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01 Overview

- Review of 2016 activity
- Policy update post EU Referendum
- Local growth - emerging policy
- Future role for LEP's

02 Review of 2016 Priorities - strategic

1. SEP refresh - economic modelling work underway
2. Skills Strategy Update - planned for 2017
3. Innovation Strategy - initial work commissioned and underway
4. Transport Investment Plan - completed April 2016 and published May 2016
5. Logistics Study - initial work commissioned

03 Review of 2016 Priorities - operational

1. Local Growth Deal programme - 2015/16 capital programme committed with 98% expenditure defrayed in year. 2016/27 capital programme under development
2. Enterprise Zone - developments progressing on Daedalus East and West and EZ Capital infrastructure programme due for completion in 2016/17.
3. Business support programmes (Growth hub and legacy funds) - new Solent growth hub contract in place up to and including 2016/17
4. Employer Ownership Programme - programme fully committed and expenditure expected to be fully defrayed as per contract
5. Possible ESIF ? - Delayed due to capacity constraints within managing authorities and uncertainty post EU Referendum. Working on agreeing a position re ERDF SME funding for the Solent by Autumn statement in November 2016



04 Policy Update

- Outcome of EU referendum and impact on Economic forecasting
- New PM , New Ministerial Team and the creation of new government departments including BEIS and International trade
- Industrial Strategy
- Ministerial champions - Local growth champions for LEPs





05 Government policy and industrial strategy

Broadly, the Government's industrial strategy appears to feature the following elements:

- Stricter **merger and acquisition rules**, with more emphasis on a 'public-interest test' for foreign take-overs
- New **corporate governance** structures, including consumer and employee representation on boards, and greater transparency around executive pay
- Continued work towards **higher productivity**, including through the development of the science and research base in the UK
- Delivery of **infrastructure projects**
- Increased **house-building**
- Continued support for **regional development** of cities and other economic areas outside London

In common with almost all areas of Government policy, industrial strategy could be radically altered by the UK's decision to leave the EU. Aspects of industrial policy that could see particularly significant changes include the application of State Aid rules, trade and the labour market.

06 ROLE OF BEIS

Greg Clark (Secretary of State at BEIS) introduced his approach to the Department's areas of responsibility and he emphasised the following:

- Successful industries in the UK must be recognised and supported, including automotive, aerospace and space
- Scientific research must be encouraged through support for relevant institutions
- New industries and technologies must be allowed to develop
- The interests of consumers must be protected and served through innovation and competitive pricing
- The contribution of employees and businesses owners must be recognised
- Local areas must be encouraged through transport, skills and “pro- business leadership”



07 ROLE OF MINISTERIAL LOCAL GROWTH CHAMPION FOR LEPs

Solent LEP Ministerial champion - Jo Johnson Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation (joint minister with [Department for Education](#)), with responsibility for research and innovation policy, in addition to Higher Education.

Role of ministerial champions;

- To work with LEPs to develop and deliver growth ambitions for the area
- Engage with business and local stakeholders to see how we can ensure that the strengths of the Solent are reflected in the Industrial Strategy
- LEPs have an active role in ensuring 'place' is a key component of the strategy
- Industrial strategy has to recognise and take advantage of the differences and unique strengths that exist across the Country



08 Local Growth - emerging policy in other government departments

Local Growth - key priorities for DCLG to address the productivity gap

- Local growth Deal round 3 £1.8 billion available - total bids over £5 billion. Expecting to hear shortly
- Government looking at Enterprise Zones and their role in supporting local growth (breadth and depth)
- Housing and affordable housing - key to improving mobility of the labour force
- Devolution and also the development of 'pan regional' initiatives bringing together multiple LEP areas.

Local Growth - key priorities for the Department for International Trade

- Role of growth hub to support the development of the local economy
- Supporting SME in the export market
- Importance of Inward Investment
- Trade policy including the organization of trade delegations and supporting the private sector to secure overseas business

09 FUTURE ROLE FOR LEPs

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- Business Engagement
- Industrial Strategy
- Local growth and the development of place
- 'Pan' Regional and/or sub national developments





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