

# Smart Specialisation NSC

Update to the 14<sup>th</sup> June Growth  
Programme Board

# England's Smart Specialisation context

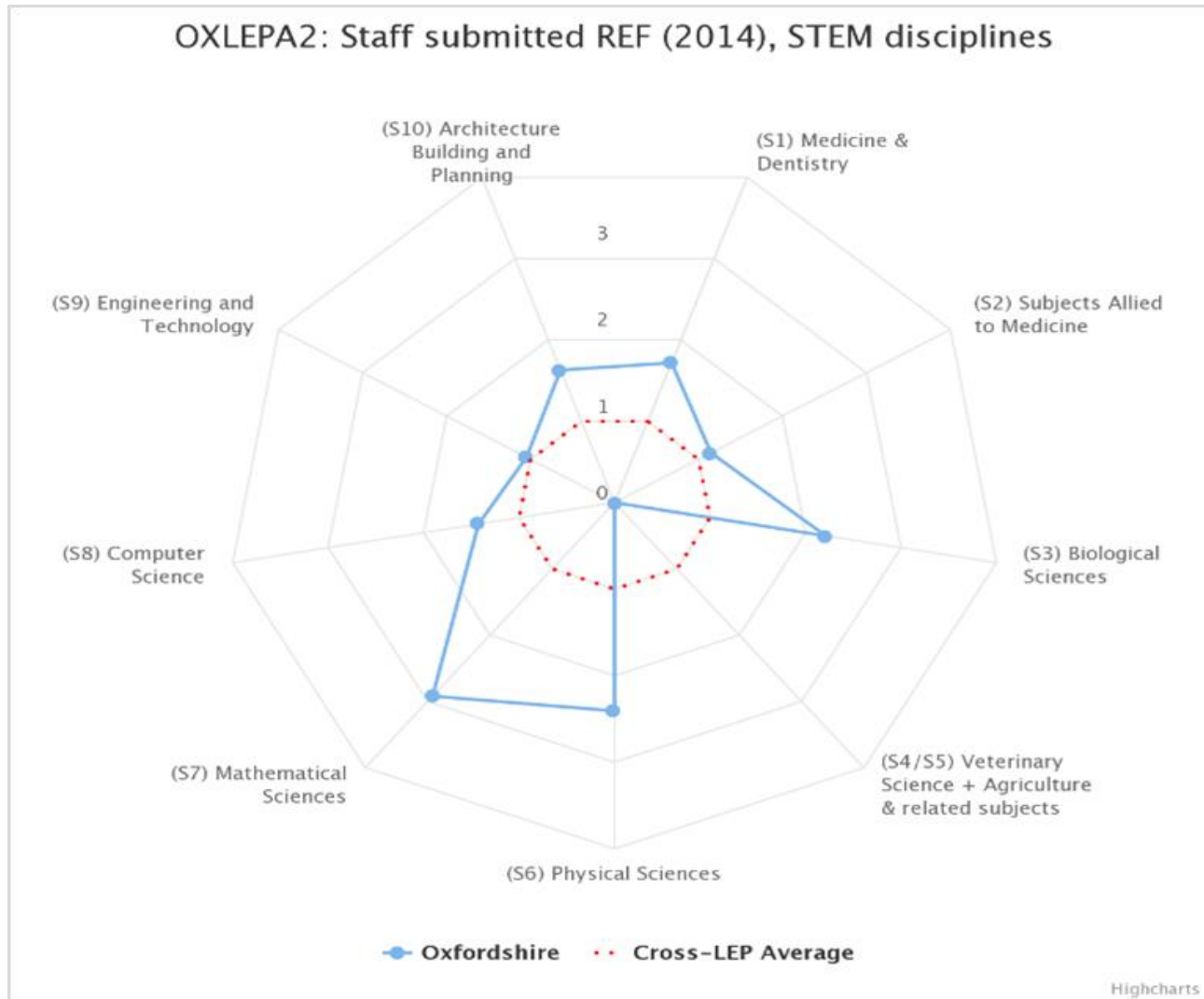
- May 2015 – new Government
- May 2016 – Announcement that UKRI will be established as a single, strategic body that will bring together the 7 Research Councils, Innovate UK and the research funding from Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
- June 2016 - EU referendum resulting in the UK's decision to leave the EU
- July 2016 – Cabinet reshuffle, resulting in machinery of Government Changes, creation of the Department of Business and Industrial Strategy
- January 2017 - launch of the Industrial Strategy Green paper consultation

# Two key focuses of the Smart Specialisation Hub

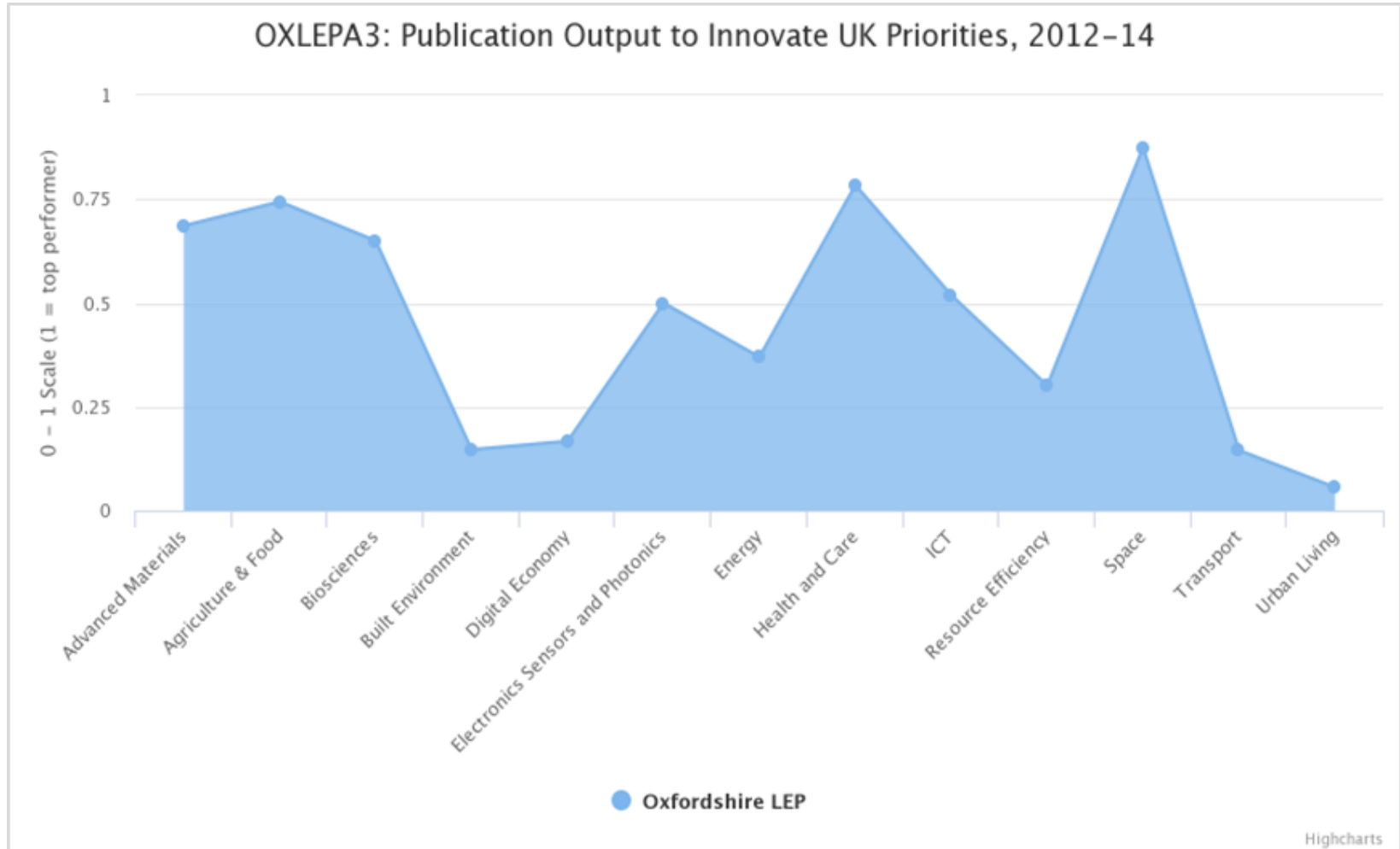
To help local areas and regions identify their strengths in innovation to prioritise for investment and resources by:

- Promoting evidence based innovation investments
- Helping local decisions makers in England to collaborate with one another, and forge stronger links with the national innovation infrastructure.

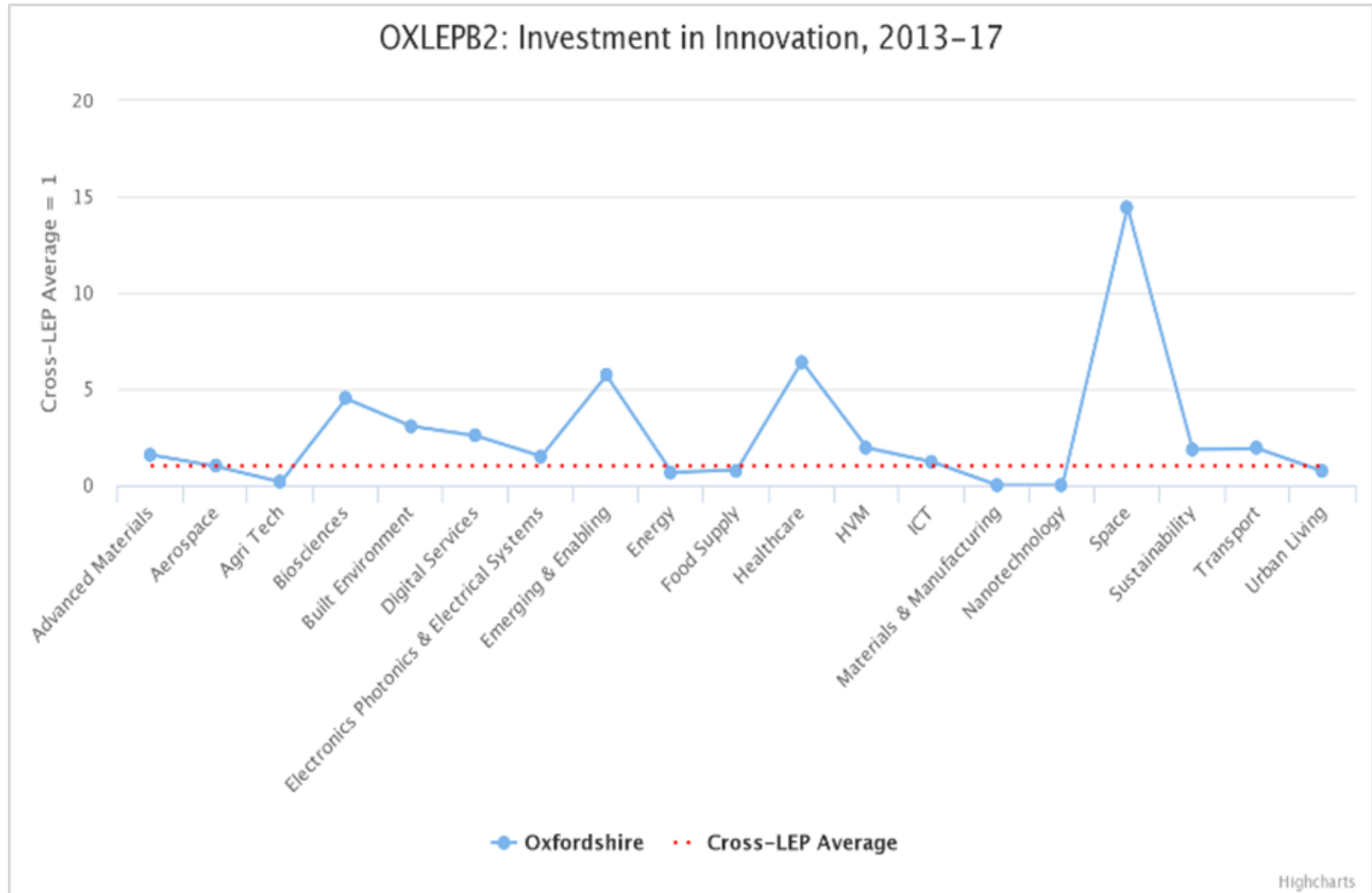
# OXLEP – Research



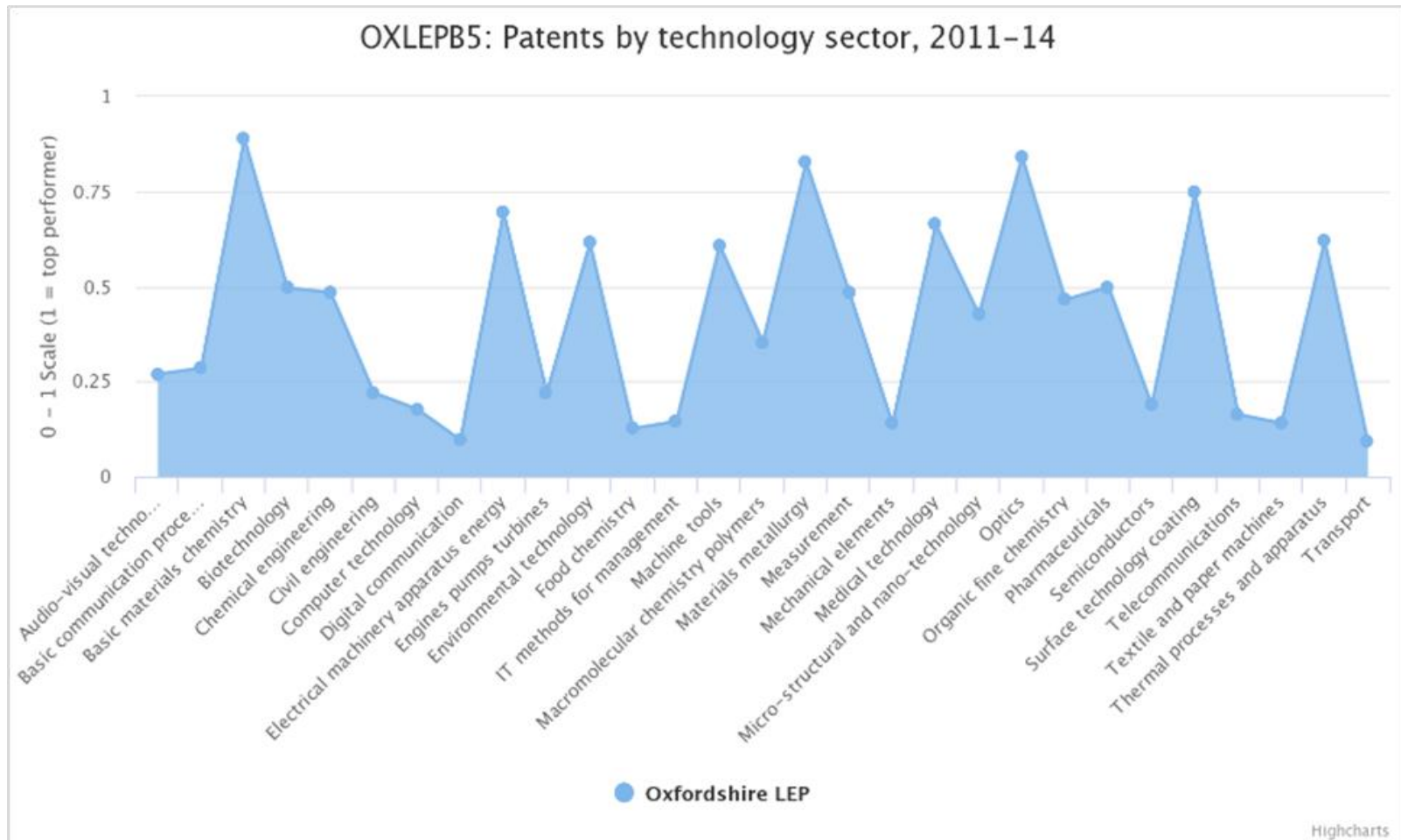
# OXLEP – Research



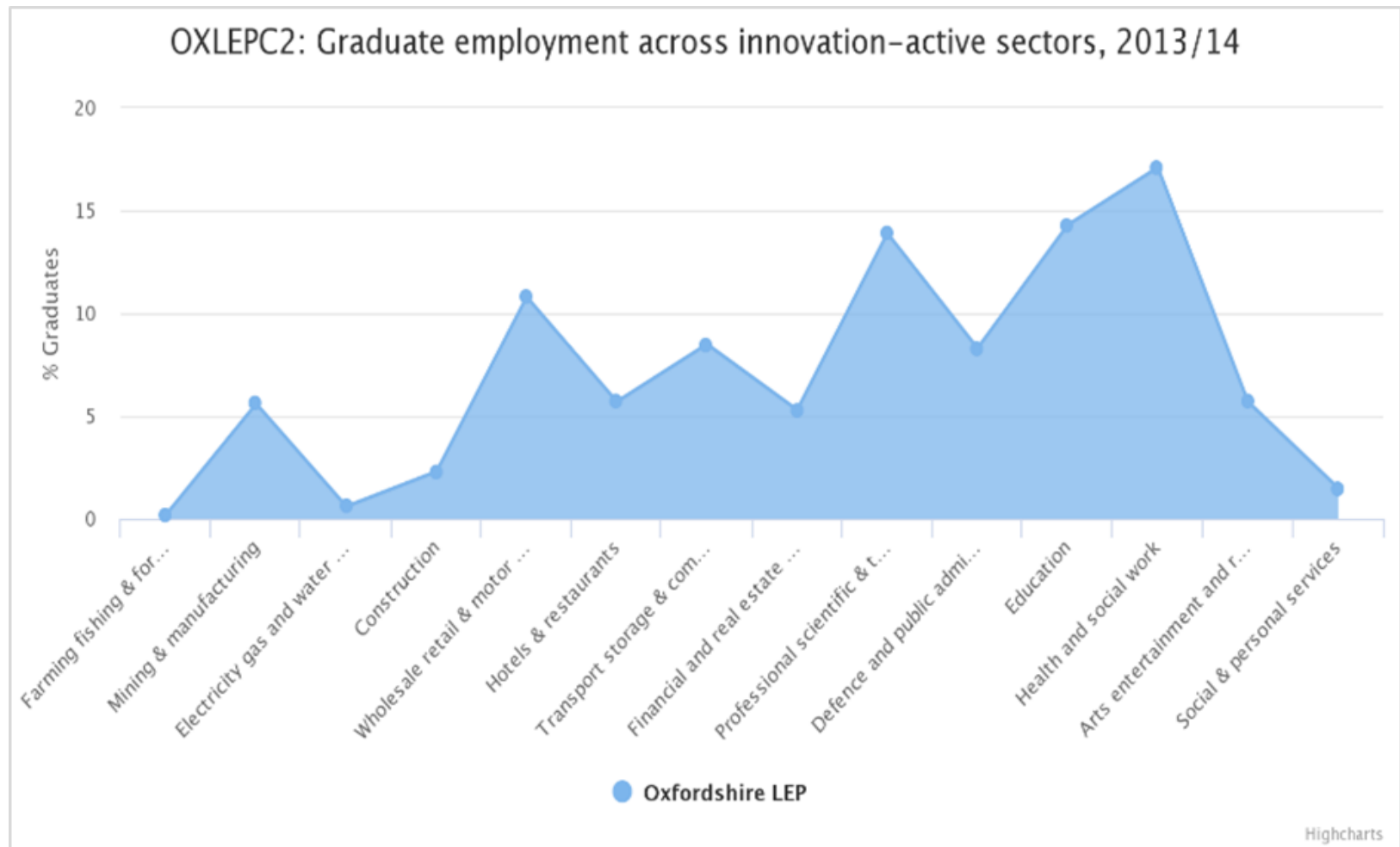
# OXLEP – Innovation in Business



# OXLEP – Innovation in Business



# OXLEP – Graduate employment





# Going forward

- Building a **better picture** of our national innovation capabilities
- Enable **local players to collaborate**, thereby strengthening their role in local growth and innovation to support national and local priorities
- Smart Specialisation, together with SIAs, will inform the developing policies, structures and funding programmes