

CORNWALL AND THE ISLES OF SCILLY(CIoS) 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. The **Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly LEP** has been allocated **£14.3m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In the Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly LEP, the funded projects are expected to deliver a new and greener economic recovery through new retrofitting schemes, advanced & greener manufacturing, higher productive capacity and town centre rejuvenation. This will provide economic security to more of the population whilst promoting a greener agenda. This fits with the LEP's key priorities by focusing on key emerging industries – such as Data and Space – whilst ensuring economic growth remains as clean, circular and inclusive.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	151
Construction Jobs Created	306
Jobs Safeguarded	230
Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)	2664
New Learning Space Unlocked	1918
Businesses Assisted	150
Improved Learning/ Training Space Unlocked	1918
Public Realm/ Green Space Created	2947
CO2 emissions saved (kg)	568,230

Summary of projects

Project	Description
Social Housing Retrofit Acceleration	Lead by Cornwall Council (CC), this project is piloting a Whole House Retrofit Innovation (WHRI) scheme in the County. Working with SSE (ECO provider) CC are developing a delivery model for reducing the cost of delivering WHR retrofit at scale. By the end of January 2022, the project aims to deliver over 650 domestic retrofits, which will also lead to over 430,000 kg of CO2 savings.
Cornwall Institute of Space AI and Receiver Factory, Goonhilly	Working with university delivery partners, the Goonhilly Institute of Space and other project leads are working on the development of an advanced manufacturing and test facility (Receiver Factory) to achieve production, installation and commissioning of radio astronomy and space telecommunication receivers into new and existing markets. The facilities would complement the Spaceport Cornwall initiative – and further cement Cornwall's emerging status as a leading location for the space sector in the UK and Europe.
Saputo Dairy UK - Project Generation Capacity & Infrastructure	This project plans for cheese (and associated Demin Whey) volumes to increase by 12,000t over the next 3 years with a further 4,000t of GOS (a form of prebiotic) being produced primarily for export markets. In order to secure this growth in a

¹ The outputs listed are locally reported and will undergo further quality assurance before being finalised and confirmed in grant offer letters

	sustainable way investment will be provided into supporting infrastructures that will be able to both drive increased capacity whilst ensuring environmental compliance. This will safeguard 200 jobs and save over 4000kg of carbon emissions.
Hall For Cornwall (HFC)	This project is creating a purpose-built, accessible theatre with up to 1300 seats and destination bars and cafes and new workspace for the Creative Industries in Truro. This will provide a quality public programme, generate more profit to extend the successful youth programmes and invest in the local workforce, supply chain and associate companies. Audiences will increase to over 300,000 a year, driving valuable footfall to Truro city centre; supporting both the immediate bounce back and longer-term vitality of the high street in Truro.
Aerospace / Space Hangar, Cornwall Airport Newquay	An investment in a strategic facility provided by Cornwall Airport (Newquay), this property will be available to lease to businesses in the satellite and space sectors, or directly to Spaceport-Cornwall who can share the facility with multiple operators. The new facility will support the UK Space Agency's decision to pick Newquay for horizontal satellite launches. This will help to create new rental revenue and generate additional business rates income for the LEP Enterprise Zone that will be used for reinvestment and growth.
Truro and Penwith North and East Cornwall STEM Skills Centre	Truro & Penwith College is applying for capital investment to develop a specialist STEM Skills Centre on land adjacent to the Callywith Campus. The Skills Centre will offer Ofsted Outstanding and industry-relevant provision in Health Sciences, Digital, Engineering and Manufacturing from Levels 2 to 5 for post-compulsory and adult learners, including T-Levels. This will be located in a traditional 'cold spot' for educational infrastructure and participation and will help to enhance human capital in North and East Cornwall, generating 'clean and inclusive' economic growth.
Lithium Recovery Plant	Cornish Lithium and Geothermal Engineering are teaming up to build a zero carbon, lithium extraction pilot plant at an existing site in Cornwall. The aim is to demonstrate that lithium can be produced from geothermal brine with no carbon footprint. This work is of vital importance to the Green / Battery led Economy in the UK, to energy / raw material security and to economic regeneration in Cornwall. If the project is successful, then the construction of larger facilities at a number of sites across Cornwall are planned.

The Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly 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.