

GROWTH DEALS 3 FACTSHEET – Liverpool City Region

1. How much is the Government investing in Liverpool City Region as part of the Growth Deal programme?

	Growth Deal One (July 2014)	Growth Deal Two (Jan 2015)	Growth Deal Three (Nov 2016)
Local Growth Fund Award	£229.3m ¹	£31.6m	£72.0m
Total Award	£332.9m		

2. What will this new funding deliver?

This new tranche of funding will deliver:

- Boost innovation and productivity in businesses across the city region.
- Enhance key routes on the city region's road network and deliver transport and accessibility improvements to support the growth of housing and employment sites.
- Increase skill levels, meet employers' skills needs and help retain skilled workers in the city region.

3. What has previous funding delivered?

This builds on previous Growth Deal investments in Liverpool City Region, which have:

- Seen investment across the city region's colleges, delivering new and upgraded facilities and equipment for learners.
- Delivered improvements to the A5300 and A562 junction – improving access to key employment sites as well as improve the City Region's national and international connectivity.
- Invested in a range of sustainable transport enhancements across the city region, including in low carbon opportunities and travel for the visitor economy.

4. How will this benefit the local community?

Local people will benefit from:

- Improved journey times across the city region's key roads
- Access to greater opportunities locally for skilled employment
- Working for more productive and innovative local businesses.

5. How will this benefit local businesses?

Local businesses will benefit from:

- The potential to access support to increase their productivity and accelerate innovation
- Improved transport infrastructure for their staff and for transporting their goods and materials
- Access to a greater skilled workforce to help meet their needs.

¹ NB – this figure is £3 million less than originally announced in 2014. This funding was earmarked as loan funding for housing construction in Southport, which the developer subsequently obtained privately rather than through public funding.

6. How does this link to the Northern Powerhouse?

The Northern Powerhouse is a vehicle for addressing productivity gaps across the country and ensuring a stronger, more sustainable economy for all parts of the UK. Through the Local Growth Fund, central government has already agreed over £2.9 billion worth of Growth Deals in the North to help address these issues by supporting locally-led projects to boost economic growth. This additional funding round will provide an extra boost of **£556m** to LEPs within the Northern Powerhouse. The funding will also build upon the innovation, improved business support, and major capital projects which have already led to economic growth in the North, acting as a catalyst for growth building towards the Prime Minister's vision of an economy that works for all up and down the country.

7. What is the connection between devolution and the Local Growth Fund?

As part of our efforts to deliver an economy that works for everyone, the Government is devolving wide-ranging powers directly from Whitehall to local people who know their areas best. Opportunities for growth are best identified by those with detailed local knowledge, and the Local Growth Fund enables places to tailor transformational interventions to local circumstances.

The Liverpool City Region's devolution deal is one of 8 across the country – 7 of which have directly elected mayors. It means decisions that have previously been made in Westminster will now be made in the areas they affect most

As well as funding from the Local Growth Fund, the £30 million per year of additional investment brought by the devolution agreement will also be invested to deliver growth in the city region.

Other Sources of Funding for LEPs

This is currently the last round of Growth Deals that will take place in this Parliament. However, LEPs are eligible to bid for many other sources of funding, which they can use to make investments in significant economic projects in their local area.

The Liverpool City Region has successfully secured the following additional investment which will help to fund a number of projects:

- €220.9 million of EU funding (2014-20 programme) to grow the city region's businesses and support more people into jobs.
- £30 million per year for up to 30 years as part of the devolution agreement, which will be invested to unlock the economic potential of and accelerate growth within the Liverpool City Region. The first round of calls for projects closed on Friday 9 December.
- £5 million of funding for a University Enterprise Zone – Sensor City – which will open in 2017. Over a 10-year period, this will drive growth both locally and beyond, creating a cluster of over 300 new businesses and over 1000 jobs in emerging technologies

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid said:

“As part of efforts to deliver an economy that works for everyone, the Government is devolving powers and resources directly from Whitehall to local people who know their areas best.

“That is why we’re giving £72.0 million of new money to Liverpool City Region to give businesses the support and opportunities they need to achieve their potential – on top of the £261 million we have already awarded”.

Northern Powerhouse Minister Andrew Percy said:

“Across the Northern Powerhouse local people will benefit from £556 million of extra investment thanks to these Growth Deals.

“This is more government money directly invested into the Northern Powerhouse. It is further proof that we will back the people of the North with the resources they need to reach their full potential.”

Mayor Joe Anderson, Chair of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, added:

“This is great news for Liverpool City Region that will help transform the way we work, the way we learn and the way we do business. There are challenges we need to face but this announcement will help us be more ambitious about our national and international successes, using our unique assets, location and capabilities to combine the strength of the Northern Powerhouse. Today’s announcement demonstrates the excellent local delivery partnerships, driven by the public and private sector effectively working together, ensuring maximum impact and value for money for our City Region.”

Welcoming the announcement, **Asif Hamid, Interim Chair of the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership**, said:

“We have massive ambition and opportunities for growth in our City Region and a clear, collective view of how this can be achieved, as set out in the City Region Growth Strategy agreed with the Combined Authority earlier this year. This latest round of Local Growth Deal Funding from Government means that this ambition can now be translated into effective action and we look forward to supporting our Combined Authority colleagues and other partners in building on the City Region’s core strengths and capacity for innovation to create a truly global and competitive City Region at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse.”