

## **GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE GROWTH DEAL**

The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Deal aims to drive growth across the area, especially where there is existing sectoral strength (agri-food, manufacturing, and visitor economy) as well as sectors with growth potential (low carbon, ports and logistics, and health and care).

The Growth Deal, **subject to a satisfactory conclusion of the funding agreement**, will bring together local, national and private funding as well as new freedoms and flexibilities to focus on two key priority areas as identified in the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan:

- Enhancing transport connectivity, reducing congestion and enabling major sites for housing and employment
- Investing in innovation and skills infrastructure to support business growth and enhance skills levels

The Greater Lincolnshire LEP has secured **£111.2m from the Government's Local Growth Fund to support economic growth in the area – with £18.6m of new funding confirmed for 2015/16 and £21.2m for 2016/17 to 2021**. This includes:

- As part of the Government's ongoing commitment to the Greater Lincolnshire LEP a provisional award of a further £27.5m of funding for projects starting in 2016 and beyond; and
- £43.9m of funding which the Government has previously committed as part of Local Growth Deal funding to the area.

This substantial investment from Government will **bring forward at least £70m of additional investment from local partners and the private sector. Combined together this will create a total new investment package of £181.2m for the Greater Lincolnshire LEP.**

By 2021, this deal will create at least 1,500 jobs and allow 1,500 homes to be built.

The Greater Lincolnshire LEP brings together local public sector partners - Boston Borough Council, City of Lincoln Council East Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, North Kesteven District Council, North East Lincolnshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, South Holland District Council, South Kesteven District Council and West Lindsey District Council; private sector partners including Lincolnshire Co-op, Siemens, Lindum Group, Butlins, and North Lincolnshire Homes, the University of Lincoln, the Federation of Small Businesses, and representatives from the education and voluntary sectors.

### **Summary of Greater Lincolnshire Growth Deal projects and funding**

The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Deal brings together different funding streams designed to support local growth, together with a share of the new Local Growth Fund.

<b>Greater Lincolnshire LEP Local Growth Fund breakdown (£m)</b>			
	<b>2015/6</b>	<b>2016 onwards</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Local Growth Fund award</b>	18.6	21.2	39.8
<b>Previously committed funding</b>	29.7	14.2	43.9
<b>Provisional allocation to projects starting in 2016/17 and beyond</b>	-	27.5	27.5
<b>Total</b>	48.3	62.9	111.2

These totals exclude match funding for European Social Fund (ESF) skills activities. The total amount of ESF skills activity LEPs have planned in their draft strategies over the 7 year programme is

currently just over 1 billion euros. Actual skills ESF match will be used on the basis of the skills activity which is delivered at LEP level according to their final strategies.

**Greater Lincolnshire and Central Government have agreed to co-invest in the following jointly-agreed priorities:**

- **Grantham Southern Relief Road** – a relief road, bridge and connections that will enable housing and employment land to be developed, reduce traffic congestion in the town centre and on the A52 and instances of rail bridge strikes and resultant delays on the East Coast mainline.
- **Boston Quadrant** – a mixed use development that will enable housing and employment land to be developed and protected for the future from flooding and will deliver a new distributor road to reduce congestion in the town centre.
- **Boole Technology Centre** – an Innovation Centre on the Lincoln Science and Innovation Park providing laboratory, workshop and office space, targeting high growth SMEs in advanced engineering and manufacturing.
- **Unlocking Rural Housing Programme** – a LEP wide gap funding and loan investment programme to create housing units and tackle the twin challenges in providing rural housing in this area of low land values and flood risk.
- **Bishop Burton College** - a new specialist land-based campus on the Lincolnshire Showground to increase skills levels in the agri-food sector.
- **Skegness Countryside Business Park** – a new serviced employment park to accommodate businesses serving the Tourism industry and a four leg roundabout to reduce congestion in the town centre.

**Provisional allocation to projects starting in 2016/17 or beyond**

- **Grantham College** – a new build to house the business, computing and technology curriculum and delivery of enterprise and employability skills.
- **Lincoln Central Transport Hub** – a new bus station, pedestrian footbridge and car park, integrated with the train station and connecting to the Science and Innovation Park, improving rail, bus, pedestrian and cycle linkages across the city and beyond.
- **Access to Employment Zones (A16 and A46 Improvements), Grimsby** – junction improvements on key access routes to and from Grimsby enabling the development of housing and employment sites.
- **Lincoln Tentercroft East-West Growth Corridor** – three-phased mixed use development that will enhance primary public transport links, deliver improved pedestrian infrastructure and flow and enable the development of housing and employment sites.
- **‘Go Skegness’ - Skegness Sustainable Transport** – interconnected sustainable transport improvements including multi-modal improvements to enhance junctions, remove pinch points and improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists; a seasonal park and ride site; and real time passenger information.
- **Berkeley Circle Highway Improvement, Scunthorpe** – improvements to a key junction forming the western approach to Scunthorpe, to reduce congestion and increase capacity to accommodate a series of planned housing, commercial and leisure developments.

**Local flexibility over Growth Deal programme:** Greater Lincolnshire LEP has demonstrated strong partnership arrangements which deliver collective decisions, has articulated a clear and deliverable vision for growth in the area and has established strong financial monitoring procedures and cross local authority collaboration. Government will disburse funds to the LEP annually in advance. The Greater Lincolnshire LEP will be expected to deliver the projects highlighted in the Deal, but will have flexibility over the management of these projects in order to deliver the greatest economic benefits to

the area. Any significant changes to the projects will need to be discussed with the Government in advance. The Growth Deal does not amount to an endorsement of everything in the submitted SEP. All development decisions for specific proposals must go through the normal planning process and be guided by local plans taking into account all material considerations.

## **The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Deal**

The investment secured by the deal will be focused on two key areas to deliver transformative growth:

- Transport connectivity and flagship employment and housing sites
- Innovation and skills infrastructure

**Enhancing transport connectivity, reducing congestion and enabling flagship sites for housing and employment.** The Deal will invest in a package of transformational measures across the Greater Lincolnshire area including:

Grantham – the Grantham Southern Relief Road includes a 3km relief road, bridge and connections to enable the development of employment land and housing on the Spitalgate Heath Sustainable Urban Extension.

Skegness – the Skegness Countryside Business Park includes the creation of a four leg roundabout to create new access points, enable the development of employment land and reduce traffic; and the ‘Go Skegness’ scheme that will deliver interconnected sustainable transport improvements.

Boston – the Boston Quadrant development will enable the development of flood protected employment and housing land, a community stadium and sports education hub and a distributor road.

All of Greater Lincolnshire – the Unlocking Rural Housing Programme includes gap funding and loan investment to deliver housing and jobs across the LEP area.

### **Pipeline projects: Provisional allocations to projects starting in 16/17 and beyond:**

Lincoln – the Central Transport Hub includes a new bus station, footbridge and car park to integrate and improve rail, bus, pedestrian and cycle links across the city and the Lincoln Tentercroft East-West Growth Corridor mixed use development will enable the development of housing and employment sites.

Grimsby – the Access to Employment Zones will deliver junction improvements on the A16 and A46, both key access routes to and from Grimsby enable the development of housing and employment sites.

Scunthorpe – the Berkeley Circle Highway Improvement will deliver improvements to a key junction to reduce congestion and increase capacity enables the development of housing and employment sites.

<b>Greater Lincolnshire LEP commitments</b>	<b>Central Government commitments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invest at least £47.9m in the Grantham Southern Relief Road.</li><li>• Invest at least £3m in the Skegness Countryside Business Park.</li><li>• Invest at least £19.5m in the Boston Quadrant.</li><li>• Invest at least £15.4m in the Unlocking Rural Housing Programme.</li><li>• Deliver at least 1,713 new homes.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invest £16.1m in the Grantham Southern Relief Road, (£7.5m in 2015/16).</li><li>• Invest £4m in the Skegness Countryside Business Park, (£1.2m in 2015/16).</li><li>• Invest £4.8m in the Boston Quadrant (£1m in 2015/16).</li><li>• Invest £4.1m in the Unlocking Rural Housing Programme (£0.7m in 2015/16).</li></ul> <p><b>Pipeline projects</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create or safeguard at least 1,773 jobs.</li> <li>• Progress on the development and delivery of the priority transport schemes identified by the Greater Lincolnshire Local Transport Body that are fundable within available pre-allocated Local Growth Fund resources.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pipeline Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest at least £11.3m in the Lincoln Central Transport Hub.</li> <li>• Invest at least £1.2m in the Access to Employment Zones (A16 and A46 Improvements).</li> <li>• Invest at least £3.1m in the Lincoln Tentercroft East-West Growth Corridor.</li> <li>• Invest at least £4m in 'GO Skegness' Sustainable Transport.</li> <li>• Invest at least £2.1m in the Berkeley Circle Highway Improvement.</li> <li>• In return the LEP and local partners will lead the development of a local consortium of partners (including the lead local flood authorities in the area, the Environment Agency and the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, and neighbouring LEPs), who will further develop a pipeline of projects to add value to outcomes for the area through new local governance arrangements that reflect national accountability requirements.</li> <li>• The Local Enterprise Partnership and partners agree to take a more proactive role in consultation on long-term rail planning and franchise specification; and provide a co-ordinating role between constituent local authorities.</li> <li>• The Local Enterprise Partnership agrees to take a more proactive role in consultation on long-term strategic road network planning and provide a co-ordinating role between constituent local authorities.</li> <li>• The LEP and local planning authorities commit to working together to deliver the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest £11m in the Lincoln Central Transport Hub.</li> <li>• Invest £4.2m in the Access to Employment Zones (A16 and A46 Improvements).</li> <li>• Invest £3.1m in the Lincoln Tentercroft East-West Growth Corridor.</li> <li>• Invest £4m in GO Skegness Sustainable Transport.</li> <li>• Invest £2.9m in the Berkeley Circle Highway Improvement.</li> <li>• Defra will support the continuing development of a strong strategic partnership approach between the LEP, the Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Drainage Management Partnership, and the risk management authorities in the Greater Lincolnshire LEP area, in which the LEP will play a prominent role. The partnership will enable the LEP and local risk management authorities to determine local priorities and make decisions on the use of national and locally raised funding allocated to their area so as to give greater certainty and flexibility. Defra will welcome any evidence the LEP can provide on a) the value agricultural land and the impacts that flood management investment could have on the national economy and b) innovative ways of securing local funding, and will discuss with the LEP[s]* any steps that might be taken by Government in the light of the evidence. (* ie Humber and Greater Lincolnshire).</li> <li>• The Department for Transport commits to working with D2N2 and the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership and partners to help achieve the objective of increased service frequency between Lincoln and Nottingham via Newark. If local funding is provided to operate incremental rail services for three years and services prove successful, the Department for Transport commits to considering funding service levels thereafter.</li> <li>• The Department for Transport and Network Rail commit to more proactive engagement of the Local Enterprise Partnership in the</li> </ul>
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<p>housing provided for in Local Plans.</p>	<p>long-term rail planning process (e.g. Route Studies) and in rail franchise specification through targeted local engagement of the Local Enterprise Partnership as part of an enhanced consultation process. The Department for Transport also commits to encourage bidders for franchises to identify and take into account the priorities of Local Enterprise Partnerships and other key local stakeholders as part of the franchising process, and will also encourage Train Operating Companies to continue with, and enhance where possible, their engagement with LEPs as key local stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Highways Agency commits to developing a more proactive and collaborative approaches to promoting national and local growth and commits to continue building strong relationships and working arrangements with Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Local Enterprise Partnership Network, in the same way as with Local and Combined Authorities and the Local Government Association. Through its Route Strategies, the Highways Agency will engage the Local Enterprise Partnership in better understanding the challenges and opportunities associated with the network and to develop evidence based long-term plans to bring about much needed local economic growth and development, and commits to providing each Local Enterprise Partnership with a named contact, generally the relevant regional director. The Highways Agency commits to forming a Growth and Economic Development Group to support Local Enterprise Partnerships at a national and sub-national level, and a draft license published on 23rd June 2014 for the new Highway Agency company includes a requirement to co-operate, which will underpin the arrangements described above.</li> </ul>
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### **Investing in innovation and skills infrastructure to support business growth and enhance skills levels.**

The Deal includes investment in a new Innovation Centre and new college facilities near Lincoln. The Boole Technology Centre on the Lincoln Science and Innovation Park will provide laboratory,

workshop and office space, targeting high growth SMEs in advanced engineering and manufacturing. The Bishop Burton College will invest in a new specialist land-based campus on the Lincolnshire Showground, including facilities specialising in food technology, precision agriculture, animal behaviour, wildlife and countryside, sports science and equine science to increase skills levels and student numbers in the agri-tech sector.

**Pipeline project: Provisional allocation to project starting in 16/17 and beyond:**

A new build at Grantham College to house the business, computing and technology curriculum and delivery of enterprise and employability skills.

Greater Lincolnshire LEP commitments	Central Government commitments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest £3.1m in the Boole Technology Centre.</li> <li>Invest £2.5m in Bishop Burton College.</li> <li>Create at least 6,000 sq m of commercial floorspace.</li> <li>Invest £2.3m in Grantham College.</li> <li>Support at least an additional 2,447 learners.</li> <li>Consider skills implications as part of any decisions on growth strategies.</li> <li>Clearly articulate and evidence their skills priorities in the light of strategic national and local growth opportunities and communicate them to the FE and skills sector.</li> <li>Positively engage the FE and skills sector in key strategic partnerships e.g. Skills and Employment Boards.</li> <li>Recognise where the private sector has a responsibility to invest in skills provision and work with business and the skills system to realise that investment.</li> <li>The Government expects Greater Lincolnshire LEP to open up new jobs associated with the Local Growth Fund to local unemployed and long-term unemployed people working closely with local and national back to work initiatives. This would be part of a wider expectation that local areas use the Social Value Act, drawing on best practice across local councils and central expertise in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest £3.4m in the Boole Technology Centre, (£0.7m in 15/16).</li> <li>Invest £7.5m in Bishop Burton College in 15/16.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Pipeline Project</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest £2.3m in Grantham College.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Central commitment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government, through the Skills Funding Agency, will support the process to ensure that provision meets local priorities and that increasing responsiveness is delivered through a three-pronged approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement of new provision: LEPs will be involved throughout the process and providers' track records against LEP requirements will be considered as part of this assessment.</li> <li>Accountability: Providers will be required through their funding agreements with the Agency to explain to LEPs details of their provision and planning and we are testing ways in which they can be most effectively held to account for being responsive to local economic priorities. The Skills Funding Agency is trialling Skills Incentives Pilots from 2014/15 designed to explore the mechanisms through which providers will account to LEPs for delivery.</li> <li>Allocations and Intervention: In future years providers' records in delivering to LEP requirements will be taken into account when setting allocations and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>maximising social value.</p>	<p>triggering interventions. From 2015/16 the Skills Funding Agency will take into account the outcomes of the Skills Incentive Pilots in Stoke and Staffordshire, the North East and West of England, in making allocations to those providers in scope; subject to evaluation of the pilots, these mechanisms will be rolled out to other LEPs in future years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government will set out revised information for LEPs on how they can take advantage of this approach and options for seeking advice if provision is not responsive to their needs. The Skills Funding Agency will publish information during summer 2014 on how LEPs can influence the use of all skills budgets in their localities, and the steps they can take if they are dissatisfied with the pattern of delivery.</li> <li>• Government will seek to improve the provision of skills data for LEPs and will develop and publish new reports that will quantify and assess responsiveness to local skills needs. In the summer of 2014 the Skills Funding Agency will provide all LEPs with a data set that updates them on the provision delivered in their areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Growth Hubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GLLEP will provide a clear model for coordinating and simplifying business support so that it joins up national, local, public and private support and creates a seamless customer experience for businesses, which makes it easy for them to get the right support at the right time.</li> <li>• GLLEP will provide at least £136k of public and private funding in 2015/16 to support the delivery of the local growth hub.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Growth Hubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government will provide £300k funding to the LEP for growth hub business support coordination, subject to the growth hub meeting minimum conditions that reflect the position agreed by the Government review of business support and services.</li> <li>• UKTI will commit to effectively communicating its strategic priorities to LEPs and wherever possible to access relevant opportunities. UKTI will double the number of Partnership Managers to 16. This will ensure that UKTI can work more closely with LEPs and help build their capability to secure more inward investment.</li> <li>• The Technology Strategy Board recognises the important and valuable role that LEPs are</li> </ul>

	<p>playing in promoting and supporting innovation, and is committed to developing strong and effective relationships with LEPs both individually and collectively to build on this.</p> <p>The Technology Strategy Board is committed to supporting LEPs in developing the emerging Growth Hubs and in exploring how LEPs they can help drive up local business awareness and engagement in Technology Strategy Board programmes and initiatives.</p>
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**As part of the deal, the LEP will:**

- Support extension of **superfast broadband coverage** to 90% of UK premises by 2016, via existing broadband projects, GLLEP will commit to work with local partners and BT to support delivery. To support extension of superfast broadband coverage to 95% of UK premises by 2017, GLLEP will also work with local partners to help ensure match funding is in place for the next round of projects.
- The LEP will work with their constituent local authorities to review and strengthen the supporting local authority partnership arrangements with the aim of ensuring the effective management of relationships across the LEP geography – including overlap areas.
- **Ensure implementation and demonstrate success**, by accepting the funding agreement, and by tracking progress against milestones and agreed core metrics and outcomes in line with a monitoring and evaluation framework. This will include agreeing monitoring metrics and reporting arrangements with the Government by September 2014. The LEP will also produce an evaluation plan for the projects contained in the Deal before April 2015.
- **Communicate the ongoing outputs and outcomes of the Deal to the local community and stakeholders** by publishing the Growth Deal and reporting regularly, and publically, on their progress to implement the strategy, ensuring that local people understand how Government money is being spent via the Growth Deal, and what the benefits are for them and the area. The Cities and Local Growth Unit will continue to work with the LEPs on communications activities, and help make the links with other Government communications teams.
- **Ensure value for money** by developing robust processes that will guide local decision-making. This will include agreeing an assurance framework with the Government by September 2014, building on existing local and national frameworks.

Funding for projects starting in 2016/17 will be subject to conditions that Government will discuss with the LEP over the next few weeks and months, along with establishing the best timetable for the project, taking into account practicalities and affordability.

The Government commits to opening discussions with the LEP right away on its priorities for the next round of Growth Deals.