


West of England




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 the West of England 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.

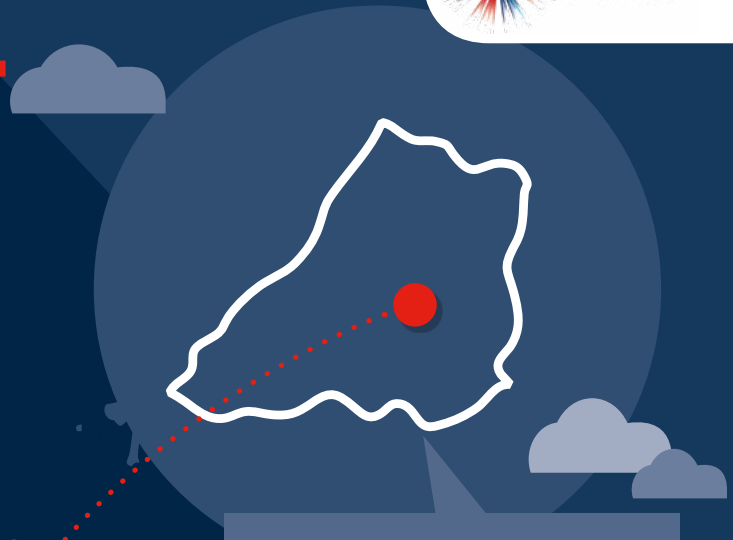
Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£10m** commitment to build a new Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems building on the Bristol & Bath Science Park to create a centre of excellence for research and innovation into future ways of propelling water, air and spacecraft.

 **£12.5m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the vital infrastructure to access new and existing sites.

 **£5m** to trial the use of high-speed 5G connectivity in the tourism sector, including at key sites in Bristol and Bath.

 **601,200** people in employment, an increase of **72,500** since 2010. **24,100** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **8,620** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 1,139,800
Businesses: 54,165

Case study: City of Bristol College's Advanced Engineering Centre (AEC)

The extension of City of Bristol College's AEC has enabled the expansion of its aeronautical and engineering facility, providing state-of-the-art industry facilities including workshops, laboratories, computer aided simulation rigs and testing/diagnostic equipment. This £4m investment allows students to work with the latest technology to give them the training they need to progress into employment and help address the skills needed in local businesses.

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

West of England Local Enterprise Partnership is now working with the government to develop its 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.