

GROWTH DEALS 3 FACTSHEET – Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

1. How much is the Government investing in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP 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	£48.9 million	£11.3 million	£18.03 million
Total Award	£78.23 million		

2. What will this new funding deliver?

This new tranche of funding is expected to deliver:

- Investment in **science and innovation** which will provide specific support for space, aerospace and marine renewable energy activity through the Local Enterprise Partnership's Enterprise Zones. This is expected to lever in £20 million of additional investment, creating 400 jobs and 4,000 sq m of additional workspace;
- A **culture, heritage and innovation for productivity programme**, including investment in the creative sector – one of the fastest growing in the economy. This is expected to lever in £12 million of additional investment, creating 110 jobs and 446 sq m of additional workspace; and
- The **LEP's workspace programme**, which will provide investment in space for local businesses, targeting innovative approaches to town centre-based workspace. This is expected to lever in £20 million of additional investment, creating 250 jobs and 2,500 sq m of workspace.

3. What has previous funding delivered?

This builds on previous Growth Deal investments in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, which have included the following projects:

- Truro Park & Ride: £1 million investment in seven new low floor buses in Truro to provide additional capacity for the city's successful Park & Ride Scheme;
- A38 Cornwall Gateway: £3.5 million investment in Carkeel Junction that will deliver benefits to Cornwall's connectivity with the UK and accelerate new employment and housing development in Saltash; and
- Train Care Centre, Penzance: £5 million growth deal investment in £15.9 million project to help improve Cornwall's rail service creating 60 new jobs and safeguarding a further 65.

4. How will this benefit the local community?

The latest round of Growth Deal investment in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly is expected to create up to 760 higher paid jobs in key growth sectors such as space, aerospace, marine and the creative industries. Raising wage levels in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly is a key objective of the LEP.

5. How will this benefit local businesses?

The latest round of Growth Deals in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly is expected to deliver 6,900 square metres of workspace.

6. 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 Cornwall devolution deal is one of eight across England and has commitments on a wide range of subjects, many of which are intended to promote economic growth. For example, Cornwall's devolution deal includes commitments on transport funding, business support, adult education, energy projects and public estate as well as other areas. The deal document can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cornwall-devolution-deal>

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 Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP is benefitting from additional investment to fund a number of projects:

- £5.9 million from the **Growing Places Fund** which has created an “evergreen” fund targeting investment in infrastructure. It unlocks development, leveraging in up to £39.5 million, delivering up to 18,000 square metres of workspace, 44 homes and creating or safeguarding 870 jobs;
- £13 million from the **Regional Growth Fund**, which has delivered revenue and capital support to 140 businesses. This investment has leveraged £51.8 million of additional investment and created or safeguarded up to 5,200 jobs;
- The **Growth Hub and Skills Hub** programme, which is the LEP's online gateway to business, has received £4 million of European funding. This is anticipated to deliver support to 2,160 enterprises; and
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly area is scheduled to receive €603.7 million of **European funding** – through the European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund - to support investment in innovation, businesses, skills and employment. This is expected to deliver support to 4,000 new and existing enterprises, create 1,080 jobs, and support 40,000 people to access employment and skills development.

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid said:

“This Government backed Cornwall with major powers and resources in the first devolution deal for a county.

“Today we’re pledging millions of pounds of extra funding for business projects across the county and the Isles of Scilly, so local leaders can create jobs, improve infrastructure, and help the Cornish economy reach its full potential.”

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership chairman Mark Duddridge said:

“We were proud of our ambitious bid for local growth funds and while we welcome this investment, which takes our total growth deal value so far to more than £78 million, we will continue to strive for additional funds to accelerate economic growth in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and close our wages and productivity gap with the UK and overseas.

“We look forward to working closely with Government to develop these further investment opportunities.”