

## **NORTH EAST LEP GETTING BUILDING FUND**

The Government is making £900 million available through the new Getting Building Fund (GBF) for investment in local, shovel-ready infrastructure projects to stimulate jobs and support economic recovery across the country. **North East LEP** has been allocated **£47m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

**In the North East LEP area a wide range of projects will drive economic growth, support a green recovery, unlock 1300 houses and contribute to the LEPs ambition to create more and better jobs. Projects include exciting innovations in the energy sector including the UKs first robotics and autonomous systems test and validation centre for offshore wind, and development of the InTEGReL Customer Energy Village to demonstrate technologies to enable housing decarbonisation. There is funding for public realm works to support town centre regeneration in North Shields, Newcastle and Bedlington. Other projects promote sustainable transport, and leisure, well-being and learning activities for young people.**

### Indicative outputs<sup>1</sup>

<b>Direct Jobs Created</b>	<b>2253</b>
<b>Construction Jobs Created</b>	<b>1839</b>
<b>Jobs Safeguarded</b>	<b>3551</b>
<b>Houses Unlocked</b>	<b>1300</b>
<b>Housing Units delivered</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)</b>	<b>196349</b>
<b>New Learners Assisted</b>	<b>2509</b>
<b>Businesses Assisted</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Roads/Cycle Lanes/Walkways Unlocked (km)</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>R&amp;D Floorspace</b>	<b>5300</b>
<b>Improved Learning/ Training Space Unlocked</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>Public Realm/ Green Space Created</b>	<b>55956</b>

### Summary of projects

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Aykley Heads – Durham Plot C</b>	This development will kick start the implementation of the masterplan for the strategically important Aykley Heads employment site in Durham City, creating High quality grade A business space (3,512 sqm), adjacent to existing high tech/digitally enabled businesses.
<b>Tyne Dock Enterprise Park</b>	This project will accelerate EZ site clearance, remediation, site preparation and infrastructure to accommodate a strategic offshore wind end user. This site has recently been selected by Equinor/SSE to establish a major Offshore wind land-based hub to service the offshore wind farms off the North East coast.
<b>InTEGReL: SME Incubator space</b>	Project will establish a new SME incubator ecosystem, based within and linked to the wider InTEGReL innovation and demonstration facility

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The outputs listed are locally reported and will undergo further quality assurance before being finalised and confirmed in grant offer letters

<b>InTEGReL - Energy Research and enterprise facilities'</b>	Development of the InTEGReL Customer Energy Village research facility to demonstrate technologies enabling existing housing stock decarbonisation to net zero and supporting local business and start-ups to develop and test new products.
<b>Cross Tyne Ferry - new landing renewal and relocation</b>	Replacement of ageing ferry landing, preserving access from North Shields to South Shields through construction of a new landing within the heart of the emerging North Shields Fish Quay regeneration area.
<b>North Shields Town Centre Regeneration</b>	North Shields town centre transformation- will accelerate and expand on historic conservation areas improvement programmes including Northumberland Square and lift the quality of the public realm in support of the town centre masterplan.
<b>Newcastle City Centre Transformation Phase 2</b>	Project to create a reconnected city, transforming the city centre to create a place that the city and its people deserve. This urban connectivity will integrate new developments with the city's heritage, future proofing the centre for years to come. GBF will support Phase 2 of the City Centre Transformation programme focussed on Saville Row, Ridley Place and Old Eldon Square with public realm and digital infrastructure works.
<b>Next Generation Digital Connectivity and Riverside Sunderland Strategic Infrastructure Works</b>	The project will deliver 5G and strategic infrastructure works to accelerate the regeneration of Sunderland Riverside and city centre.
<b>Robotics and Autonomous Systems Test &amp; Validation Centre</b>	RAS will be the first UK offshore wind centre for robotics and autonomous systems test and validation. Having key economic benefits in new direct jobs, research opportunities, encouraging investment and providing a test bed to support companies accelerating new product and service development.
<b>Gateshead Quays and Urban Core Essential Infrastructure</b>	Delivery of 0.5mile sustainable transport link for cyclists, pedestrians, vehicles, public transport to unlock growth on the east side of the Gateshead Town Centre. It will deliver essential connectivity improvements between Gateshead Quays, adjoining strategic employment and housing regeneration sites, and the regional transport and Metro network.
<b>Northumberland Energy Park Ph1 (NEP1)</b>	NEP 1 is a 15ha prime quayside strategic offshore energy EZ employment site on the Blyth Estuary. Infrastructure works to prepare the site for an inward investor include dock enhancements, reclamation & remediation of the site. Funding will allow full site completion to be accelerated including the installation of a capping beam within the Dock, and additional site preparation to enhance investor attractiveness and port trade.
<b>Bedlington Town Centre Regeneration Scheme</b>	Infrastructure to support the redevelopment of a 5ha brownfield development site adjacent to the town centre market square to include an enterprise hub facility as part of a larger scale mixed leisure / retail development.
<b>The Glassworks South Tyneside</b>	Next phase of 365 town centre masterplan to build 50,000sqft of grade A office accommodation on Harton Staithes, providing move-on space for established and emerging technology and service sector businesses.
<b>Newcastle United Futures</b>	New specialist venue where young people will take part in fun sports, leisure, wellbeing and technology activities, alongside

	interactive learning about future careers. The NU Futures Centre will provide a high-quality destination away from school fully equipped with the latest augmented and virtual reality technology, innovative STEM facilities, digital classrooms, sports, and health and wellbeing facilities
<b>Newcastle Gateshead Quays Phase 1</b>	Gateshead Quays purpose-built arena (12,500 capacity), conference and exhibition centre that will meet the long-standing regional need for a flagship business tourism events space capable of attracting international and national events to showcase regional business innovation, universities, and industry to drive regional job creation and regeneration. This is a discrete phase delivering the essential infrastructure consisting of a 1000 space multi-storey car park, with capacity for 300 EV spaces and solar PVs to off-set the energy consumption of the car park.
<b>Hillthorn EZ Energy Infrastructure works</b>	Key EZ employment site, near the Nissan factory at Washington. The project will supply 5MW power to the park to help secure investors and free up additional supply for the nearby International Advanced Manufacturing Park. Funding will support works to a substation and connection to three plots. This will unlock the development of 35,303 sqm commercial space on Hillthorn Business Park (within the A19 Low Carbon Enterprise Zone).
<b>Commercial Property Investment Fund Pilot Project Mini Programme</b>	Accelerated delivery of 3-4 pipeline projects identified for the Commercial Property Development Fund that are capable of early delivery and fit with CPIF investment criteria, with senior debt sourced from NEIF and incentives (gap funding) from GBF
<b>Wallsend EZ site</b>	Strategically important riverside offshore wind EZ site. The project involves building demolition, infill of wetberth and Quays works to prepare the site for offshore wind sector.

**North East LEP** will be expected to deliver the agreed projects but will have flexibility to deliver the greatest economic benefits to the area. Any significant changes to the projects should be discussed with the Government in advance, and all investment decisions must be undertaken in line with locally agreed audit and scrutiny arrangements.