

Greater Manchester




Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.


In Greater Manchester a partnership of business and civic leaders – alongside other local partners – is working with the government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow skills and opportunities for workers across the area.

Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£1.6m** to the Christie NHS Foundation Trust and Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust to fund a new generation of treatments which use patients' cells as a 'drug' to treat diseases.

 **£23m** to provide residents with the digital connectivity they need through improvements in the availability of full fibre broadband.

 **£243m** through the Transforming Cities Fund to improve public and sustainable transport links to centres of employment.

 **1,329,600** people in employment, an increase of **153,500** since 2010. **89,800** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **28,430** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 2,798,800
Businesses: 118,720

Case study: Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre

The Graphene Engineering Innovation Fund will exploit the potential of graphene-based advanced materials, pioneered by scientists at the University of Manchester. With funding of £5m, this international research and technology facility reinforces Manchester's position as a globally leading knowledge-base in graphene research and commercialisation.

For more examples go to bit.ly/IS-map

Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership is now a trailblazer in developing its local industrial strategy.

We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.