Growth Fund (2017/18)	£	1,700,000
Local Growth Deal Programme Management	£	366,044
Innovation programme Fund (2017/18) - Programme Management Costs	£	125,000
Local Large Major transport schemes (Solent Metro)	£	475,000
Solent Development Fund	£	223,500
Sub Total	£	3,064,544
Under negotiation with scheme promoters		
Fareham and Gosport multiyear programme (Newgate Lane South)	£	2,927,429
National Maritime Systems Centre	£	1,679,334
Fareham College - Civil Engineering Training Centre	£	2,833,000
Southampton Solent University - Warsash School of Maritime Science and Engineering	£	2,300,000
Sub Total	£	9,739,763
Proposal to bring forward from 18/19 programme		
Stubbington Bypass (further advance)	£	3,500,000
Sub Total	£	3,500,000
Forecast Total Programme defrayal (a)	£	16,304,307
Solent Growth Deal Award 2017/18 (b)	£	24,302,028
Carry Forward from LGD 2016/17 (c)	£	6,391,255
Total LGD Capital Programme Funding 2017/18 (d) = (b) + (c)	£	30,693,283
Un allocated LGD programme funding 17/18 (e) = (d) - (a)	£	14,388,976

3. LGD Provisional Capital Programme 2018/19

The provisional LGD capital programme for 2018/19 approved by the LEP Board at their meeting on 7 March 2018 is set out in table 2 below:

Table 2: Provisional LGD Capital programme 2018/19

Solent Growth Fund Programme Management Costs	£	125,000
Solent Growth Fund (2018/19)	£	3,938,196
Local Growth Deal Programme Management	£	375,000
Innovation programme Fund (2017/18) - Programme Management Costs	£	50,000
Local Large Major transport schemes (Solent Metro)	£	525,000
Sub Total	£	5,013,196
Under negotiation		
Innovation Programme Fund	£	5,543,367
North Whiteley	£	8,857,577
Southampton Solent University - Warsash School of Maritime Science and Engineering	£	5,164,000
National Maritime Systems Centre	£	3,320,666
Sub Total	£	22,885,610

Total Programme Allocation (a)	£	27,898,806
Indicative Total Solent Growth Deal Award 2018/19 (b)	£	10,817,860
Forecast carry forward from 2017/18 (c)	£	14,388,609
Provisional Total LGD Capital Programme Funding 2018/19 (d) = (b) + (c)	£	25,206,836
Over allocated LGD programme funding 18/19 (e) = (d) - (a)	£	2,691,970

The current forecast for 2018/19 shows that the LGD allocation up to and including 31 March 2019 will be over allocated by £2.7m against a cumulative budget of £118m (2.3%) and this will be under-written by the Growing Places Loan budget set aside for this.

The Solent Growth Forum is asked to:

Note this update

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Agenda Item 5



Meeting: Solent Growth Forum
Date: Wednesday 28th March 2018
Agenda Item 5: Strategy Update

This agenda item will provide a presentation to the Solent Growth Forum (SGF) to update on the work in train on the new strategy by the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). This paper provides a summary of what will be covered.

The Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is progressing a range of strategy work and updates to its evidence base, which will feed in to the development of a new Strategic Economic Plan for the Solent and a Local Industrial Strategy.

Recent completed strategy work includes:

- Economic Impact of the Solent Area Universities (a high level summary of this study is provided as appendix 1)
- The economic role and contributions of the maritime sector in the Solent
- Isle of Wight Infrastructure Investment Plan

The Economic Impact of the Solent Area Universities was launched at the recent LEP Annual General Meeting, whilst The Economic Role and Contributions of the Maritime Sector in the Solent report and the Isle of Wight Infrastructure Investment Plan will be published shortly.

The LEP is updating the Solent Strategic Transport Investment Plan (a copy of the STIP can be found here: <https://solentlep.org.uk/media/1514/tip-final-web-version.pdf>).

In addition, the LEP is progressing the development of a Heat and Power Strategy and Action Plan for the Solent.

The above work will be covered in the presentation under this agenda item at the Solent Growth Forum.

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Jobs, growth and world-leading innovation: Our universities' economic impact

The Solent's three universities are together injecting more than £4.2 billion into the UK economy every year, supporting 52,300 jobs.

That's the key finding of a major study on the combined economic impact of the University of Southampton, the University of Portsmouth and Southampton Solent University.

Research by BiGGAR Economics also revealed the universities' localised impact on the Solent LEP region: £2.1 billion of economic value, sustaining 33,000 jobs.

The contribution, known as GVA or 'Gross Value Added', takes into account factors such as staff and student spending, income for supply chain companies, business services and the commercialisation of university research.

The study showed that every £1 the universities generate from their own work sustains £6 worth of UK economic

activity, with £3 of that retained in the Solent LEP area.

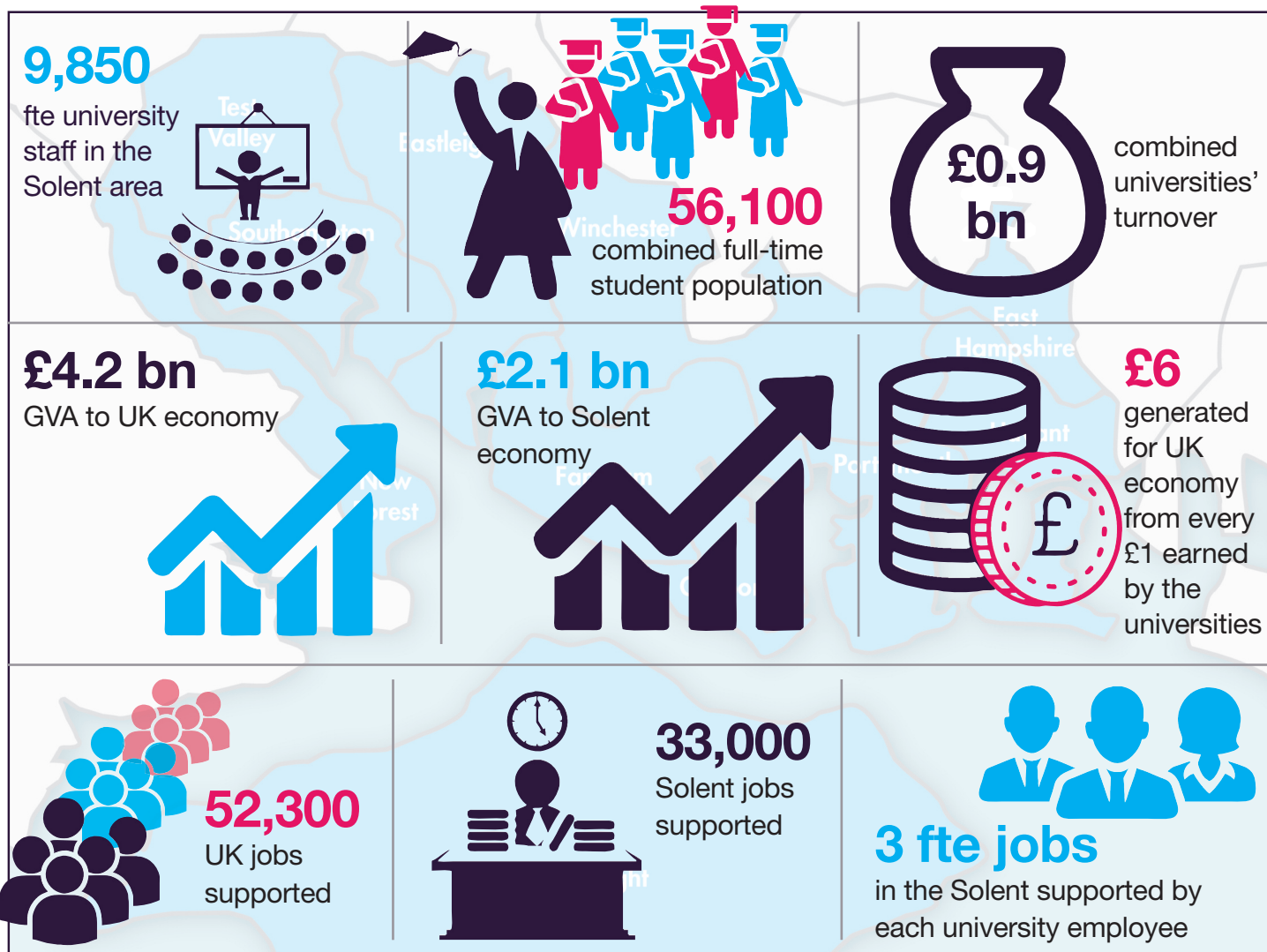
And for every person they directly employ, the universities support more than five jobs in the UK, including three in the Solent.

The report highlights world-leading university research going on in engineering, biomedicine, aerospace, defence, marine, maritime and advanced manufacturing.

Investment by each university to assist small and medium-sized business has helped to put the region well above the national average for creating high-growth firms.

Examples of the universities' 'knowledge assets' include the University of Portsmouth's Future Technology Centre and the clustering of tech firms around the University of Southampton's Chilworth Science Park.

To read the full report, visit solentlep.org.uk



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