

Dept	Proposed support	Territorial Extent
Creating Investible Sites and Places		
Financial Support		
NWF	Offer seminars and bi-lateral engagements with Industrial Strategy Zones to explore a pipeline of future projects and the opportunity to use Business Rates income to support these investments.	UK wide
NWF	Look to identify where local and strategic authorities with Industrial Strategy Zones could benefit from NWF's advisory support to help them to consider and develop their investment cases and commercial delivery models.	UK wide
UKEF	Provide support to Industrial Strategy Zones through its network of regional Export Finance Managers, who provide free and impartial consultations to businesses on their export finance needs.	UK wide
HMT	Offer long-term, affordable loans to local authorities to support investment in Industrial Strategy Zone projects through the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb), subject to compliance with lending terms.	UK wide
DESNZ	Great British Energy, as an operationally independent publicly owned energy company, can support the government's Industrial Strategy Zones by investing and developing technologies critical to reaching CP2030 and Net Zero 2050.	UK Wide
DBT	Ensure the Strategic Sites Accelerator, backed by over £600m, considers Industrial Strategy Zone sites as part of its site selection process, potentially unlocking key Industrial Strategy Zone sites for investments in our growth-driving sectors.	UK Wide
MHCLG	Devolve Financial Transactions funding to MSAs with Integrated Settlements for investment in local growth projects to address regional access to finance barriers.	England only
SG	Deliver a £25m Grangemouth Just Transition Fund to deliver low carbon projects at the site, alongside a national 2025-26 fund of £10m for hydrogen sector growth.	Scotland only
SG	The Scottish National Investment Bank will continue to make investment available to businesses and projects which support their mission-based approach, having already invested £200m in offshore wind supply chain assets, alongside £700m from third parties.	Scotland only
WG	The Development Bank of Wales will provide financial support to stimulate economic growth, innovation, and entrepreneurship where viable activities are not supported by the private sector.	Wales only
WG	Seek funding opportunities for transport priorities in Industrial Strategy Zones.	Wales only
Planning		

MHCLG	Work with each Industrial Strategy Zone to help establish a single conversation group bringing together developers, statutory consultees and Local Planning Authorities.	England only
MHCLG	Provide support for Industrial Strategy Zones to develop Master Plans which are key to accelerating the development of the clusters. Master Plans have a range of benefits, maximising benefits for communities by ensuring that sites are developed coherently, and providing greater certainty for developers, allowing them to complete planning more quickly and efficiently.	England only
MHCLG	Provide planning support to critical Industrial Strategy Zone sites.	England only
MHCLG	Support the capacity and capability of Local Planning Authorities through the Planning Capacity and Capability Programme.	England only
MHCLG	Support a regulatory framework that would give Mayors outside of London the powers to use Mayoral Development Orders (MDOs) to grant planning permission across Local Planning Authority boundaries where a Mayor is in place.	England only
MHCLG	Prioritise projects that qualify as National Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) within Industrial Strategy Zone sites and promote the planning support mechanisms set out in the NSIP Reform Action Plan and Planning Infrastructure Bill to speed up delivery.	England only
MCHLG	Support Industrial Strategy Zones to undertake meaningful engagement with statutory bodies, and to promote the necessary changes to the system which aim to minimise burdensome statutory consultation requirements, providing greater flexibility to applicants about how they consult and engage statutory bodies.	England only
DEFRA	Work with Industrial Strategy Zones to understand their needs for expert advice and support them to develop a high-level strategic plan for their sites, particularly focussing on areas where projects are likely to cluster together.	England only
DEFRA	Support Local Planning Authorities who are already signed up to the Coastal Concordat and promote its adoption with others. Explore alternative opportunities for developers to navigate the complexities of obtaining coastal development approvals from multiple agencies.	England only
DEFRA	Prioritise Industrial Strategy Zones engagement as appropriate based on DEFRA infrastructure board escalation by providing early advice as needed through pre-application services and other focused expert support services.	England only
Statutory Consultees (NE/EA/MMO/ NFNPA)	Each Statutory Consultee to provide each Industrial Strategy Zone with a single point of contact, to help provide clear requirements and timescales for accessing pre-application advice.	England only

Statutory Consultees (NE/EA/MMO/ NFNPA)	Support spatial planning in Industrial Strategy Zones by providing advice on strategic environmental evidence and solutions, where there is adequate information on proposed growth, e.g., masterplans.	England only
Statutory Consultees (NE/EA/MMO/NFNPA/NH/HE)	Provide representatives to participate as appropriate in Industrial Strategy Zones' single conversation group, whilst noting that not all statutory consultees may need to be involved except on critical issues that fall within their scope and for which their participation would significantly progress delivery.	England only
DEFRA	Explore applying learning from 'lead environmental regulator' pilots to improve the experience of major projects involving multiple regulators in Industrial Strategy Zones.	England only
SG	Deliver the Green Freeports Planning and Other Consents: National Protocol.	Scotland Only
SG	Increase recruitment of professional planners in public authorities.	Scotland Only
SG	Amend Permitted Development Rights to support development on operational land at all Scottish ports, including those in Green Freeports, which will enable certain types of development to come forward without the need for a planning application. In other cases, consenting will require commitment to efficient processing and joint working in order to deliver economic and other benefits expeditiously.	Scotland Only
SG	Deliver decision making on more complex consenting subject to planning protocol expeditiously – with the aim to reach timely and robust determinations on more straightforward offshore wind projects within 9 to 12 months, although complex cases may take longer.	Scotland Only
SG	Publish an updated Offshore Wind Policy Statement in 2025/26 to set out an updated offshore wind ambition for Scotland following the significant appetite demonstrated by the private sector through the ScotWind and INTOG leasing rounds informed by the Scottish Government' s new Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy (SMP-OWE) due to be published in 2025. The SMP-OWE will deliver the spatial planning framework for ScotWind and INTOG, maximising deployment that is demonstrably sustainable in Scottish waters.	Scotland Only
SG	Scottish consenting bodies and agencies will provide designated officers for Green Freeport planning and provide pre-application coordination for developers and statutory consultees.	Scotland Only
SG	Master Plan Consent Areas developed (including specifically for Inverness and Cromarty Firth) to speed up application and development on designated sites.	Scotland Only

WG	Bring into force a Significant Infrastructure Consent regime to accelerate the consenting process for major infrastructure projects, benefiting projects in areas such as energy generation, transport, and water infrastructure.	Wales Only
WG	Formalise engagement between Industrial Strategy Zone stakeholders, businesses and statutory consultees. This will include a Wales oversight group consisting of stakeholders from Welsh Zones, along with statutory consultees.	Wales Only
WG	Provide technical support for Industrial Strategy Zones to develop Master Plans which are key to accelerating the development of the clusters.	Wales Only
WG	Encourage further shared services to better deal with large-scale planning applications.	Wales Only
WG	Ensure Industrial Strategy Zones are sufficiently represented in Welsh Government plans and strategies for transport and identify any gaps e.g., Wales Transport Strategy and National Transport Delivery Plan.	Wales only
WG	Work with local authorities and regional structures to ensure transport connections to Industrial Strategy Zones are incorporated into their local and regional plans, strategies and programmes for transport and spatial planning e.g., Regional Transport Plans, Strategic Development Plans and relevant business cases.	Wales only
Grid Connection		
DESNZ	Support the National Energy System Operator (NESO)-led reforms to the connections process which will remove up to 500GW from the oversubscribed connections queue.	GB wide
DESNZ	Work with NESO and Ofgem to help ensure that Regional Energy Strategic Plans (RESPs) consider the energy needs of Industrial Strategy Zones.	GB wide
DESNZ	Give MSAs with responsibility for Industrial Strategy Zones influence over the design of local energy networks through the RESP Regional Energy Strategic Boards.	GB wide
DESNZ	Introduce a new 'connections accelerator service' to boost connections support for demand projects that guarantee high-quality jobs and bring the greatest economic value.	GB wide
Landing Investment and Supporting Local Businesses to Invest		
Attracting International Investors		
OFI	Support Industrial Strategy Zones to develop and refine value propositions for major investor opportunities and capital projects.	UK wide
OFI	Convene across governments, where nationally significant sites face barriers to investment, to respond to those barriers in a targeted way that assists and accelerates development.	UK wide

OFI	Promote the most significant and investor-ready opportunities within Industrial Strategy Zones to global investors through OFI and DBT's international marketing tools and networks.	UK wide
OFI	Work with Industrial Strategy Zones on delivering a world class investor journey, helping businesses navigate government policy and provide bespoke solutions where government intervention is required.	UK wide
OFI	Help build broader local capability to provide a high-quality service to investors in Industrial Strategy Zones at the proposition, pitching, landing and after care stages of the investor journey.	UK wide
MHCLG	Unify investor-facing messaging and branding across the Freeports and Investment Zone programmes as part of the broader Industrial Strategy Zones strategy.	UK wide
MHCLG	Supporting the Connected Places Catapult's Freeport Innovation Network to expand so that its offer is available for all Industrial Strategy Zones.	UK Wide
HMT	Make the customs offer in Freeports optional, providing greater flexibility for Industrial Strategy Zones to adopt the model that works best for them.	UK wide
SG	Launch "InvestScotland" portal to showcase investment opportunities for investors, including developing a national project pipeline of investment opportunities.	Scotland only
SG	Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise will continue to work closely with owners of land within the "growth sites" to help them unlock investment in infrastructure to meet market requirements building on existing long term relationships with these sites and utilising channels to international investors and potential direct support for the development of designs and information to support consent applications.	Scotland only
SG	Leverage private investment to develop supply chain clusters for offshore wind to boost local job opportunities, maximising the impact of our commitment to invest up to £500m over 5 years, including £150m in 2025-26.	Scotland only
WG	Provide a comprehensive range of export support to eligible Welsh businesses. Support will be through a designated Welsh Government International Trade Advisor for each Welsh Industrial Strategy Zone.	Wales only
WG	Provide each Welsh Industrial Strategy Zone with a set of proposition documents across core sectors to support alignment and consistency of messaging in the development of local and national Industrial Strategy Zone material.	Wales only
WG	Share established activity plans for core sectors so a consistent and aligned programme of industry engagement across specific geographies can be developed that is complementary.	Wales only

WG	Provide a first stop shop for all investment enquiries into Wales through a broad range of channels. We will provide further support by giving visibility to opportunities where an Industrial Strategy Zone could be a potential investment location.	Wales only
Support Local Businesses		
BBB	Embed place-based dedicated Cluster Champions within selected high-potential clusters, including some Industrial Strategy Zones, delivering tailored support, enhancing ecosystem connectivity, and working closely with Innovate UK, MSAs, and other stakeholders to strengthen local growth action plans.	UK wide
BBB	Provide an additional £100m in finance (debt and equity) into identified cluster areas through the Nations and Regions Investment Fund (NRIF) expansion, including some Industrial Strategy Zones, improving their access to private capital and helping them develop thriving local innovation ecosystems.	UK wide
BBB	Expand the British Business Bank's support for places, through a £350m expansion of the Nations and Regions Investment Funds programme – currently operating in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well as the North, Midlands and South West of England – to the South East and East of England.	UK wide
SG	Partner with the private sector to deliver an improved Ecosystem Fund, issuing grants to support the Scottish start-up ecosystem.	Scotland only
SG	Progress the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill, invest in the community wealth building practitioners network, and continue to invest in social enterprise to support growth of local businesses and economic democracy.	Scotland only
WG	Provide a wide range of specialist business support services through Business Wales.	Wales only
Growing Clusters and Supporting Local Economic Growth		
Local Labour Markets and Skills		
DESNZ	Ensure that the role of Industrial Strategy Zones are a key consideration the development of the upcoming Clean Energy Workforce Strategy, which will set out how DESNZ will engage with Industrial Strategy Zones on developing the skilled workforce needed to deliver our Clean Energy Superpower Mission.	UK wide
DWP	Link Jobcentre Plus with local Industrial Strategy Zones employers to utilise the employer offer, including through the provision of bespoke activity.	GB wide
DWP	Ensure young people are a focus of the support offer between Jobcentre Plus, local Industrial Strategy Zones employers and the Department for Education or relevant devolved government.	GB wide

DWP	Ensure Industrial Strategy Zones are considered and supported in local activities as part of the Get Britain Working proposals.	England only
DfE	Skills England will collaborate with the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and skills representatives from Industrial Strategy Zones to co-design and develop an Industrial Strategy Zones Skills Forum, bringing together skills leads from Industrial Strategy Zones across the UK to discuss shared challenges and opportunities.	England only
DfE	Delivering a strong post-16 education and skills system with clear pathways for progression and into work is vital to driving economic growth and opportunity. We will back locally led flexibility where it enables better outcomes for Industrial Strategy Zones and is aligned with Local Skills Improvement Plans, embed Industrial Strategy Zones in programme development so that national reforms meet local needs, and amplify the impact of existing programmes to strengthen delivery in Industrial Strategy Zones.	England only
DfE	The Secretary of State for Education (through Skills England) will provide final approval for Local Skills Improvement Plans. Mayoral Strategic Authorities and designated Employer Representative Bodies will work closely together on every part of the development, review and implementation of Local Skills Improvement Plans, which will ensure that skills provision aligns with regional economic priorities, including those of Industrial Strategy Zones. This includes reinforcing the expectation that employers benefitting from government support invest in skills locally, to boost domestic talent and skills.	England only
DfE	Champion joint working between training providers (such as FE Colleges, Technical Excellence Colleges, Higher Education Institutions and Independent Training Providers) and Industrial Strategy Zones and help grow their local skills ecosystems.	England only
DfE	Raise the profile and visibility of Industrial Strategy Zones with relevant provider sector bodies.	England only
DfE	Promote strong collaboration between National Careers Service Prime Contractors, Careers Hubs (delivered by the Careers and Enterprise Company), and local partners to raise awareness of opportunities within Industrial Strategy Zones.	England only
DfE	Continue to work with devolved areas to explore where we could go further with adult skills devolution, building on the devolved, un-ringfenced Adult Skills Fund, Strategic Authorities taking on joint ownership of the Local Skills Improvement Plan model, and the commitment to consolidate additional adult skills funding pots, such as Free Courses for Jobs and Skills Bootcamps, for MSAs.	England only

SG	Collaborate with the UK Government, Welsh Government and skills representatives from Industrial Strategy Zones to co-design and develop an Industrial Strategy Zones Skills Forum, bringing together skills leads from Industrial Strategy Zones across the UK to discuss shared challenges and opportunities.	Scotland only
SG	Publish a joint offshore wind skills action plan in the 2025, focused on addressing critical skills gaps, in partnership with industry, the STUC, and public sector.	Scotland only
SG	Establish and deliver an Offshore Wind Skills Programme in colleges, helping to create region-specific training hubs for offshore wind skills.	Scotland only
SG	Deliver a new bidding round for the North East and Moray Just Transition Fund – worth up to £8.5m – focussed on projects that support jobs, skills and economic opportunities.	Scotland only
SG	Strengthen regional skills planning to ensure that post school provision becomes more responsive to Scotland’s strategic skills needs and priorities.	Scotland only
SG	Establish a national Recognition of Prior Learning system - formally acknowledging an individual’s skills and knowledge gained through work experience, training, or other learning outside of formal education – allowing transferrable skills to move across industries.	Scotland only
WG	Collaborate with the UK Government, Scottish Government and skills representatives from Industrial Strategy Zones to co-design and develop an Industrial Strategy Zones Skills Forum, bringing together skills leads from Industrial Strategy Zones across the UK to discuss shared challenges and opportunities.	Wales only
WG	Work with Regional Skills Partnerships to identify and address skills priorities for Industrial Strategy Zones.	Wales only
WG	Inform Careers Wales - the national, all age, careers information, advice and guidance service for Wales - of employment opportunities arising from Industrial Strategy Zones. To ensure Careers Wales’ Working Wales service - that provides personalised impartial careers and employability advice to those aged 16+ living in Wales - is aware of future opportunities	Wales only
WG	Align employability programmes to maximise opportunities arising from Industrial Strategy Zones.	Wales only
WG	Consider the needs of Industrial Strategy Zones in the development of future apprenticeship and wider skills policy, working closely with Medr.	Wales only
Innovation and Net Zero		
DESNZ	Tackle barriers to growth in key regions of the country which are strongly aligned with the Clean Energy Sector Plan in the Industrial Strategy.	UK wide

DESNZ	Provide a direct point of contact for Industrial Strategy Zones enquiries relating to opportunities in the key clean energy sectors identified in the IS (offshore wind etc.).	UK wide
DESNZ	Ensure that investors into CCUS and the emerging low-carbon hydrogen economy are aware of the benefits of Freeports and Investment Zones, including those looking to invest in the supply chain as well as along the value chain from production to demand.	UK wide
DSIT	Through the new Local Innovation Partnerships Fund, enable places to co-create a plan for developing their clusters with UKRI. Supported by the technical and delivery expertise of UKRI, they will be empowered to allocate funding in the way that they think best delivers on the priorities identified in their local economic strategies.	UK wide
DSIT	Convene innovation leads from across Industrial Strategy Zones on a regular basis to facilitate collaboration and knowledge sharing.	UK wide
DBT	Implement the Government's Action Plan for Regulation to ensure that Regulation becomes a tool to innovate, rather than a barrier for Growth and Investment, including in Industrial Strategy Zones.	UK wide
RIO	Ensure that, working with Regulators, Industrial Strategy Zones can bid for the Regulators' Pioneer Fund to undertake regulatory experimentation, such as sandboxes, to help bring innovative technologies and services to market. Further information on the RPF's future funding rounds will be shared with MHCLG to disseminate across Industrial Strategy Zones.	UK wide
RIO	Assess bids for the Regulators Pioneer Fund on how they deliver against the UK government's economic agenda and the Industrial Strategy, including consideration of bids in Industrial Strategy Zones.	UK wide
RIO	Work through MHCLG to disseminate best practices on working with regulators and developing sandbox opportunities for Industrial Strategy Zones.	UK wide
DSIT	UK Research and Innovation will extend its regional partnerships and network of embedded points of contact with MSAs that are committed to work collaboratively on innovation, ensuring they are strategically involved in the development and delivery of future strategies and investments.	England only
DSIT	Innovate UK will collaborate with all MSAs to produce joint plans that shape long-term innovation strategies and investments in places.	England only
SG	Increase Scottish Funding Council core research and innovation grants to more than £325m for 2025-26 to support research in Scottish universities, develop the talent pipeline, promote knowledge exchange and drive growth.	Scotland only
WG	Provide a wide range innovation support to businesses in Industrial Strategy Zones. This will include innovation support webinars; the SMART Digital and Productivity Accelerator (delivering industry specific diagnostics and specialised support); one to one technical advice and guidance;	Wales only

	innovation funding; intellectual property audits; and co-funding opportunities with international programmes such as VInnovate funding.	
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