


Greater Birmingham & Solihull


Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.

In Greater Birmingham and Solihull a partnership of business and civic leaders – alongside other local partners – is working with the government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow skills and opportunities for workers across the area.

Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 Over **£2m** to develop cell and gene therapies through the National Institute for Health Research.

 **£2.7m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the vital infrastructure needed to access new and existing sites.

 Additional funding to provide residents with the digital connectivity they need through improvements in the availability of full fibre broadband. Birmingham is also one of the centres for the multi-million pound trial of new high-speed 5G connectivity in urban areas.

 **925,500** people in employment, an increase of **97,900** since 2010. **64,200** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **17,790** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 2,013,200
Businesses: 87,675

Case study: Birmingham Centre for Clinical Haematology (CCH)

The expansion of the centre, following a £2.4m investment, seeks to boost the city's life sciences sector and to provide thousands of patients with better access to world-leading, life-saving treatments through the provision of new state-of-the-art clinical innovation and research facilities for patients with blood cancers.

For more examples go to bit.ly/IS-map

Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership is part of the trailblazer West Midlands Local Industrial Strategy.

We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.