

## **DORSET 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. **Dorset LEP** has been allocated **£11.8m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

**In Dorset LEP, the funded projects are expected to deliver** an uplift in skills provision across Dorset, building on Dorset’s existing specialisms in healthcare and the rural economy. Projects at the Port of Poole will enable the port to maximise opportunities of the UK’s new trading relationship with the EU, while investment in medical projects will facilitate research, medical innovation, and clinical practice enhancements. Enhanced digital connectivity in rural Dorset will support economic activity and the provision of community services. These projects align with the LEP’s key priorities and will support the LEP area’s recovery from Covid-19.

### **Indicative outputs**

<b>Direct Jobs Created</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Jobs Safeguarded</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>New Apprenticeships</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)</b>	<b>1505 sqm</b>
<b>New or improved Learning Space Unlocked</b>	<b>1787 sqm</b>
<b>New Learners Assisted</b>	<b>40,445</b>
<b>Businesses Assisted</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>R&amp;D Floorspace</b>	<b>150 sqm</b>
<b>New superfast broadband connections</b>	<b>16,000</b>
<b>CO2 emissions saved (kg)</b>	<b>23,100</b>

### **Summary of projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>
Kingston Maurward College - University Centre and Rural Business Development Hub	This investment will develop a University Centre and Rural Business Development Hub at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, which will act as an anchor point for university education in the Rural Business and Agri-Environment fields. The project will create a multi-purpose space which will include a hall with retractable seating, digital presentation equipment and meeting rooms for teaching provision and community uses.
Poole Harbour Commissioners - Border Control Post	This investment will support the construction of a Border Control Post at the Port of Poole. This facility will enable veterinary checks on animal products, as required as part of border controls due to be introduced for imports from the EU to the UK. The project will allow the Port of Poole to continue to operate effectively in the new trading environment, and to secure new business. The investment will enable the construction of offices and welfare facilities to replace existing facilities which will be demolished to enable construction of the main Border Control Post facility.
Poole Harbour Commissioners - Public Trade Office	This investment will support the construction of a Public Trade Office at the Port of Poole. Extensive freight clearance facilities will be required to facilitate the flow of freight traffic between the EU and the Port of Poole. This facility will enable efficient &

	effective processing of freight, which will allow the Port of Poole to continue to operate effectively in the new trading environment.
Dorset University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Dorset Clinical Trials Unit	This investment will fund a new Research Active Dorset Clinical Trials Unit, which will provide a clinical trials service for industry and NHS trusts in Dorset and beyond to enable innovation in medical science. The Clinical Trials Unit will benefit from the purchase of a high-specification database, dedicated space for the public to participate in trials and dedicated meeting space for prospective clients.
Bournemouth and Poole College - Network Infrastructure	This investment will provide up-to-date digital infrastructure at Bournemouth and Poole College which will improve the network bandwidth, security and connectivity for the benefit of students, apprentices and staff. The project will support the teaching of digital skills required in the workplace, support the increasing use of digital resources, and support the online delivery of teaching and learning for both onsite and remote learners.
Weymouth College - Higher Education Centre	This investment will support the modernisation, refurbishment and further development of Weymouth College's Higher Education Centre. This will significantly improve the student experience and encourage a greater number of adults and employers to utilise the College. The project will allow Weymouth College to expand its current offer, improve higher level skills across Dorset and support businesses with retraining and upskilling.
Dorset NHS Clinical Commissioning Group on behalf of Dorset Integrated Care System – Remote Management of Hypertension	This investment will develop the remote management of hypertension for patients in Dorset through the delivery of software to monitor blood pressure in people's homes. This will lead to improved outcomes in hypertension management for a greater proportion of patients, accelerated interventions where required and increased efficiency in the care pathway.
AECC University College - Integrated Healthcare Centre	This investment will support the establishment of an Integrated Healthcare Centre in Bournemouth, which will bring together teaching, continuing professional development, research and clinical services to pilot a new approach in community rehabilitation. The Centre will support local people by offering rehabilitation, mental health and other wellbeing services in an integrated way to enable them to improve their general health.
Dorset Council - Fibre Hub Connectivity in Rural Dorset	This investment will deliver enhanced digital connectivity full fibre (gigabit) across the Dorset Council area, with a particular focus on rural areas where current connectivity is poor. The project will deliver full fibre capability to public sector sites at strategic geographic locations in rural Dorset. Hub sites will be used as fibre anchor points enabling homes and businesses to access fibre through open access and by using top up vouchers where required to make the cost affordable.

**Dorset 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.