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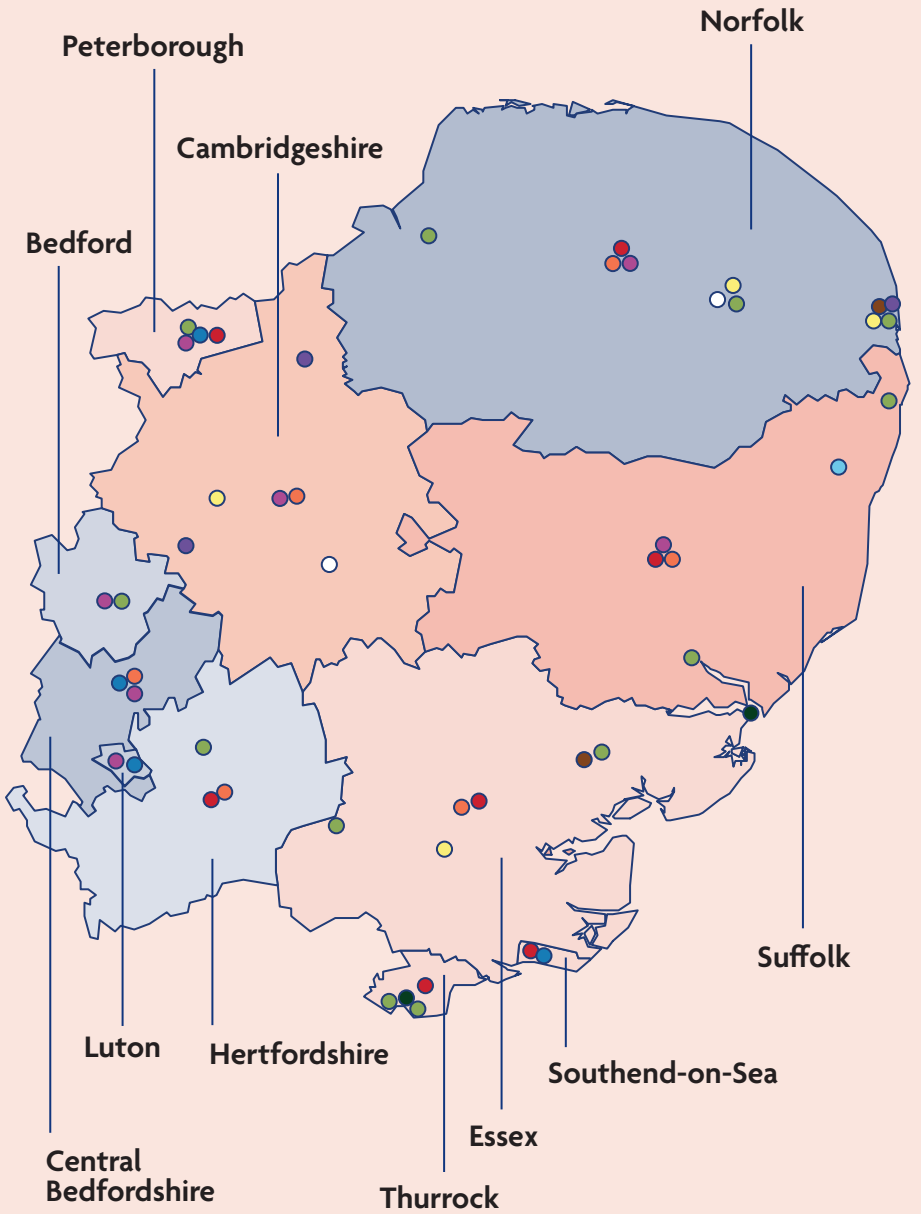
Levelling Up
Delivering for all parts of the UK

East of England

The East of England is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£87m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing five projects in the East of England. Transport enhancements include reducing congestion and creating new walking and cycling routes in Central Bedfordshire. Coastal attractions at Southend-on-Sea will be upgraded to attract tourism and investment. In Peterborough, a new interactive “Living Lab” within the brand new university will be built and act as a beacon of transformative change in the city. Over 300 new homes and 2,000

square metres of community space will be delivered in Luton, as well as a Community Wellbeing Hub in Houghton Regis. The Towns Fund is investing over **£287m** across 12 towns in the East of England including in Norwich, Peterborough and Great Yarmouth. Norwich will see delivery of new and improved green spaces and sustainable transport links. Peterborough will see new cultural facilities within the city centre, a lakeside activity centre and new pedestrian links created to improve access to the riverside and its green spaces adjoining the transformational new university. In Great Yarmouth, investment will be spent on reinventing public spaces, growing the arts and cultural scene and creating new jobs.



- Key**
- Levelling Up Fund:** Southend-on-Sea, Peterborough, Luton and Central Bedfordshire.
 - Towns Fund:** Bedford, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, King's Lynn, Colchester, Grays, Harlow, Stevenage, Tilbury, Lowestoft, Norwich and Peterborough.
 - Future High Streets Fund:** March, St Neots and Great Yarmouth.
 - Community Renewal Fund:** Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Essex, Norfolk, Southend-on-Sea, Thurrock, Hertfordshire and Suffolk.
 - Community Ownership Fund:** Westhall.
 - Project Gigabit:** Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Essex.
 - Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Colchester, Great Yarmouth.
 - Freeports:** Felixstowe/Harwich and Tilbury/London Gateway in Thurrock.
 - Education Investment Areas:** Peterborough, Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Luton, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.
 - Transport upgrades:** Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Huntingdon and Chelmsford.
 - Transforming Cities Fund:** Norwich and Cambridge.

 **A new Freeport for the East of England**

Centred around the Port of Felixstowe and Harwich International Port, **Freeport East** will take advantage of its close proximity to major European and global trade routes. The Freeport will drive regeneration in the area and support the subregional and regional economy recover from the pandemic. It will provide high skilled, high paying jobs, building on the already well-established industries situated in and around the ports.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the East of England:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£600m over 30 years through the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Devolution Deal, devolving new powers over transport, planning and skills, and providing investment funding to grow the local economy and to deliver new homes.

£500m City Deal with Greater Cambridge to enable a new wave of innovation-led growth by investing in infrastructure, housing and skills.

Both **Norfolk and Suffolk** have been invited to agree new devolution deals.

£87m for five projects from the Levelling Up Fund, including upgrading coastal attractions at Southend-on-Sea, building a new science lab and education space in Peterborough and building over 300 new homes and 2,000 square metres of community space in Luton.

Almost £24m from the Future High Streets Fund to renew and reshape high streets in March, St Neots and Great Yarmouth.

Over £287m through the Towns Fund for 12 towns and cities, supporting economic growth, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces, and revamp cultural attractions.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Local Growth Deals are delivering major growth opportunities such as building the East Coast College Skills Centre in Lowestoft, regenerating the Luton Hat district and providing a new rail station in Chelmsford.

£39m through the Transforming Cities Fund for a new mobility hub at Norwich Rail Station.

Road upgrades in the East of England include the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing, Lower Thames Crossing and the A14 from Cambridge to Huntingdon, and further A road improvements.

£462m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £88m for transport improvements across the East of England.

30 zero emission buses for Cambridge and Peterborough from the £70m Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the East of England increased from 5% in November 2019 to 61% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage to 99% in the East of England.

359,275 new businesses created in the East of England between 2010 and 2020.

830,800 jobs were furloughed and protected in the East of England through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£292m extra for mainstream schools is forecast for the East of England in 2022-23, an increase of 5.9% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes “growth” funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for local authority districts including Peterborough, Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Luton, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, to drive improvements in educational attainment.

A new Institute of Technology in development with South Essex College covering the South East LEP area.

31,800 apprenticeships started in the East of England in 2019-20.

1,053 more doctors and 2,599 more nurses working in hospitals in the East of England between September 2019 and September 2021.

Building five new hospitals in the East of England as part of the Government’s commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030, including the rebuild of James Paget Hospital and West Suffolk Hospital; a new cancer hospital at Addenbrookes; a new integrated, high-tech healthcare campus to replace the ageing Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow; new hospital buildings at Watford General Hospital; and the refurbishment of Hemel Hempstead and St Albans City hospitals.

8,990 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 21 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

Restoring local pride

996 extra police officers recruited in the East of England since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£96,600 from the Community Ownership Fund awarded to the Racehorse Inn in Westhall.

Over £3m from the Brownfield Land Release Fund towards the regeneration of two estates, the Heart of Greenstead regeneration project in Colchester and the Middlegate Estate in Great Yarmouth.

Over £17m for 33 Community Renewal Fund projects, including funding culture-led regeneration through the film industry in Hertfordshire, Net Zero business support in Norfolk and digital skills transformation in Essex.

Over £4m from the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme for Central Bedfordshire to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households, helping reduce fuel poverty.

£4m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

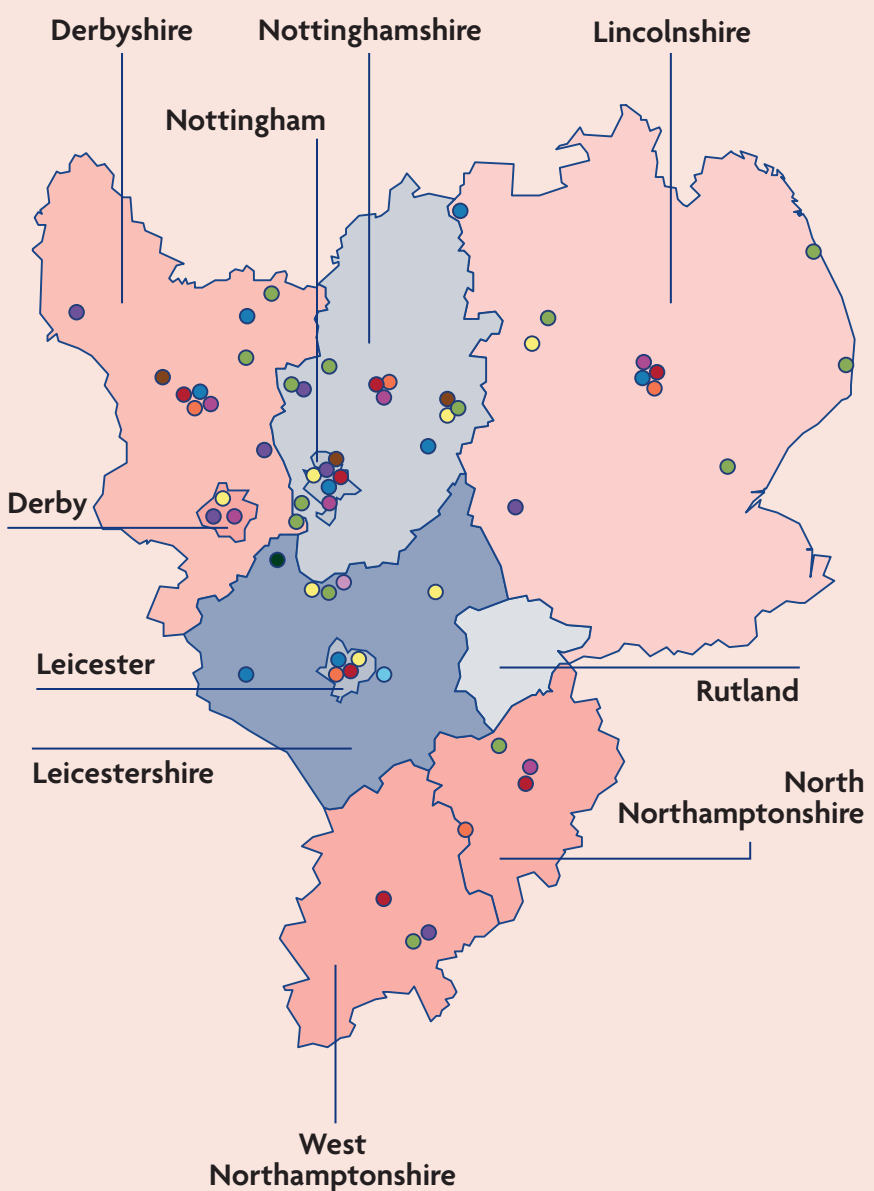
East Midlands

The East Midlands is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£203m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing ten projects in the East Midlands. Transport enhancements include A16 road improvements between Boston and Spalding in Lincolnshire, completing the Newark Southern Link Road between Farndon and Balderton in Nottinghamshire, and a new junction on the A50 south of Derby in Derbyshire. Gainsborough Town Centre will benefit from a new cinema and a new science centre will be built at Twycross Zoo. In Leicester, the railway

station will be revitalised, high-quality office space will be provided in the city and new commercial spaces will be built at Pioneer Park to support economic growth. Stephenson Memorial Hall in Chesterfield will be remodelled and Nottingham will benefit from a programme to improve the streetscape to promote safe active travel across the city.

The Towns Fund is investing over **£346m** across 15 towns in the East Midlands including in Boston, Corby and Lincoln. Boston will see the creation of a new community hub at Boston railway station, Corby will see public realm improvements with parts of the town centre pedestrianised and Lincoln will benefit from regeneration of Cornhill Square, a key public space for the community.



- Key**
- Levelling Up Fund:** Twycross, Leicester, Gainsborough, Farndon and Balderton, Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Nottingham and Lincolnshire.
 - Towns Fund:** Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield, Boston, Clay Cross, Corby, Lincoln, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Mablethorpe, Mansfield, Newark, Northampton, Skegness, Stapleford and Staveley (Derbyshire).
 - Future High Streets Fund:** Derby, Nottingham, Heanor, Buxton, Grantham, Northampton and Sutton-in-Ashfield.
 - Community Renewal Fund:** Derbyshire, Leicester, Lincolnshire, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and West Northamptonshire.
 - Community Ownership Fund:** Thurnby (Leicestershire).
 - Project Gigabit:** Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire.
 - Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Derbyshire Dales, Newark and Sherwood.
 - Freeport:** East Midlands Airport.
 - Civil Service relocation:** Loughborough (UK Anti-Doping Headquarters).
 - Education Investment Areas:** East Midlands local authority districts, including Derby, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
 - Transport upgrades:** Loughborough, Derby, Nottingham, Newark, Leicester, Melton Mowbray and North Hykeham.

A new Freeport for the East Midlands

East Midlands Freeport will create a globally connected, world-leading advanced manufacturing and logistics hub at the heart of the UK. As the only inland Freeport in England, it offers unique and exciting opportunities for new high-value, low carbon investment and has Net Zero, skills and innovation at its core. It will also drive significant job growth in the region, creating thousands of new jobs.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the East Midlands:



Empowering local leaders and communities

Derbyshire and Derby, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham invited to begin negotiations to agree new devolution deals.

£203m for 10 projects through the Levelling Up Fund, including in Twycross, Leicester, Gainsborough, Farndon and Balderton, Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Nottingham and Lincolnshire.

Over £346m invested in 15 Towns Fund deals including in Clay Cross, Staveley, Long Eaton, Boston, Mablethorpe, Skegness, Corby, Stapleford and Mansfield, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces, and revitalise cultural attractions.

£63m for seven high streets through the Future High Streets Fund to improve transport links, build new homes and transform underused spaces, including in Derby, Nottingham, Heanor, Buxton, Grantham, Northampton and Sutton-in-Ashfield.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Local Growth Deals are delivering major growth opportunities across the East Midlands. These include redevelopment of Nottingham's Southside area; support for Derby's Infinity Park; unlocking land for housing and access to the M1 in Loughborough; and the creation of a medical school at the University of Lincoln.

£400m of new funding for the British Business Bank's Midlands Engine Investment Fund.

£40m through the Transforming Cities Fund for Leicester, including a new Electric Bus Link to connect rail and bus stations with the city centre and over £169m for transport enhancements across Nottingham and Derby, including a new pedestrian and cycle crossing of the River Trent and improvements at Derby bus station.

Road upgrades including M1 Junctions 13-19 and 23, A38 Derby Junctions, A52 Nottingham Junctions, and improving capacity along the A46 Newark Bypass.

£387m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £75m for smaller transport improvement priorities through the Integrated Transport Block across the East Midlands.

£18m through the Strength in Places Fund across the Midlands for development of advanced ceramics requiring less energy usage, with partners including Rolls Royce, the University of Leicester and Loughborough University.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the East Midlands increased from 6% in November 2019 to 69% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

299,720 new businesses created in the East Midlands between 2010 and 2020.

753,700 jobs were furloughed and protected in the East Midlands through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£229m extra for mainstream schools is forecast for the East Midlands in 2022-23, an increase of 6% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes "growth" funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

831 more doctors and 1,900 more nurses working in hospitals in the East Midlands between September 2019 and September 2021.

Four hospitals to be delivered in the East Midlands, including three new hospitals that are part of the Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. This includes the rebuild of Leicester Royal Infirmary and Glenfield; new facilities at Leicester General; the rebuild of the Queen's Medical Centre and City Hospital sites in Nottingham; a national rehabilitation centre at Stanford Hall near Loughborough; and the rebuild of Kettering General.

Civil Service relocation will see the UK Anti-Doping Unit located at Loughborough University Sports Park.

New Education Investment Areas announced in East Midlands local authority districts, including Derby, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

Lincolnshire Institute of Technology established with employer partners including Siemens, Bakkavor Ltd. and Olympus Automation Limited. A further Institute of Technology in development with the University of Derby, Derby College, Loughborough University and Loughborough College (covering the D2N2 and Leicestershire LEP areas).

28,080 apprenticeships started in the East Midlands in 2019-20.

7,880 Kickstart jobs started by young people and three youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.



Restoring local pride

841 extra police officers recruited in the East Midlands since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £1m under the Brownfield Land Release Fund to support the regeneration of two estates, Hurst Farm Estate in Derbyshire Dales and the Yorke Drive and Lincoln Road Playing Fields in Newark and Sherwood.

Over £15m for 27 projects across the East Midlands through the Community Renewal Fund, including for work in Northamptonshire on Net Zero and local energy projects.

£250,000 from the Community Ownership Fund for the Hub Community Centre and Café in Thurnby.

Over £4m from the Sustainable Warmth Fund to help Leicester and Lincoln install energy saving upgrades and low carbon heating in low-income households.

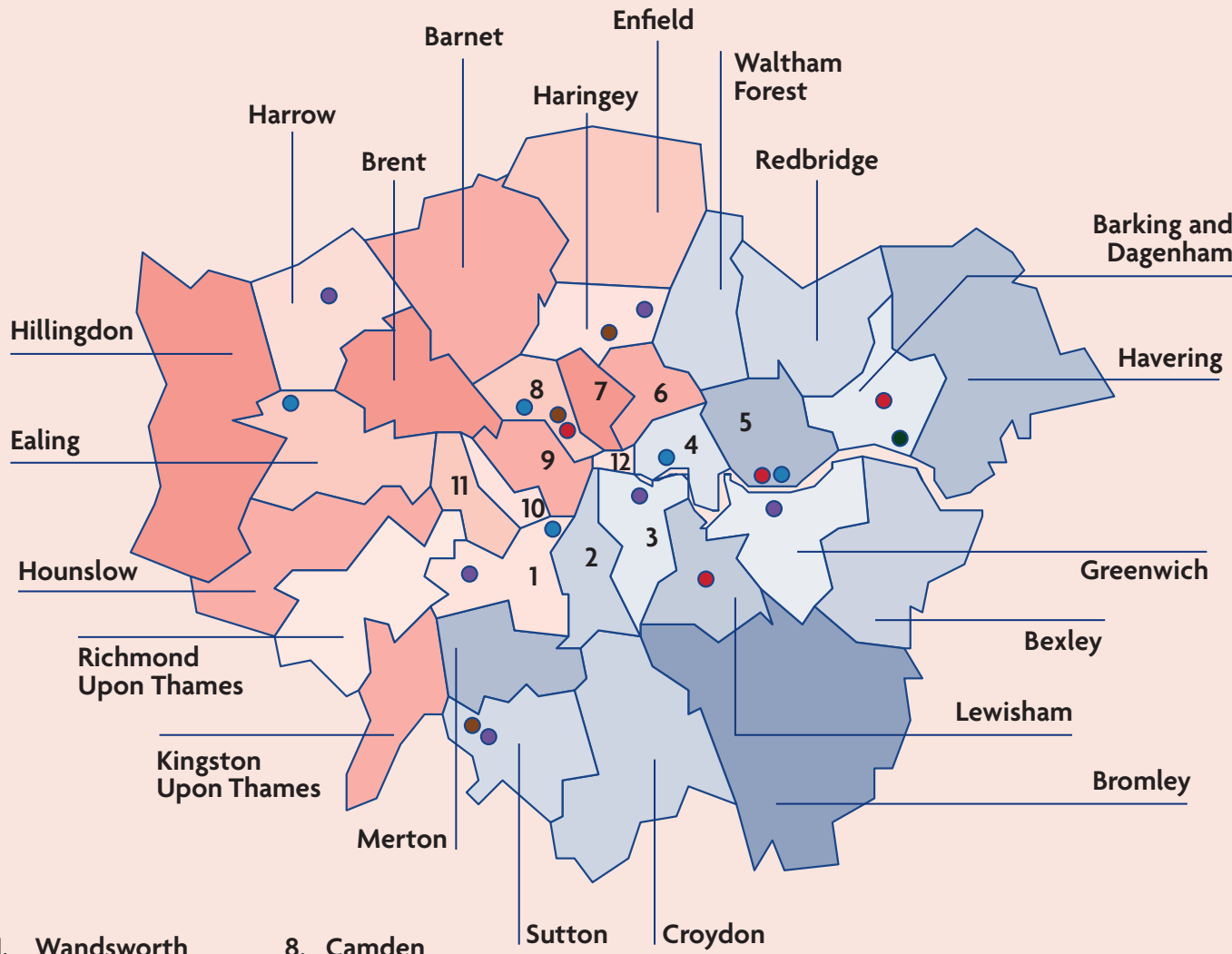
£6m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

London

London is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£65m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing six projects in London. Transport enhancements include connecting Northolt Station to White Hart Roundabout, highway improvements on Whitechapel Road, and a new bridge, walking and cycling improvements in Newham. A new concert venue and music education centre will be built in Nine Elms and the Carlton and Grenville community Centres in South Kilburn will be refurbished.

The Future High Streets Fund is supporting the regeneration of high streets across the UK, including in London. The capital has received funding for six high streets totalling over **£56m**. In Woolwich, funding will help to transform the Old Town Hall, Powis Street and Beresford Square into a vibrant place to live, work, experience and shop. Along the Old Kent Road in Southwark, funding will be given to several projects along the south-eastern stretch to support wider regeneration plans. In Sutton, the funding will repurpose empty or unused buildings, build new and affordable homes contributing to the physical regeneration of the high street, including Elm Grove, and provide more flexible commercial workspaces.



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| 1. Wandsworth | 8. Camden |
| 2. Lambeth | 9. Westminster |
| 3. Southwark | 10. Kensington and Chelsea |
| 4. Tower Hamlets | 11. Hammersmith and Fulham |
| 5. Newham | 12. City of London |
| 6. Hackney | |
| 7. Islington | |



A new Freeport on the Thames

Thames Freeport takes advantage of excellent links into central London and major European cities. It will deliver jobs, new training and upskilling opportunities, and unlock port investment and new foreign investment. The Freeport will also catalyse the generation of clean energy, including hydrogen, and innovate in low carbon technology, contributing to regional and national Net Zero targets.

Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Northolt, Whitechapel, Nine Elms, South Kilburn and Newham.
- Future High Streets Fund:** Woolwich, Tottenham, Wealdstone, Old Kent Road, Sutton and Putney.
- Community Renewal Fund:** London-wide projects, plus local projects in Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Lewisham and Camden.
- Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Camden, Haringey and Sutton.
- Freeport:** Dagenham.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up communities in London:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£65m through the Levelling Up Fund, investing in six projects to improve everyday life including in Northolt, Whitechapel Road, Nine Elms, South Kilburn and Newham.

Over £56m in Future High Streets Funding for six high streets in London including Woolwich, Tottenham, Wealdstone, Old Kent Road, Sutton and Putney.

The Levelling Up Advisory Council will consider how to ensure London's complex economic geography and socio-economic spectrum can further benefit from levelling up.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£44.6bn to deliver a new high speed rail link between London and the West Midlands. HS2 will also transform Euston Station, with the station redevelopment expected to create up to 16,000 new jobs and 2,200 homes.

£1bn investment in London's transport network annually through Business Rates Retention, and over £4bn in additional funding since the start of the pandemic to support London's transport network, ensuring services continue to run during the pandemic.

Over £18bn investment in Crossrail which will improve connectivity across London via the Elizabeth line, and £1bn from the Public Works Loan Board to extend the Northern Line to Battersea.

£24bn strategic roads investment including the Lower Thames Crossing, increasing capacity across the Thames East of London by over 90%.

Gigabit broadband coverage in London increased from 14% in November 2019 to 78% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 90-100% by 2025.

929,070 new businesses created in London between 2010 and 2020.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£322m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for London, an increase of 5.4% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes "growth" funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

Institutes of Technology established in East London, London City and West London.

36,930 apprenticeships started in London in 2019-20.

Five hospitals to be delivered in London by the end of the decade, including four new hospitals that are part of the Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. Projects include the rebuild of Hillingdon Hospital; the rebuild of St Mary's Paddington and Hammersmith Hospital (Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust); a new eye care, research and education facility, Moorfields Eye Hospital and UCL Institute of Ophthalmology; major floor by floor refurbishment of Charing Cross; and a new hospital at Whipps Cross.

2,264 more doctors and 3,511 more nurses working in hospitals in London between September 2019 and September 2021.

27,380 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 26 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

1,291,600 jobs were furloughed and protected in London through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Restoring local pride

2,155 extra police officers recruited in London since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £3m from the Brownfield Land Release Fund for the regeneration of three estates including the Bacton Low Rise Estate in Camden, the Broadwater Farm Estate in Haringey and Beech Tree Place in Sutton.

Over £3m for the Greater London Authority for six projects through the Community Renewal Fund, to invest in people, places, businesses and communities, including in Newham and Camden.

Over £142m has been allocated to build permanent homes for rough sleepers with an ambition to deliver 1,640 homes in London in total.

Over £168m for the East Bank development to bring world class cultural institutions such as the BBC, V&A, and UCL to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, attracting an additional 1.5m visitors to the area each year, and delivering on the Olympic legacy to transform this part of East London.

£2m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

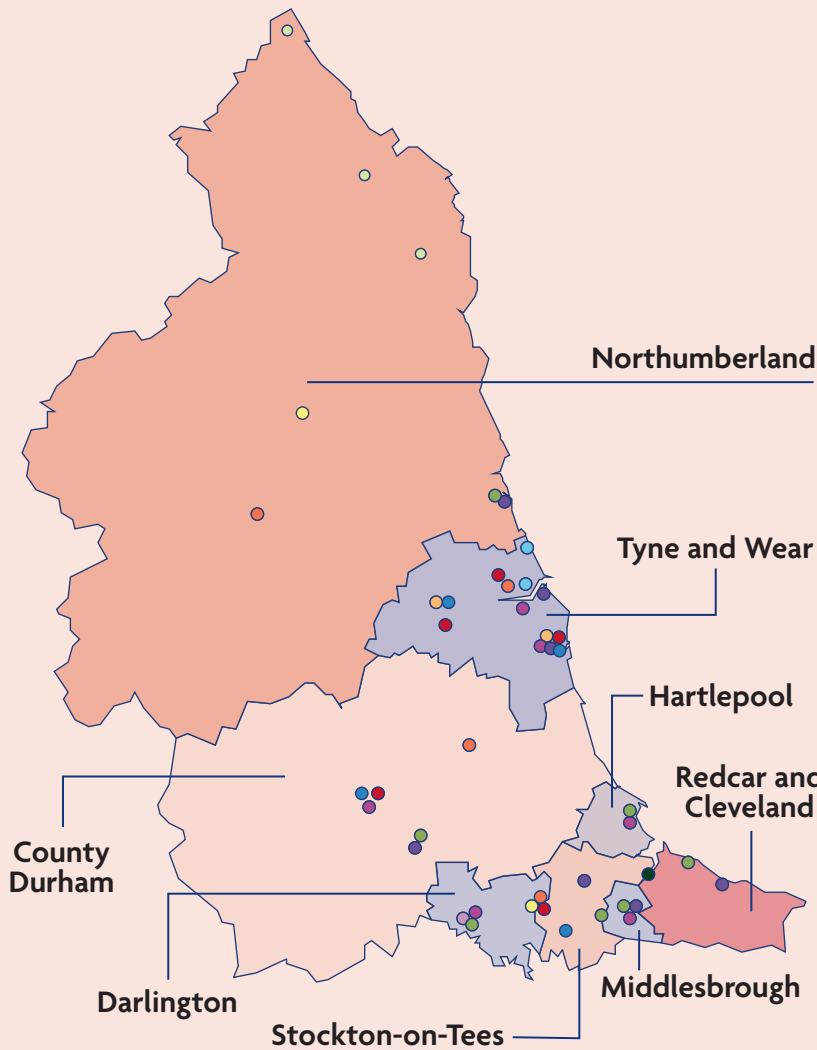
North East

The North East is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£100m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing five projects in the North East. Town centres will be transformed with regeneration projects in Yarm and Eaglescliffe, and the restoration of Grainger Market in Newcastle. The Whorlton Bridge over the River Tees in County Durham is the world's oldest suspension bridge and will be reopened with a new visitor centre to celebrate the area's transport heritage. Establishing the

Housing Innovation and Construction Skills Academy in Sunderland and building a state-of-the-art sports facility in West Denton will provide new employment and sports opportunities.

The Towns Fund is investing over **£172m** across seven towns in the North East including Darlington, Hartlepool and Blyth. Darlington town centre will see revitalisation of the historic yards and wynds, new town centre lighting and WiFi, as well as the acquisition of a redundant office block to make way for new development. Hartlepool will see the refurbishment of derelict town centre properties and Blyth will receive funding to establish business-led skills facilities for the energy sector, helping residents to seize local job opportunities.



Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Yarm and Eaglescliffe, Sunderland, Newcastle and County Durham.
- Towns Fund:** Bishop Auckland, Blyth, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Thornaby-on-Tees.
- Future High Streets Fund:** Middlesbrough, Bishop Auckland, Blyth, Loftus, South Shields, Stockton and Sunderland.
- Community Renewal Fund:** County Durham, Gateshead, North of Tyne, Sunderland and the Tees Valley.
- Community Ownership Fund:** North Shields and Whitley Bay.
- Project Gigabit:** Durham, Tyneside, Teesside and Northumberland.
- Strength in Places Fund:** Sunderland and Newcastle.
- Freeport:** Teesside.
- Civil Service relocation:** Darlington.
- Education Investment Areas:** Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Darlington, Sunderland, South Tyneside and County Durham.
- Transport upgrades:** Tees Valley (Middlesbrough and Darlington) and Northumberland.
- Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal:** Alnwick, Berwick-upon-Tweed and Wooler.

Civil Service relocation to the North East

The **Darlington Economic Campus** is a pioneering new cross government hub which will bring together people across departments and public organisations to play an active role in the most important economic issues of the day. As part of the Places for Growth programme, the Campus will drive to diversify the way the UK Government makes policy, broaden access to skills and talent and widen opportunities. There will be substantial career opportunities and exciting prospects across the departments and organisations based at the campus, including HM Treasury, the Department for International Trade, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the Office for National Statistics and the Competition and Markets Authority.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the North East:

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£450m over 30 years through the Tees Valley Combined Authority Devolution Deal, which first elected its Mayor in May 2017.

£600m over 30 years through the North of Tyne Combined Authority Devolution Deal, which elected its Mayor in May 2019.

Over £98m from the Future High Streets Fund for seven towns and cities across the North East including Middlesbrough, Blyth and Sunderland.

£100m for five projects across the North East through the Levelling Up Fund, including in Yarm and Eaglescliffe, Sunderland, Newcastle and County Durham.

Over £172m for seven Towns Deals across the North East, including in Bishop Auckland, Blyth, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Thornaby-on-Tees, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces and revamp cultural attractions.

Durham invited to begin negotiations to agree a new devolution deal and negotiations to be taken forward to agree an expanded Mayoral Combined Authority deal for the North East.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Teesside Freeport will make the most of the opportunities available from the regeneration of the site of the former Tees steelworks, providing a boost to the local economy while making a significant contribution to Net Zero.

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, involving £265m of UK Government investment, is supporting cross-border partnership, innovation and growth, including in Northumberland. To date, £29.5m has been earmarked for projects in the North East.

£660m of additional funding for the British Business Bank Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund to finance a new round of the fund and expand it into the North East.

Over £208m for transport enhancements in the North East and over £75m for transport improvements in the Tees Valley through the Transforming Cities Fund.

£310m for transport schemes in the Tees Valley, including Middlesbrough and Darlington station upgrades and improving local rail links.

£34m of initial funding for preparatory works to support the reintroduction of passenger rail services on the Northumberland Line.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the North East has increased from 2% in November 2019 to 66% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

77,400 new businesses created in the North East between 2010 and 2020.

Local Growth Deals for Local Enterprise Partnerships in the North East, including investment in NETPark, a leading science and technology park in Sedgefield.

329,800 jobs were furloughed and protected in the North East through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£110m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the North East, an increase of 6% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes “growth” funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Darlington, Sunderland, South Tyneside and County Durham, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

North East Institute of Technology established covering Durham, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Northumberland (North East LEP area).

17,310 apprenticeships started in the North East in 2019-20.

Two hospitals to be delivered in the North East by the end of the decade, including the rebuild of Northgate hospital and a new hospital to replace Shotley Bridge Hospital that is part of the UK Government’s commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030.

725 more doctors and 1,552 more nurses working in hospitals in the North East between September 2019 and September 2021.

200-300 jobs at the new HM Treasury campus in Darlington as part of the Places for Growth programme.

5,310 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 12 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

Restoring local pride

645 extra police officers recruited in the North East since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £7m from the Community Renewal Fund for 14 projects across the North East, including a project to strengthen the voluntary and community sector in Sunderland.

£600,000 for two projects in North Shields and Whitley Bay from the first round of the Community Ownership Fund to protect valued community assets.

£690,000 towards the regeneration of Church Lane North estate in Redcar and Cleveland through the Brownfield Land Release Fund.

£53m for the North East Local Net Zero Hub to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low income households, helping to reduce fuel poverty, phase out high carbon fossil fuel heating and deliver progress towards the UK’s commitment to Net Zero by 2050.

Over £11m from the Sustainable Warmth Fund, to help four councils in the North East install energy saving upgrades and low carbon heating in low-income households.

£1m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

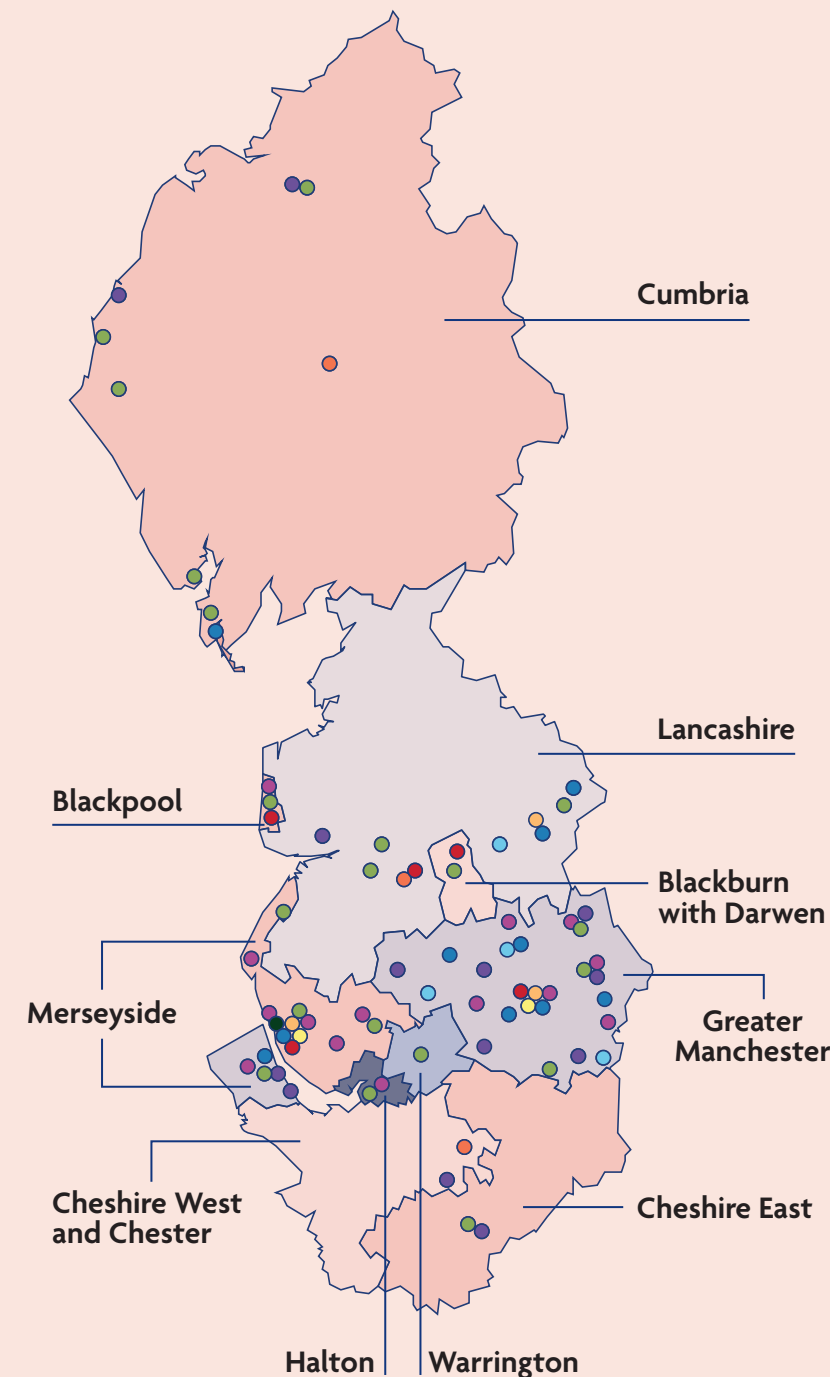
North West

The North West is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£232m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing 12 projects in the North West. Town centres will be revitalised with investment in theatres in Colne town centre, modernising the Market Hall in Barrow-in-Furness and renovating one of Britain's favourite markets in Bury. Heritage assets will be restored with investment in Ashton Town Hall and continued regeneration of Liverpool's docks. Connectivity enhancements include segregated walking and cycling routes across Liverpool and preserving the ferry route across the Mersey in Woodside. Creating the Bolton College of Medical Sciences, delivering a new civic hub in Radcliffe and expanding the University of Central Lancashire's Burnley campus will

enhance skills, create jobs and provide new opportunities for wider development. Two dilapidated buildings in Manchester will be repurposed to deliver large, modern workspaces and the Salford Innovation Zone will be connected to surrounding communities.

The Towns Fund is investing **£486m** across 20 towns in the North West including Blackpool, Warrington, Rochdale, Southport and Workington. Transport improvements include a new bus facility at Warrington with the capacity to support an electric bus fleet, and improvements to cycling and walking routes at Cleator Moor. Cultural and leisure attractions will be transformed, with investment in the Blackpool Illuminations and redevelopment of the Fire Service Museum in Rochdale. Town centre regeneration will be supported through the acquisition of key sites to make way for new development including in Barrow-in-Furness, Leyland and Oldham.



Key

- **Levelling Up Fund:** Bolton, Burnley, Birkenhead, Bury, Manchester, Liverpool, Colne, Barrow-in-Furness, Tameside and Salford.
- **Towns Fund:** Barrow-in-Furness, Birkenhead, Blackpool, Bolton, Carlisle, Cheadle, Cleator Moor, Crewe, Darwen, Leyland, Millom, Nelson, Oldham, Preston, Rochdale, Runcorn, Southport, St Helens, Warrington and Workington.
- **Future High Streets Fund:** Crewe, Farnworth, Oldham, Birkenhead, Maryport, Carlisle, Winsford, Kirkham, Rochdale, Stockport, Trafford, Wigan, and New Ferry.
- **Community Renewal Fund:** Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Liverpool City Region.
- **Community Ownership Fund:** Leigh, Marple, Clayton-le-Moors and Bury.
- **Project Gigabit:** Cumbria, Lancashire and Cheshire.
- **Strength in Places Fund:** Rochdale and Liverpool.
- **Freeport:** Liverpool.
- **Education Investment Areas:** Knowsley, Blackpool, Liverpool, Rochdale, St Helens, Oldham, Salford, Halton, Tameside, Sefton, Manchester, Bury, the Wirral and Bolton.
- **Transport upgrades:** Greater Manchester and Liverpool.



A new Freeport for the North West

Liverpool Freeport will provide significant opportunities for the city, its people and the wider region, helping communities thrive through new investment and thousands of new jobs. Liverpool is the UK's leading transatlantic port with excellent links to the US. It will support a globally competitive, environmentally responsible and socially inclusive city region.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the North West:

Empowering local leaders and communities

Devolution deals with Greater Manchester and Liverpool City Region Combined Authorities, devolving new powers over transport, planning and skills.

£900m investment fund over 30 years as part of Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's devolution deal.

£900m investment fund over 30 years as part of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's devolution deal.

A trailblazer deeper devolution deal to be negotiated with Greater Manchester Combined Authority that could act as a blueprint for other MCAs including Liverpool City Region.

£232m from the Levelling Up Fund for 12 projects across the North West, including in Bolton, Burnley, Birkenhead, Radcliffe, Bury, Manchester, Liverpool, Colne, Barrow-in-Furness, Tameside and Salford.

Over £168m invested in 13 high streets through the Future High Streets Fund to support the renewal and reshaping of town centres and high streets across the region, including in Carlisle, Rochdale, Stretford, and Winsford.

£486m invested through 20 Towns Fund deals across the North West, including in Crewe, St Helens and Darwen, which will deliver new homes, transform public spaces, and revamp cultural attractions.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£172m for a new Hartree National Centre for Digital Innovation at Sci-Tech Daresbury, a five-year £210m partnership between IBM and the STFC Hartree Centre.

A pilot Innovation Accelerator centred on Greater Manchester with access to £100m in funding.

£660m of additional funding for the British Business Bank Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund.

Over £1.5bn through the Local Growth Fund in the North West for projects to boost local economies.

£14.7m investment through the Transforming Cities Fund to regenerate the Friargate North and Ringway area in Preston.

Transport investment through City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements with a further £1bn in Greater Manchester for schemes such as the next generation Metrolink tram-train vehicles and £710m in Liverpool City Region for schemes such as battery power for new Merseyrail trains.

£280m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25 to local authorities not receiving City Region Settlements, and £51m for smaller local transport

improvements across the North West.

£23m through the Strength in Places Fund for the Advanced Machinery and Productivity Initiative in Rochdale, and £19m for the Infection Innovation Consortium led by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

£15m through the Transforming Foundation Industries Challenge for Glass Futures in St Helens, a state-of-the-art glass furnace R&D facility.

120 zero emission buses for Warrington from the £270m Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the North West has increased from 9% in November 2019 to 61% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 80-90% by 2025.

383,885 new businesses created in the North West between 2010 and 2020.

1,041,200 jobs were furloughed and protected in the North West through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

The £265m Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal has so far earmarked £76m for the North West.

£52m for the North West Local Net Zero Hub to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£360m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the North West, an increase of 5.8% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes "growth" funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New National Cyber Force campus at Salford, which will boost the local economy and create jobs.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Knowsley, Blackpool, Liverpool, Rochdale, St Helens, Oldham, Salford, Halton, Tameside, Sefton, Manchester, Bury, the Wirral and Bolton, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high-quality teachers.

Three Institutes of Technology in development with Blackpool & the Fylde College (covering the Lancashire LEP area), University of Salford (covering the Greater Manchester LEP area) and

Cheshire College South and West (covering the Cheshire and Warrington LEP area).

46,250 apprenticeships started in the North West in 2019-20.

Five hospitals to be delivered, including two new hospitals that are part of the UK Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. These include an oncology hospital in North Cumbria; the rebuild of both the Royal Preston Hospital and Royal Lancaster Infirmary (subject to consultation); a new hospital to replace the Royal Liverpool University Hospital; an additional non-elective, high acuity hospital to support the Greater Manchester Major Trauma Service; and the rebuild of North Manchester General Hospital.

1,620 more doctors and 3,161 more nurses working in hospitals in the North West between September 2019 and September 2021.

16,390 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 22 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

Restoring local pride

1,638 extra police officers recruited in the North West since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£137.6m from the Getting Building Fund for 26 projects in the North West since August 2020, including £23m to create the first public park in Manchester in over 100 years. The investment in Mayfield unlocked the delivery of the park, put at risk by the pandemic, and secured up to £1bn in private sector investment in the wider development of the site.

Over £12m for 28 projects across the North West backed by the Community Renewal Fund, including for skills investment in businesses developing low-carbon technology in Blackpool and Rossendale.

£1.63m from the Community Ownership Fund to protect valued community assets in Bury, Leigh, Marple and Clayton-le-Moors.

Over £3m towards the regeneration of three estates in the North West from the Brownfield Land Release Fund, including Sutton Way estate in Ellesmere Port, Lower Falinge area in Central Rochdale and Sale West estate in Trafford.

£11m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

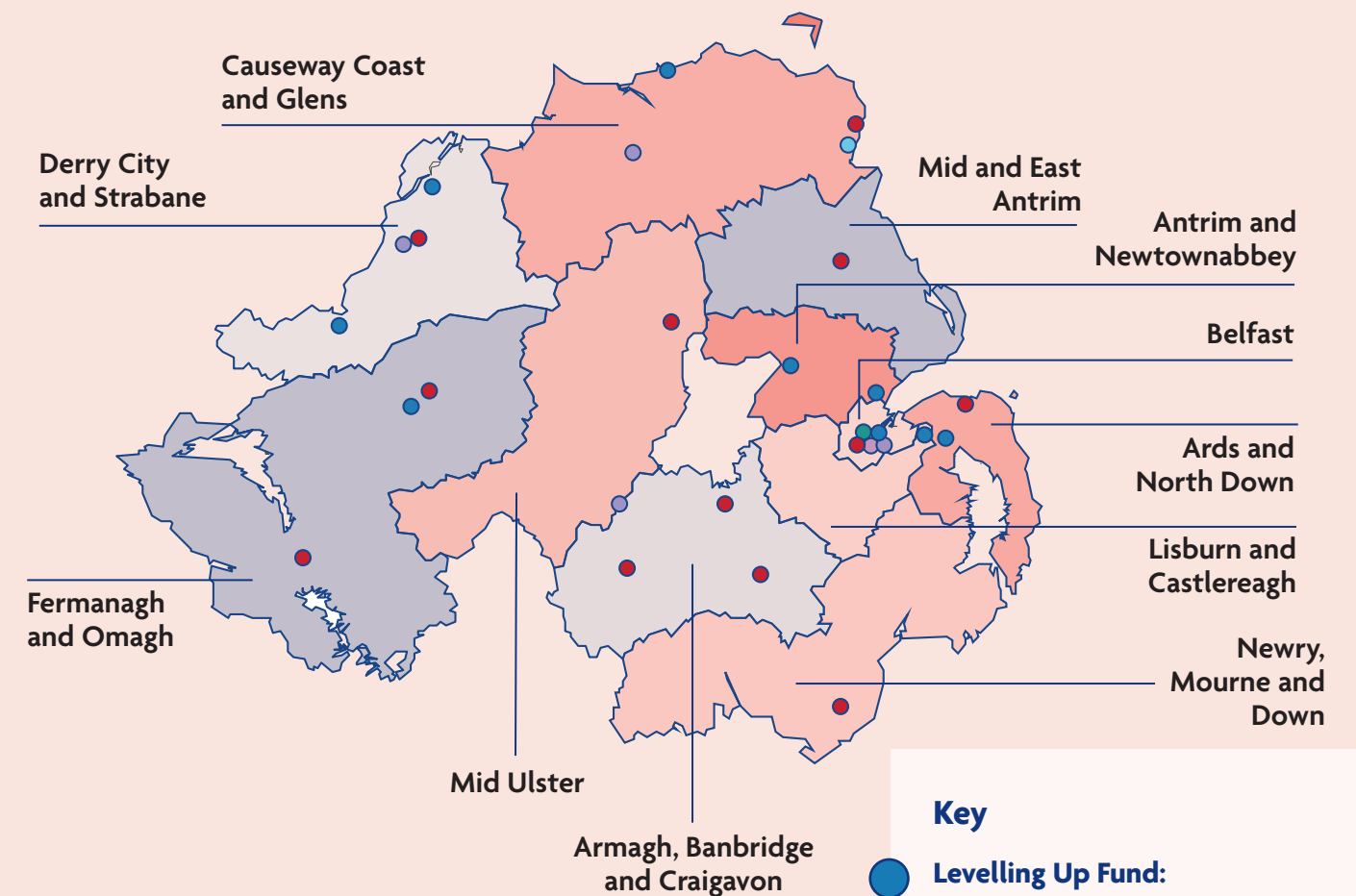
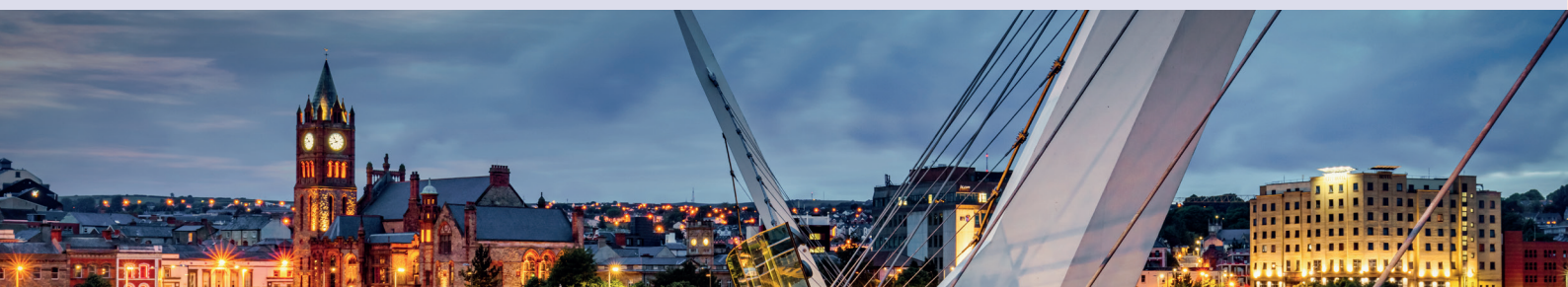
Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

Towns and cities across Northern Ireland will see **£617m** of investment through four City and Growth Deals. The Belfast region will see infrastructure improvements including the Newry Southern Relief Road, tourism and regeneration programmes including for the Bangor Waterfront, and programmes to support economic growth including new regional innovation hubs to incubate growing businesses such as the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre. The Derry-Londonderry and Strabane Region City Deal will see investment in a suite of innovation, digital and health projects aimed at transforming the region's capability and capacity, such as the Centre for Industrial Digitalisation, Robotics and Automation. This is alongside the City Deal unlocking investment in regeneration schemes to transform Strabane town centre. Further, the Mid South West and the Causeway Coast and Glens Growth Deals will facilitate economic growth by investing in innovation, infrastructure, digital and tourism.

The Levelling Up Fund is investing **£49m** in 11 projects across Northern Ireland. Connectivity will be improved through the development of cycling greenways linking Bangor to Newtownards and Newtownards to Comber. There is support for Northern Ireland's film and television industry with investment in Ulster University's virtual production facilities in Belfast and cultural and leisure spaces will be transformed with the regeneration of the Daisyfield Sports Hub in Derry-Londonderry. Regenerating public spaces will have a lasting impact on communities including in Omagh, Glengormley and Antrim, while the Portrush recreation grounds and Dundonald International Ice Bowl will also be redeveloped. New and upgraded sports facilities will be provided in Castlederg and an urban community farm will be established in Derry-Londonderry. The Fund will also see upgrades made to the electric vehicle charging network across Northern Ireland.

The UK Government will continue to work closely with the Northern Ireland Executive on a range of policies to drive tangible change in places and improve life chances.



Supporting Businesses in Northern Ireland

The UK Government has guaranteed **£400m** for the **New Deal for Northern Ireland**, announced in December 2020. The New Deal will help boost economic growth, increase Northern Ireland's competitiveness and invest in infrastructure, and is aimed at supporting businesses to operate following the UK's exit from the EU. It will enable Northern Ireland's businesses to compete in the global market, driving forward future growth and prosperity. The funding will also invest in social development across Northern Ireland to strengthen social cohesion, including by supporting initiatives that enable children from different community backgrounds to be educated together.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up Northern Ireland:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£1.6bn additional funding on average per year through the Barnett formula over the Spending Review 2021 period, on top of annual baseline funding of **£13.4bn**, enabling the Northern Ireland Executive to provide additional future investments in areas such as health, social care and education.

£730m for the new PEACE PLUS programme (including a contribution from the Northern Ireland Executive) to support economic stability, peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. This represents almost 75% of the total budget and delivers in full on the UK Government's commitments to the programme.

£617m for City and Growth Deals which include funding to enable digital innovation and expand the hi-tech companies cluster.

Growing the private sector and boosting living standards

£400m New Deal for Northern Ireland, aimed at supporting businesses to operate after the UK's exit from the EU, while also ensuring that Northern Ireland is ready to seize the trade and investment opportunities ahead. Almost half has been allocated to new systems for supermarkets and small traders, medicine supply chains, trade promotion and skills development.

A new trade and investment hub in Belfast, which will ensure that the benefits of the UK's global trade policy are channelled to Northern Ireland.

£1bn for farmers and land managers and £9.3m to support fisheries from the UK Government over the 2021 Spending Review period.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Northern Ireland increased from 31% in November 2019 to 81% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 90-100% by 2025.

59,055 new businesses created in Northern Ireland between 2010 and 2020.

£70m for a new British Business Bank investment fund in Northern Ireland, working closely with local partners.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage from 97% to 98% in Northern Ireland.

£50m over two years from the New Decade New Approach deal to support the rollout of ultra-low emission public transport.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

60 new jobs by 2025 in Belfast from the expansion of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to this new location.

240,200 jobs were furloughed and protected in Northern Ireland through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Restoring local pride

Over £22m for the Tackling Paramilitarism Programme over the 2021 Spending Review period, contributing to a safer Northern Ireland.

£12m from the Community Renewal Fund to support 30 projects, such as helping small businesses in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon innovate to reduce their carbon footprint, as well as national projects supporting communities across Northern Ireland.

£300,000 for the Glens Digital Hub in Cushendall from the first round of the Community Ownership Fund to protect a valued community asset.

£49m invested in local communities for 11 successful project bids through the Levelling Up Fund, including in Dundonald, Omagh and Antrim.

£700,000 of UK Government funding to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

Scotland

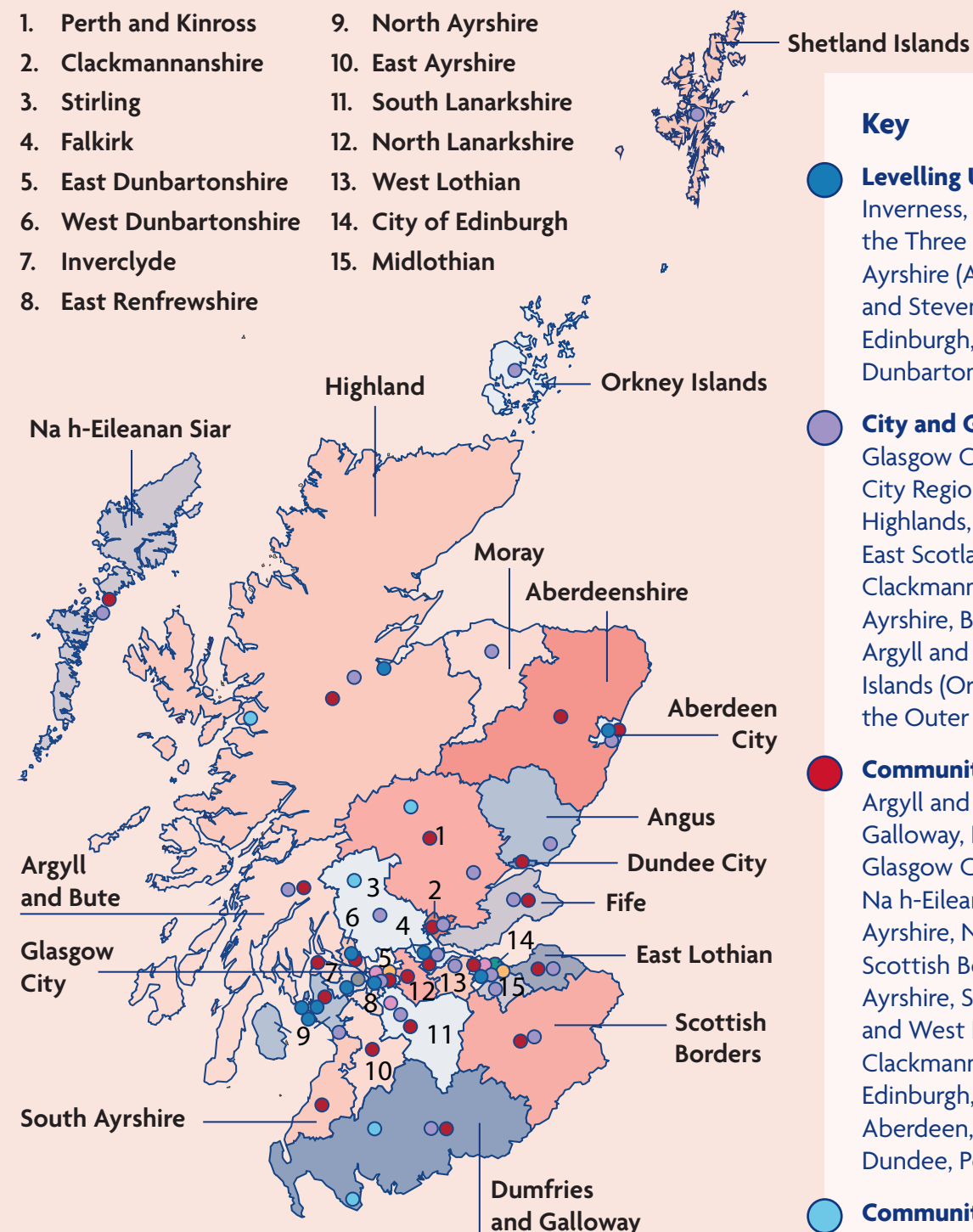
Scotland is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

12 regions across Scotland will see **£1.5bn** of UK Government investment through City and Growth Deals. Of these, the Ayrshire Growth Deal will see a total of up to **£103m** invested to create over 7,000 new jobs across Ayrshire. The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal will deliver up to **£265m** of investment over the next ten to 15 years, supporting cross-border partnership, innovation and growth. The Tay Cities Region Deal will deliver up to **£150m** of investment to the region, including in aviation and cyber security, and Stirling and Clackmannanshire will see **£45m** of investment.

The first round of the Levelling Up Fund is backing eight projects in Scotland with

£172m of investment. Cultural and heritage attractions will be revitalised, including with the transformation of the Pollok Stables and Sawmill in Glasgow into a Net Zero hydro-powered heritage and community centre. Transport connectivity will be enhanced with a new direct route between Glasgow and the Three Towns in North Ayrshire, upgrades to Westfield Roundabout in Falkirk and improved links to Renfrewshire's Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District. Additionally, Granton Waterfront will be developed in Edinburgh, the Artizan Shopping Centre in West Dunbartonshire will be remodelled, Inverness Castle will be redeveloped and a new marketplace in Aberdeen City Centre will be delivered.

The UK Government will continue to work closely with the Scottish Government on a range of policies to drive tangible change in places and improve life chances.



Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Inverness, Aberdeen, Glasgow, the Three Towns in North Ayrshire (Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston), Renfrewshire, Edinburgh, Falkirk and West Dunbartonshire.
- City and Growth Deals:** Glasgow City Region, Aberdeen City Region, Inverness and the Highlands, Edinburgh and South East Scotland, Stirling and Clackmannanshire, Tay Cities, Ayrshire, Borderlands, Moray, Argyll and Bute, Falkirk and the Islands (Orkney, Shetland and the Outer Hebrides).
- Community Renewal Fund:** Argyll and Bute, Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire, Falkirk, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, Na h-Eileanan Siar, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Scottish Borders, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire, Clackmannanshire, East Lothian, Edinburgh, Fife, Highland, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Dundee, Perth and Kinross.
- Community Ownership Fund:** Whithorn, Inverie, New Galloway, Kinloch Rannoch and Callander.
- Strength in Places Fund:** Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- Civil Service relocation:** Glasgow, East Kilbride and Edinburgh.
- Trade and investment hub:** Edinburgh.
- Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre:** Renfrewshire.



Scotland on the global stage

In October and November 2021, Glasgow hosted the **COP26 UN Climate Change Conference**, showcasing Scotland on the global stage. The Prime Minister brought together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change. Glasgow, Scotland, and the whole of the UK, will benefit economically from having hosted the summit, including future growth in international tourism.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up Scotland:



Empowering local leaders and communities

£4.6bn additional funding to the Scottish Government per year on average through the Barnett formula from 2022-23 to 2024-25, on top of its annual baseline funding of £36.7bn. This funding enables the Scottish Government to provide additional investments in areas such as health, social care and education.

£1.5bn of UK Government investment has been committed to City and Growth Deals since 2014. These now cover every part of Scotland and will stimulate economic growth and jobs through investment in local projects.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Over 8,900 homes and businesses will get access to next-generation broadband speeds thanks to £12.5m awarded through the UK Government's nationwide gigabit programme.

Expanding the trade and investment hub in Edinburgh to ensure Scotland benefits from the UK's global trade policy.

A pilot Innovation Accelerator centred on Glasgow City Region with access to £100m in funding. This is a new partnership to support the City Region to become a globally competitive centre for research and innovation.

£21m through the Strength in Places Fund for south west Scotland and Cumbria to develop technology to support and decarbonise the dairy industry, £38m for medical innovation and research in Glasgow and £23m for the Global Open Finance Centre of Excellence in Edinburgh.

£1.9bn for farmers and land managers and £42.2m to support fisheries from the UK Government over the 2021 Spending Review period. The UK Government has extended the recommendations of the Bew Review so that additional funding will continue to be provided to farmers in Scotland over the next three years.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Scotland increased from 5% in November 2019 to 60% in November

2021, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage to 91% in Scotland.

North Sea Transition Deal signed to support workers, businesses and the supply chain in the oil and gas industry, concentrated in the north east of Scotland, with the transition to a low carbon future, and £27m for the Aberdeen Energy Transition Zone.

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, involving £265m of UK Government investment, is supporting cross-border partnership, innovation and growth, including £65m in Scotland.

217,430 new businesses created in Scotland between 2010 and 2020.

£150m for the British Business Bank to establish a new investment fund in Scotland to support access to finance for Scottish businesses, working closely with the Scottish Government and Scottish National Development Bank.

£13m for the Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre in Renfrewshire which will improve domestic medicine manufacturing to prepare for the risk of future health crises.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

500 extra jobs for civil servants to be employed by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in East Kilbride and a planned Cabinet Office base in Glasgow by 2024, providing new jobs, attracting investment and bringing policymakers closer to the people they serve in Scotland.

10,970 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 19 Youth Hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

736,500 jobs were furloughed and protected in Scotland through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Restoring local pride

Over £170m for eight projects in Scotland from the Levelling Up Fund including in Inverness, Aberdeen, Falkirk and West Dunbartonshire.

Up to £3m over three years to boost Glasgow's cultural offer. The funding will be directed to the Burrell Collection, recognising its important cultural and economic contribution to the UK.

Up to £1m made available to support the delivery of an Extreme E race in Scotland, the 2022 Hebrides X-Prix. The event will highlight the climate challenges faced by different ecosystems and showcase Hebridean green Hydrogen to a global audience.

Over £1m from the Community Ownership Fund, representing 20% of the total value of fundable bids, for five projects to protect valued community assets in Whithorn, Inverie, New Galloway, Kinloch Rannoch and Callander.

£18m through the Community Renewal Fund for over 50 projects across Scotland including an employment and wellbeing programme for people living in the Scottish Borders.

£2m of UK Government funding to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

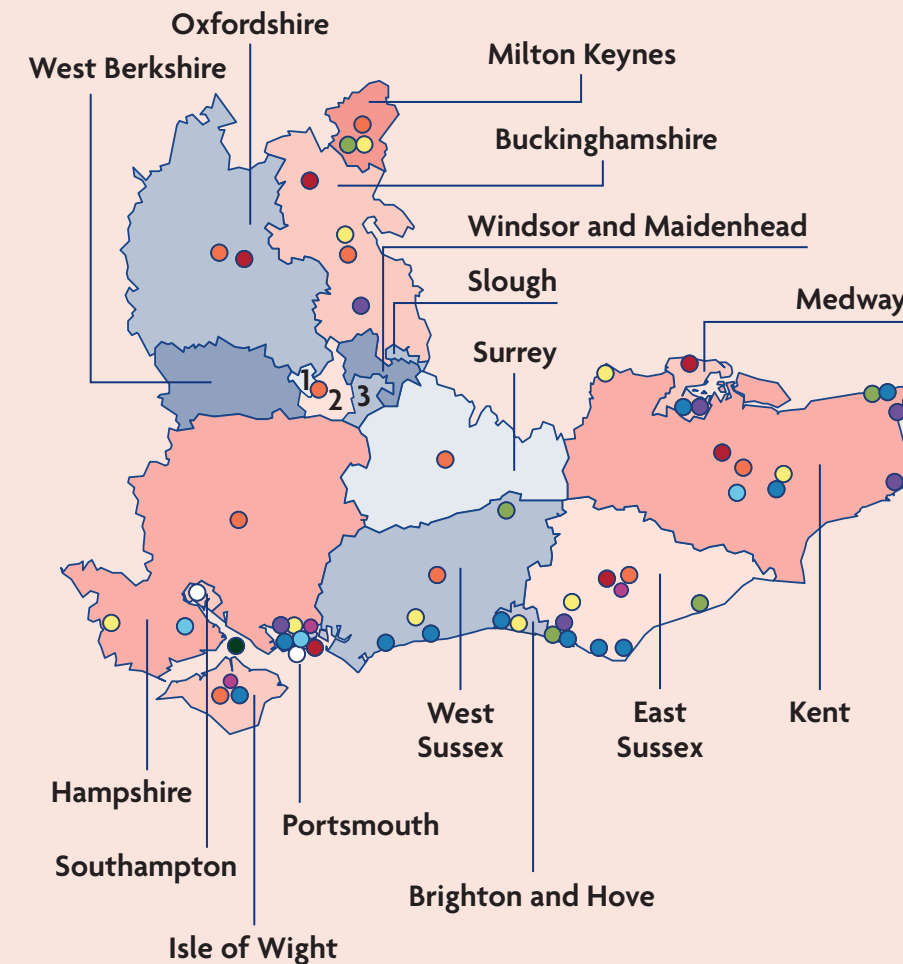
South East

The South East is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£151m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing 11 projects in the South East. This includes connectivity improvements such as widening Exceat Bridge in Seaford and pedestrianising Victoria Place in Eastbourne, as well as regeneration including Hove seafront, the Port and Royal Harbour in Ramsgate and the iconic Columbine Building in the Isle of Wight shipyard. The funding will also support treasured community assets including by revitalising the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis and repairing the Brook Theatre in Chatham town centre.

Ashford will see the development of an international film studio and new landings to support local fishermen will be built in Newhaven. The Hilsea Lido will become the cornerstone attraction of an urban linear park in Portsmouth and Margate Digital will deliver technical qualifications to young and adult learners.

The Towns Fund is investing **£109m** across five towns in the South East including Margate and Crawley. In Margate, funding will be spent on supporting town centres, creating jobs, boosting businesses and connecting people to where they live and work through physical and digital infrastructure. In Crawley, a number of projects will receive funding, including a transformed bus station and sustainable transport interchange, a new Cultural Quarter and a new Innovation Centre.



1. Reading
2. Wokingham
3. Bracknell Forest

Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Seaford, the Isle of Wight, Ashford, Hove, Margate, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton, Portsmouth, Ramsgate, Eastbourne, Newhaven and Chatham.
- Towns Fund:** Crawley, Hastings, Margate, Milton Keynes and Newhaven.
- Future High Streets Fund:** High Wycombe, Chatham, Portsmouth, Newhaven, Dover and Ramsgate.
- Community Renewal Fund:** Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Kent, Medway, Oxfordshire and Portsmouth.
- Community Ownership Fund:** Portsmouth, East Boldre and Bethersden.
- Project Gigabit:** Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Kent, Buckinghamshire, West Sussex, East Sussex, Milton Keynes and Surrey.
- Freeport:** Solent.
- Education Investment Areas:** Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and East Sussex.
- Transport upgrades:** Brighton, Ashford, Aylesbury, Dartford, Arundel, Lewes, Ringwood and Milton Keynes.
- Transforming Cities Fund:** Southampton and Portsmouth.



A new Freeport for the South East

The **Solent Freeport** in Hampshire, which includes the ports of Southampton, Portsmouth and Portsmouth International will capitalise on the area's existing maritime strengths. It will unlock investment, create thousands of new jobs and help attract new businesses in high growth sectors such as advanced manufacturing and engineering.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the South East:

Empowering local leaders and communities

Supported the **Thames Estuary Growth Board**, a pan regional partnership which brings together local leaders and the private sector to drive growth across East London, North Kent and South Essex, chaired by Kate Willard, the Estuary Envoy.

£109m through the Towns Fund for five towns across the South East, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces and revamp cultural attractions.

Over **£39m** through the Future High Streets Fund to support high streets across the South East to drive growth, improve experience and ensure future sustainability, including in High Wycombe, Chatham, Portsmouth (Commercial Road and Fratton), Newhaven, Dover and Ramsgate.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Over £62m investment in Southampton through the Transforming Cities Fund, including for developing new rapid bus links.

Over £59m investment in transport enhancements across Portsmouth through the Transforming Cities Fund.

£151m from the Levelling Up Fund for 11 projects across the South East, to invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life.

Rail improvements in the South East including a £9.5m line speed improvement between Ashford and Ramsgate, £20.3m for operational improvements and journey time reductions on the Brighton Main Line, and £132m for a major upgrade of Gatwick Airport station.

Road upgrades in the South East include upgrading to smart motorways along sections of the M27, M3, M4 and M25, and improvements to the south east Aylesbury link road, the planned Lower Thames Crossing, the A2 at Bean and Ebbsfleet, the A31 at Ringwood, the A27 Arundel Bypass, and the A27 East of Lewes.

56 zero emission buses for Milton Keynes and 33 zero emission buses for Kent, from the £70m Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund.

£558m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £142m for transport improvements across the South East.

£275m investment through the Local Growth Fund to support 96 projects across the region, including creating a Bio-Innovation Centre – a business incubator for new life-science projects, part of a new Life Sciences building at the University of Sussex.

£18m through the Strength in Places Fund for development of climate-smart food production and processing technologies.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the South East increased from 8% in November 2019 to 66% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

542,110 new businesses created in the South East between 2010 and 2020.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£405m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the South East of England, an increase of 5.8% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes “growth” funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

1,735 more doctors and 4,090 more nurses working in hospitals in the South East between September 2019 and September 2021.

Six hospitals to be delivered in the South East by the end of the decade, including five new hospitals that are part of the Government’s commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. These include a new women and children’s hospital at Milton Keynes Hospital; the rebuild of Royal Berkshire; a new hospital at Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital; a major refurbishment of Royal Hampshire Hospital in Winchester; a new hospital for Epsom General Hospital and St Helier Hospital (Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust); a new Regional Centre for Teaching, Trauma and Tertiary Care at Royal Sussex County Hospital; and a new hospital at Eastbourne.

New Education Investment Areas

announced for the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and East Sussex, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

South Central Institute of Technology in operation, covering Buckingham, Thames Valley, Oxfordshire, South East Midlands and Thames Valley Berkshire LEP areas. A further two Institutes of Technology are in development with Solent University (covering the Solent LEP area) and Chichester College Group (covering the Coast to Capital LEP area).

49,020 apprenticeships started in the South East in 2019-20.

12,030 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 21 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

1,216,600 jobs were furloughed and protected in the South East through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Restoring local pride

1,059 extra police officers recruited in the South East since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£13m for 22 projects from the Community Renewal Fund to invest in people, places, businesses and communities including the Hastings 2066 project and skills renewal in Canterbury, Folkestone and Hythe.

Over £1m for three Community Ownership Fund projects to protect valued community assets - the John Jenkins Stadium in Portsmouth, Community Stores in East Boldre and The George pub in Bethersden.

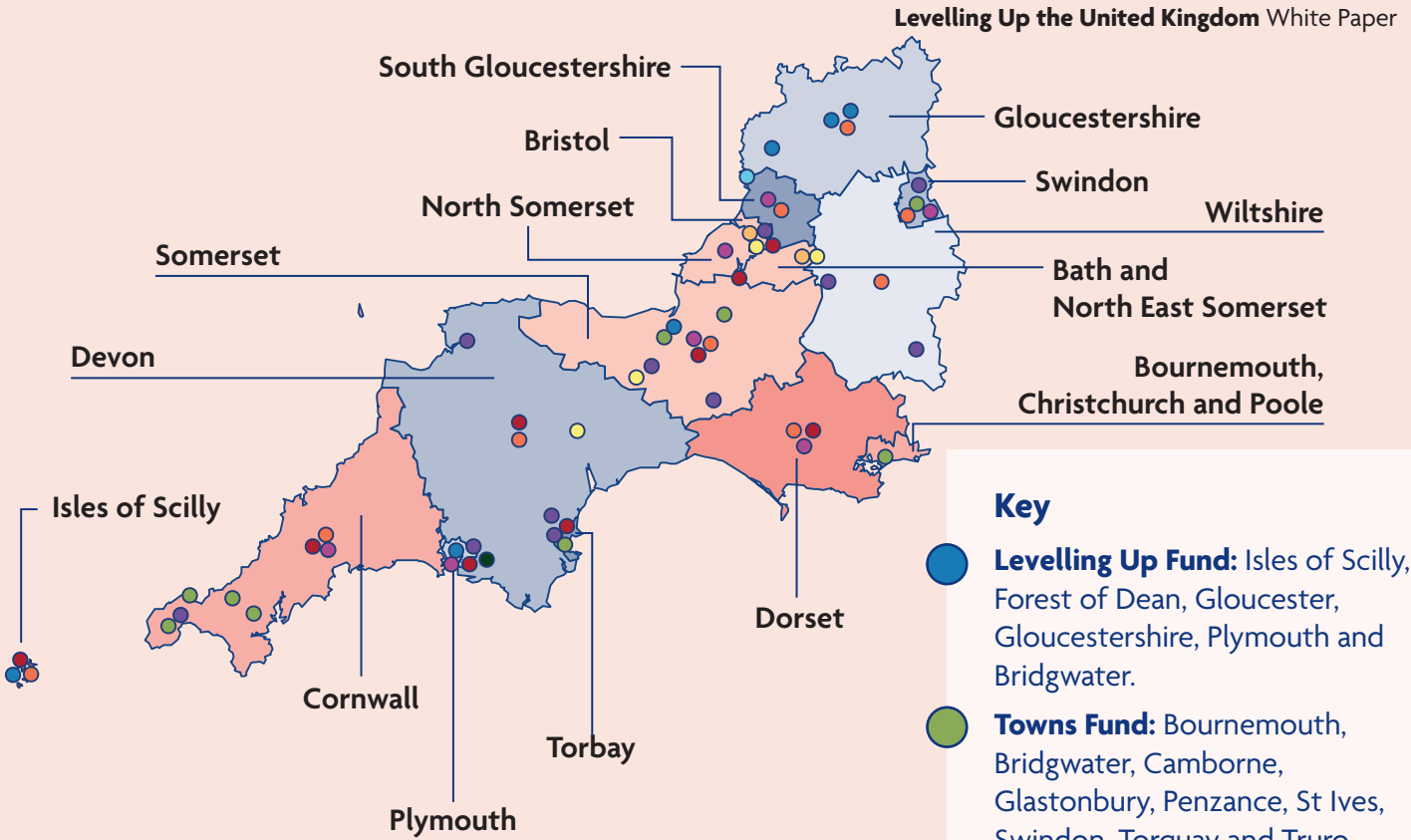
Over £7.3m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

South West

The South West is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial £131m of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing six projects in the South West. These include upgrading ferries to the Isles of Scilly, supporting the University of Gloucestershire to bring empty buildings back into use, regenerating Cinderford Town Centre, expanding the George Park and Ride site in Plymouth, linking Gloucester City Centre with its docklands and a package of improvements along the A38 corridor north of Bridgwater.

The Towns Fund is investing £198m across nine towns in the South West to drive sustainable economic regeneration and deliver long-term economic and productivity growth. These include almost £22m for Bournemouth to support regeneration plans for Boscombe, including creating new jobs and homes; over £23m for Camborne to fund projects to transform the town, including redeveloping redundant sites into a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose work, entertainment and living space; and over £23m for Glastonbury to bring existing assets back into community use, including redeveloping the historic Bailly's Buildings into a zero-carbon hub for local businesses, educational groups and workshops.



- Key**
- Levelling Up Fund:** Isles of Scilly, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, Plymouth and Bridgwater.
 - Towns Fund:** Bournemouth, Bridgwater, Camborne, Glastonbury, Penzance, St Ives, Swindon, Torquay and Truro.
 - Future High Streets Fund:** Penzance, Barnstaple, Plymouth, Yeovil, Swindon, Taunton, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Kingswood, Salisbury and Trowbridge.
 - Community Renewal Fund:** Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Isles of Scilly, Somerset, Plymouth, North Somerset, Torbay and the West of England Combined Authority.
 - Community Ownership Fund:** Woodcroft (Forest of Dean).
 - Project Gigabit:** Cornwall, Isles of Scilly, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Dorset, Devon, Somerset and Gloucestershire.
 - Strength in Places Fund:** Bath and Bristol.
 - Freeport:** Plymouth.
 - Education Investment Areas:** Plymouth, Somerset, Dorset, South Gloucestershire, Cornwall, Swindon and North Somerset.
 - Transport upgrades:** Bath, Bristol, Wellington (Somerset) and Cullompton (Devon).

The South West on the global stage

Carbis Bay in St Ives hosted the G7 Summit in June 2021, showcasing Cornwall on the global stage. The Prime Minister brought the world's leading democracies together to reach major new agreements to help the world fight COVID-19, build back better from the pandemic and create a greener, more prosperous future. The total economic impact for the county from hosting the G7 Summit is estimated to be £50m, including £24m during the event itself, and over £26m from forecast future growth in the international tourist market over the next five years. Cornwall will also benefit from investment in its town centres and natural landscape under plans to create a long-term legacy from the G7 Summit.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the South West:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£900m over 30 years in a devolution deal for the West of England Combined Authority, giving the West of England significant powers over transport, planning, skills and employment, and control of the investment to boost economic growth.

Cornwall and Devon, Plymouth and Torbay invited to begin formal negotiations to agree new devolution deals.

£198m invested in nine towns through the Towns Fund to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces and revamp cultural attractions.

Over £138m invested in 11 high streets through the Future High Streets Fund, including Penzance, Barnstaple, Plymouth City Centre, Yeovil, Swindon, Taunton, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Kingswood, Salisbury and Trowbridge.

£131m invested in six projects through the Levelling Up Fund, including in the Isles of Scilly, Gloucester, Cinderford, Plymouth, Forest of Dean and Bridgwater.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£540m City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement over five years to transform local transport networks in the West of England, for schemes such as a fully prioritised bus route between Bristol and Bath.

£200m for the British Business Bank to expand its Cornwall and Isles of Scilly investment fund across the South West.

Plymouth and South Devon Freezone (Freeport) will create a regional hub for trade, innovation and commerce by building on the region's unique capabilities in marine, defence and space, unlocking new high-skilled jobs for the region.

£30m from the Strength in Places Fund for the MyWorld collaboration in Bristol and Bath, a hub which will build on regional strengths in creative media production, technology and research.

£5m development funding to reopen rail stations in Wellington, Somerset and Cullompton, Devon.

£559m of local roads maintenance funding between 2022-23 and 2024-25 to local authorities not receiving City Region Settlements and over £76m for smaller transport improvement priorities.

£241m from the Transforming Cities Fund split across the West of England Combined Authority, the South East Dorset region and Plymouth, to build new cycle freeways and bus priority infrastructure.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the South West increased from 12% in November 2019 to 57% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

266,100 new businesses created in the South West between 2010 and 2020.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£229m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the South West, an increase of 6.1% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes “growth” funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

952 more doctors and 2,327 more nurses working in hospitals in the South West between September 2019 and September 2021.

Eleven new hospitals to be built in the South West that are part of the UK Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. These include a new cancer Hospital at the Royal Hospitals Bath; the rebuild of Musgrove Park Hospital, Torbay Hospital and North Devon District Hospital; a new hospital in Plymouth; a new Woman and Children's Hospital in Truro; new services across Dorset including integration of the Dorset Growth Hub with GP and community services in a new hospital; a new build of St Ann's Hospital for Child and Adult Mental Health Services in Dorset; the rebuild of Poole Community hospital with theatres and sterile services; the rebuild of Bournemouth Community Hospital; and the rebuild of

Christchurch Community hospital, consolidating services into new community hubs, with associated investment in the Dorset Growth Hub and mental health care.

New Education Investment Areas for Plymouth, Somerset, Dorset, South Gloucestershire, Cornwall, Swindon and North Somerset to drive improvements through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, support growth of strong trusts and retain high quality teachers.

Three Institutes of Technology established covering the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, and Heart of the South West LEP areas; Swindon & Wiltshire covering the Swindon and Wiltshire & GFirst LEP areas; and West of England covering the West of England Combined Authority LEP area.

34,690 apprenticeships started in the South West in 2019-20.

7,160 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 7 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

771,400 jobs were furloughed and protected in the South West through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Restoring local pride

712 extra police officers recruited in the South West since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£175,000 for the Rising Sun Woodcroft Community Pub project in the Forest of Dean from the first round of the Community Ownership Fund to protect a valued community asset.

Over £21m from the Community Renewal Fund for 36 projects to invest in people, places, businesses and communities across the South West, including a training and work experience scheme to help young people secure jobs and support the region's transition to a green economy.

£53m for the South West Local Net Zero Hub to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households, reduce fuel poverty, phase out high carbon fossil fuel heating, and deliver progress towards the UK's commitment to Net Zero by 2050.

Over £2.2m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

Wales

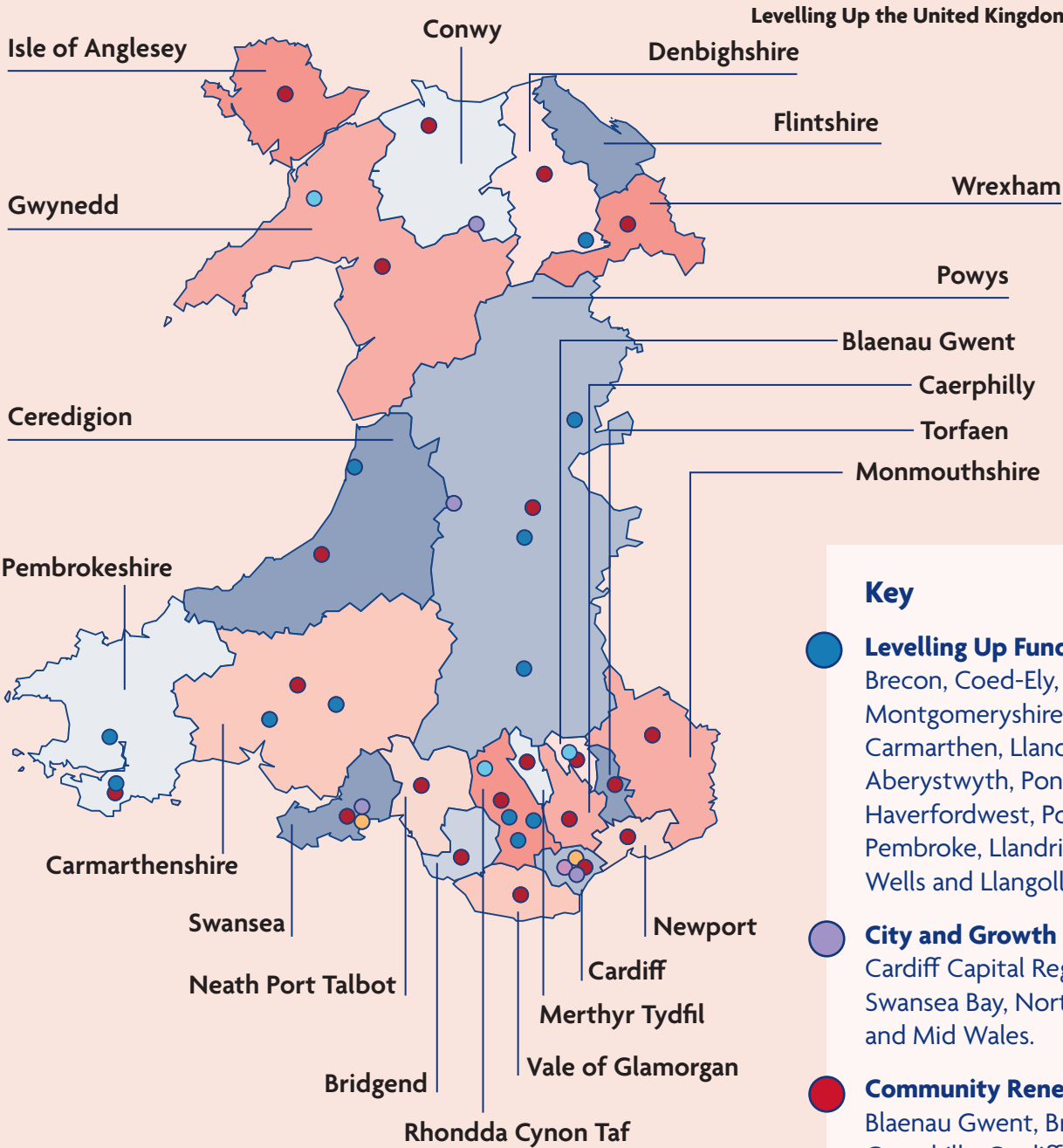
Wales is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

Four regions across Wales will see **£790m** of UK Government investment through City and Growth Deals. **£500m** of investment for the Cardiff Capital Region will support projects including a new Fintech development strategy and a region-wide Challenge Fund aimed at rebuilding local wealth. **£115m** of investment in Swansea Bay will support projects including constructing Swansea's Waterfront Digital District, floating offshore wind at Pembroke Dock Marine's test sites, and full-fibre broadband across the area. **£120m** in North Wales will benefit projects in advanced manufacturing, low-carbon energy and digital infrastructure. **£55m** in Mid Wales will support projects including in digital connectivity, applied research and innovation, energy and skills.

£121m of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing ten projects in Wales. Transport enhancements include building the Porth Transport Hub,

dualling part of the A4119 at Coed-Ely and creating a 20km walking and cycling route in the Tywi Valley from Carmarthen to Llandeilo. A disused section of the Montgomery Canal from Llanymynech to Arddleen will be revitalised and enhancements to the 11-mile Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage site will transform leisure and tourism opportunities. Haverfordwest Castle will also be supported to become an all-weather attraction and the Muni Arts Centre in Pontypridd will be reopened. Aberystwyth will see regeneration of the Old College and Marina, while new Hwbs will provide a central venue for health, education and employment opportunities in Carmarthen and Pembroke. Investments in Brecon will see redevelopment of the Theatr Brycheiniog Arts Centre and the creation of a new Multi-Agency Hub, and in Llandrindod Wells derelict land will be revitalised to support affordable, energy efficient housing.

The UK Government will continue to work closely with the Welsh Government on a range of policies to drive tangible change in places and improve life chances.



Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Brecon, Coed-Ely, Montgomeryshire, Carmarthen, Llandeilo, Aberystwyth, Pontypridd, Haverfordwest, Porth, Pembroke, Llandrindod Wells and Llangollen.
- City and Growth Deals:** Cardiff Capital Region, Swansea Bay, North Wales and Mid Wales.
- Community Renewal Fund:** Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Conwy, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Neath Port Talbot, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan and Wrexham.
- Community Ownership Fund:** Llandwrog, Pen-y-Waun and Tredegar.
- Strength in Places Fund:** Cardiff and Swansea.
- Civil Service relocations:** Cardiff.



Civil Service relocation to Wales

The UK Government Hub in Cardiff **Tŷ William Morgan** (William Morgan House) hosts several government departments. The building is named after Bishop William Morgan in recognition of his pivotal role in maintaining the strength of the Welsh language, and was chosen to reflect the creativity and dedication of civil servants in Wales as well as the UK Government's commitment to Welsh culture. More than 4,000 staff from various UK Government departments and agencies are working from the 12-storey hub, which has capacity to host full Cabinet meetings.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up Wales:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£2.5bn additional funding per year on average for the Welsh Government from the UK Government through the Barnett formula over the 2021 Spending Review period, on top of its annual baseline funding of £15.9bn. This funding enables the Welsh Government to provide additional future investments in areas such as health, social care and education.

£790m of UK Government investment through City and Growth deals covering every part of Wales to stimulate economic growth, regeneration and jobs through locally driven projects.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£25m through the Strength in Places Fund to establish CSconnected, the world's first global centre of excellence for compound semiconductor technologies, giving the UK a global advantage in technology for sectors such as 5G communications and autonomous vehicles, and £22m for media.cymru to accelerate growth in Cardiff's media sector.

New trade and investment hub in Cardiff which will ensure the benefits of the UK's global trade policy are channelled to Wales.

£30m to build a world class rail testing system, the Global Centre of Rail Excellence, at the head of the Dulais and Tawe valleys in south Wales.

119,565 new businesses created in Wales between 2010 and 2020.

Over £4m for a Hydrogen Hub in Holyhead to pilot the creation of hydrogen using renewable energy and its use as a zero emission fuel for Heavy Goods Vehicles.

£900m for farmers and land managers and £6.2m to support fisheries from the UK Government over the 2021 Spending Review period. The UK Government has extended the recommendations of the Bew Review so that additional funding will continue to be provided to farmers in Wales over the next three years.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Wales increased from 11% in November 2019 to 47% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage from 90% to 95% in Wales.

£130m for the British Business Bank to establish a new fund in Wales to support access to finance for Welsh businesses, working closely with local partners.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

Civil service relocation to Cardiff, contributing to over 4,000 jobs in the UK Government Hub across multiple government departments.

5,860 Kickstart jobs started by young people and eight youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

378,400 jobs were furloughed and protected in Wales through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Restoring local pride

479 extra police officers recruited in Wales since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £460,000 from the Community Ownership Fund for three projects in Llandwrog, Pen-y-Waun and Tredegar that are protecting valued community assets.

A Veterans Commissioner for Wales, who will work to improve the lives and opportunities of the Welsh veterans' community.

£121m from the Levelling Up Fund for ten projects across Wales including in Wrexham, Montgomeryshire and Carmarthen.

Over £45m for more than 160 projects across Wales through the Community Renewal Fund, including a Creative Industry Training Programme across Merthyr Tydfil, Prosiect Net Zero supporting the decarbonisation of housing in Gwynedd, AberInnovation Productivity Accelerator delivering services to manufacturers and agricultural businesses in Ceredigion, and Regenerating Llanelli aimed at supporting the town's post COVID-19 regeneration plans.

£1.3m of UK Government funding to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

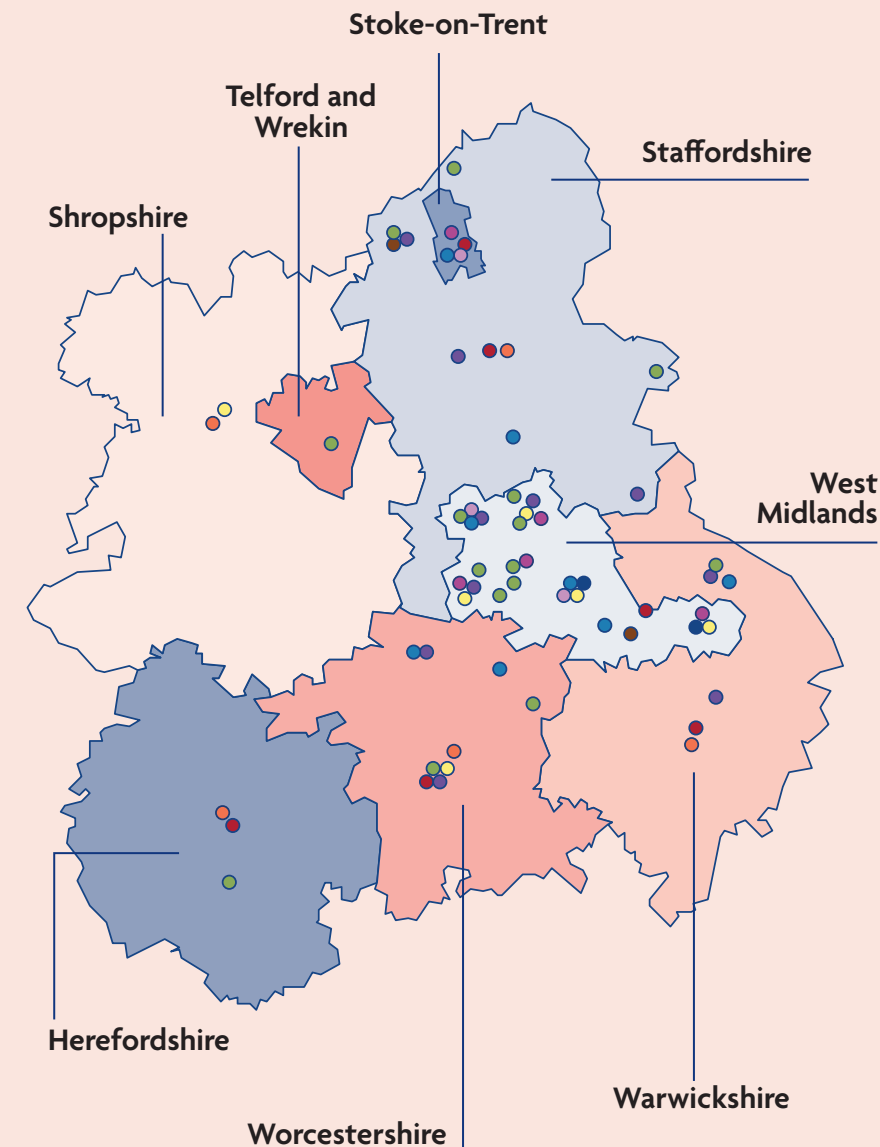
West Midlands

The West Midlands is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£196m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing 11 projects in the West Midlands. Cultural and leisure spaces will be transformed, with refurbishment of the Moseley Road Baths in Birmingham and a new Physical Activity Hub in Bedworth. Connectivity enhancements include improvements to the Canal Towpath in Kidderminster and the A457 Dudley Road in Birmingham. Regenerating brownfield sites in Bromsgrove town centre into commercial and cultural spaces, and three regeneration projects across Stoke-on-Trent,

will have a lasting impact for communities. East Birmingham and North Solihull will see 20 hectares of unusable land remediated to catalyse regeneration, the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock Town will be refurbished and a new City Learning Quarter will be developed in Wolverhampton.

The Towns Fund is investing **£328m** across 15 towns in the West Midlands including in Wolverhampton, Hereford and Nuneaton. Wolverhampton will see new community spaces, high street and public realm improvements to regenerate the city. Hereford will see the redevelopment of a museum and art gallery as well as new skills facilities and improved green spaces. Nuneaton will see repurposing of empty commercial property and new quality office space.



Key

- **Levelling Up Fund:** Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Bedworth, Cannock, Stoke-on-Trent, Wolverhampton, Solihull and Kidderminster.
- **Towns Fund:** Wolverhampton, Kidsgrove, Bloxwich, Dudley, Redditch, Rowley Regis, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Burton-on-Trent, Nuneaton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Hereford, Telford, Walsall and Worcester.
- **Future High Streets Fund:** Tamworth, Kidderminster, Worcester, Brierley Hill, Leamington Spa, Nuneaton, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Newcastle-Under-Lyme and Stafford.
- **Community Renewal Fund:** Herefordshire, Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- **Project Gigabit:** Shropshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire.
- **Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Solihull and Newcastle-under-Lyme.
- **Civil Service relocations:** Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent.
- **Education Investment Areas:** Dudley, Stoke-on-Trent, Walsall, Sandwell and Coventry.
- **Transport upgrades:** Worcester, Birmingham, Coventry, Shrewsbury, Walsall and Brierley Hill.
- **Cultural highlights:** Birmingham and Coventry.



The West Midlands on the global stage

The UK Government, Birmingham City Council and its partners are investing **£778m** to stage the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games** in 2022. This investment will deliver the renovation of Alexander Stadium and improvements to Perry Barr and University stations. It will be the biggest sporting and cultural event ever held in the city, featuring thousands of world-class athletes, over a million spectators and an estimated global TV audience of 1.5bn. The Games will bring significant benefits for Birmingham, the West Midlands and the UK including new jobs, tourism and business investment, leaving a lasting legacy for communities long after the Games finish. **£24m** has been committed to deliver the Business and Tourism Programme, aimed at leveraging the profile generated by the Games to boost the West Midlands' global reputation as a leading destination for tourism, trade and investment.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the West Midlands:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£1.095bn investment fund over 30 years as part of West Midlands Combined Authority's devolution deal.

A trailblazer deeper devolution deal to be negotiated with the West Midlands Combined Authority.

£328m invested across 15 Towns Fund Deals including in Rowley Regis, Smethwick, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Hereford and Worcester, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces, and revamp cultural attractions.

£196m awarded to 11 projects from the Levelling Up Fund to regenerate town centres and high streets, upgrade local transport, and invest in cultural and heritage assets in Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Bedworth, Cannock, Stoke-on-Trent, Wolverhampton, Solihull and Kidderminster.

£146m from the Future High Streets Fund to help pandemic recovery and regeneration in Tamworth, Kidderminster, Worcester, Brierley Hill, Leamington Town Spa, Nuneaton, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Newcastle-Under-Lyme and Stafford.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

A pilot Innovation Accelerator centred on the West Midlands Combined Authority area with access to £100m in funding. This is a new partnership to support the city region to become a globally competitive centre for research and innovation.

£25m for the West Midlands 5G Testbed, which has accelerated 5G rollout by four to five months in the West Midlands Combined Authority, giving it the best 5G coverage in the UK.

£1bn over five years for the West Midlands Combined Authority to develop a locally-suited London-style transport network, including by extending the West Midlands bus rapid transit system and completing the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill metro expansion.

£400m in new funding for the British Business Bank Midlands Engine Investment Fund, to support access to finance for SMEs in the region.

£16m Local Growth Funding towards Hereford's City Centre Transport Package.

£306m of local roads maintenance funding

between 2022-23 and 2024-25 to local authorities not receiving City Region Settlements, over £41m for smaller transport improvement priorities and strategic road upgrades to key junctions in Coventry, Walsall and at Birmingham Airport.

£18m through the Strength in Places Fund across the Midlands for development of advanced ceramics requiring less energy usage.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the West Midlands increased from 9% in November 2019 to 74% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 80-90% by 2025.

242,710 new businesses were created in the West Midlands between 2010 and 2020.

820,200 jobs were furloughed and protected in the West Midlands through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage to 99% in the West Midlands.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£289m extra for mainstream schools is forecast for the West Midlands in 2022-23, an increase of 5.9% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes "growth" funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Dudley, Stoke-on-Trent, Walsall, Sandwell and Coventry, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

Three Institutes of Technology are being delivered, with the Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology and the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Institute of Technology both already established. A new Institute of Technology is in development with Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group, covering the Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire LEP area.

1,063 more doctors and 2,221 more nurses working in hospitals in the West Midlands between September 2019 and September 2021.

Delivery of urgent care services from three hospitals across the region into one state-of-the-art site at Midland Metropolitan University Hospital by 2030.

800-900 jobs will be created at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' new base in Wolverhampton and the Department for Transport's base in Birmingham by 2025, alongside a new Home Office Innovation Centre in Stoke-on-Trent which will accommodate 500 roles by 2025.

36,130 apprenticeships started in the West Midlands in 2019-20.

12,000 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 12 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

Restoring local pride

1,253 extra police officers recruited in the West Midlands since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£778m for Birmingham Commonwealth Games and over £18m in total for Coventry's UK City of Culture 2021 programme.

Over £2m from the Brownfield Land Release Fund for the regeneration of Kingshurst Village Centre in Solihull and Cross Street in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Over £16m for 29 projects through the Community Renewal Fund, including for Coventry City Council's Creative Growth and Cultural Tourism Recovery Programme.

Over £2.3m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

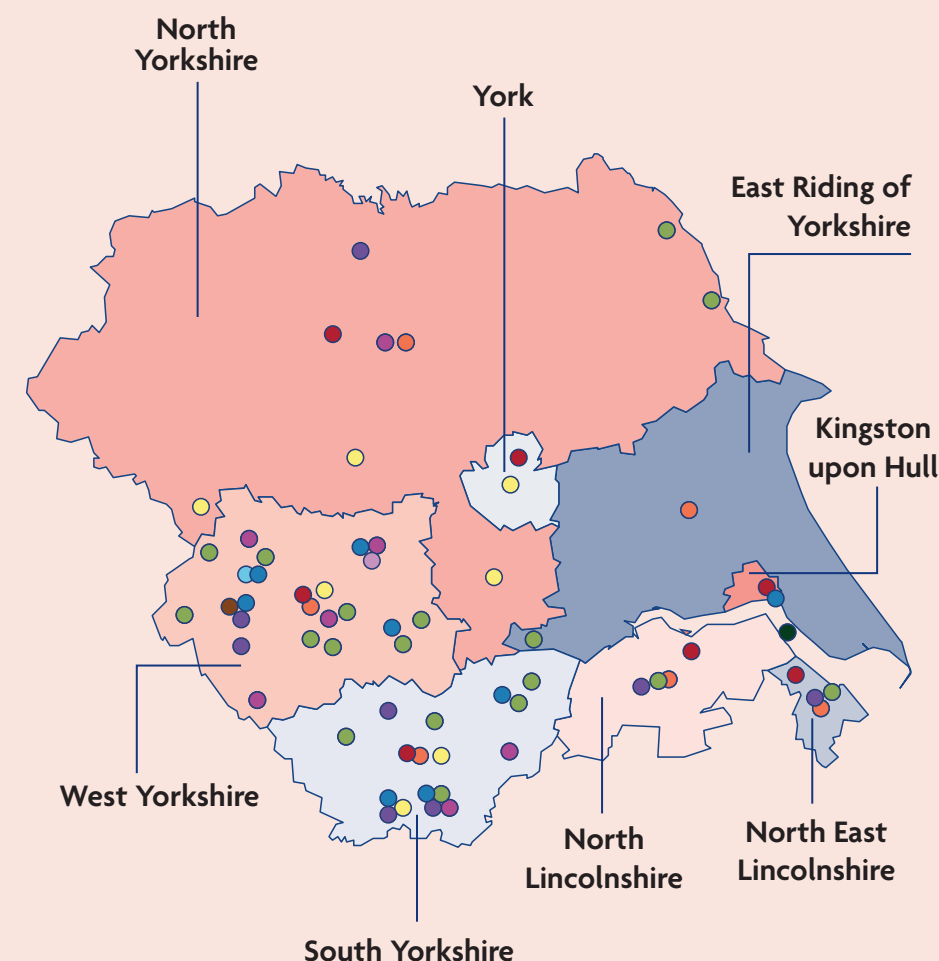
Yorkshire and the Humber

Yorkshire and the Humber is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£187m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing ten projects across Yorkshire and the Humber. Culture and leisure spaces will be transformed with the creation of a new swimming pool in Halifax, completion of the culture and leisure quarter in Rotherham, a new museum and gallery for Wakefield, a new Wellbeing and Enterprise Centre in Bradford and new hospitality and visitor centres at Wentworth Woodhouse. Town and city centres will be improved with the regeneration of Castlegate Quarter in Sheffield, Whitefriargate and Albion Square in Hull and the waterfront in Doncaster. West Leeds will see transport

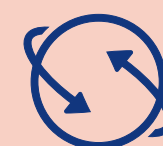
connectivity improvements and a new Centre for Child Health Technology will be established at the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park in Attercliffe.

The Towns Fund is investing over **£422m** in 18 towns across Yorkshire and the Humber including Brighouse, Doncaster and Scarborough. Through improved connectivity, a revitalised marketplace and enhancements to the canal frontage and high street, Brighouse town centre will be reinvigorated as a destination offering a distinctive and inclusive leisure, retail and cultural experience. The area around Doncaster railway station will be further regenerated to provide new commercial and enterprise space, an extension to the railway forecourt and improved connectivity to the town. Scarborough will see transformation of its station area and regeneration of its harbour to create new public space.



Key

- **Levelling Up Fund:** Doncaster, Halifax, Rotherham, Leeds, Wakefield, Hull, Bradford and Sheffield.
- **Towns Fund:** Brighouse, Castleford, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Goldthorpe, Goole, Grimsby, Keighley, Morley, Rotherham, Scarborough, Scunthorpe, Shipley, Stainforth, Stocksbridge, Todmorden, Wakefield and Whitby.
- **Future High Streets Fund:** Rotherham, Barnsley, Elland, Halifax, Northallerton, Grimsby, Scunthorpe and Sheffield.
- **Community Renewal Fund:** York, Hull, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire.
- **Community Ownership Fund:** Bradford.
- **Project Gigabit:** West Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and East Riding.
- **Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Halifax.
- **Freeport:** Humber.
- **Civil Service relocation:** Leeds.
- **Education Investment Areas:** Doncaster, Wakefield, Kirklees, Rotherham, Bradford, Leeds and North Yorkshire.
- **Transport upgrades:** West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Sheffield, Selby, Skipton, Harrogate and York.



A new Freeport for Yorkshire and the Humber

The Humber Freeport, spanning Hull, Goole, Immingham and Grimsby will provide new opportunities for Yorkshire and the Humber. This location has excellent connectivity to the UK's manufacturing hinterland and supply chain, and is ideally positioned to service the growing North Sea offshore wind industry. The Freeport will build on existing regional strengths, including renewable energy, clean growth and advanced manufacturing, to deliver thousands of jobs and new investment.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the Yorkshire and the Humber:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£1.1bn over 30 years through the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal agreed in March 2020 with the first Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, elected in May 2021.

£900m over 30 years for the South Yorkshire Devolution Deal, which saw funding released in September 2020 and the elected Mayor handed powers over transport, strategic regeneration and planning, housing and skills provision across the region.

Devolution deal negotiations to begin with York and North Yorkshire and Hull and East Yorkshire to ensure that all of Yorkshire is covered by a devolution deal.

£30m of gainshare investment continued annually as part of the Leeds City Region Deal.

£96m investment through the Future High Streets Fund, including in Barnsley, Halifax, Northallerton and Scunthorpe to renew and reshape town centres.

£187m from the Levelling Up Fund for ten projects across Yorkshire and the Humber.

Over £422m of investment through the Towns Fund in 18 towns across Yorkshire and the Humber to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces, and revamp cultural attractions.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£33m UK Government funding for the Humber's Zero Carbon Initiative, alongside support for the East Coast Cluster, a collaboration between the Humber and Teesside to capture emissions and store them safely, which has the potential to remove around 50% of total UK industrial emissions.

£75m UK Government investment to develop an offshore wind port facility at the Able Marine Energy Park in North Lincolnshire.

Over £1.3bn through Local Growth Deals (Local Growth Fund) since 2015, delivering major growth opportunities and infrastructure projects across the region.

Major transport investment, with £830m to West Yorkshire and £570m to South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authorities in City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements over five years to transform local transport networks, for schemes such as A61 improvements for buses, cyclists and pedestrians between Leeds and Wakefield and the

renewal of the Sheffield Supertram.

Over £489m investment through the Transforming Cities Fund for public and sustainable transport infrastructure across West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and in Selby, Skipton, Harrogate and York.

£194m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £33m for transport improvements across Yorkshire and the Humber.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Yorkshire and the Humber increased from 16% in November 2019 to 69% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 80-90% by 2025.

97,710 new businesses created in Yorkshire and the Humber between 2010 and 2020.

598,300 jobs were furloughed and protected across Yorkshire and the Humber through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£251m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the Yorkshire and the Humber, an increase of 5.8% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes "growth" funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Doncaster, Wakefield, Kirklees, Rotherham, Bradford, Leeds and North Yorkshire, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

Yorkshire and Humber Institute of Technology has been established covering the Hull and East Riding and York and North Yorkshire LEP areas, and one further Institute of Technology is in development, the DN Colleges Group, covering the Sheffield City Region LEP area.

36,520 apprenticeships started in Yorkshire and the Humber in 2019-20.

A new hospital to be built in Yorkshire and the Humber as part of the UK Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. This will centralise children's and adult services at Leeds General Infirmary with pathology services at St James's University Hospital.

996 more doctors and 1,643 more nurses working in hospitals in Yorkshire and the Humber between September 2019 and September 2021.

New jobs will be created in Leeds through the opening of offices for the UK Infrastructure Bank, while the British Business Bank's national headquarters are already located in Sheffield.

10,550 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 14 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

Restoring local pride

1,270 extra police officers recruited in Yorkshire and the Humber since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Almost £15m for 28 projects across Yorkshire and the Humber through the Community Renewal Fund, including the Healthier Working Futures programme in Leeds which connects young people with fulfilling careers in the health and care sector.

£77m investment for York Central to help deliver 2,500 homes, alongside being given Enterprise Zone status.

£225,000 from the Community Ownership Fund to protect the Jubilee Centre in Bradford.

£15m for the Northern Forest to support new woodland creation.

£390,000 will be allocated towards the regeneration of the Beech Hill estate in Halifax from the Brownfield Land Release Fund.

£77m for the redevelopment of the British Library Boston Spa.

£20m from the Sustainable Warmth Fund to help councils in Yorkshire and the Humber install energy saving upgrades and low-carbon heating in low-income households.

Over £5m and over £2m for Leeds and Bradford respectively from the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households, helping reduce fuel poverty.

Over £11.7m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

