

Appendix One – A summary of key points contained within the government’s 2018 review of Local Enterprise Partnerships.

The government has undertaken a review of all the Local Enterprise Partnerships in England to ensure they are fit for purpose to support the development of Local Industrial Strategies.

A copy of the review can be found at - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-proposes-shake-up-of-local-enterprise-partnerships>

In addition to the key point on overlapping geographies (as covered within the main report associated with this appendix) the government have set out an intention to pursue a number of other key points as part of their published review. Key extracts from the review are set out below.

- **Publish a statement on the role and responsibilities of Local Enterprise Partnerships which will clearly set out what the Government expects the LEP’s to deliver.**

‘Local Enterprise Partnerships prioritise policies and actions on the basis of clear economic evidence and intelligence from businesses and local communities. Their interventions are designed to improve productivity across the local economy to benefit people and communities with the aim of creating more inclusive economies. To do this effectively, Local Enterprise Partnerships must have robust governance arrangements that provide operational independence to take tough decisions and hold local partners to account for delivery. This also requires Local Enterprise Partnerships to have the organisational capacity to fulfil their roles and responsibilities.’

- **Publish a further statement on Local Industrial Strategies and what is expected in putting them together.**

‘The Government will set all Local Enterprise Partnerships a single mission to deliver Local Industrial Strategies to promote productivity. This should include a focus on the foundations of productivity and identify priorities across Ideas, People, Infrastructure, Business Environment, and Places. In certain places this may include an emphasis on skills whilst in others it may be land supply, congestion, or working with relevant local authorities in the delivery of housing where it is a barrier to growth.’

Local Enterprise Partnerships will support the supply of skills to an area as they respond to the Skills Advisory Panel programme, and will develop even stronger local labour markets and skills governance through Skills Advisory Panels. These boards will convene local employers, learning providers and other partners, to achieve a better alignment of the local employment and skills offer. This analysis will feed into the development of Local Industrial Strategies.’

- **Continue to maintain overall accountability for the system of Local Enterprise Partnerships and local Growth Funding, and implement in full the recommendations of the Ney Review and any future recommendations that may be made as the performance of Local Enterprise Partnerships is scrutinised and reviewed.**

‘Government’s primary ambition is for Local Enterprise Partnerships to operate as a self-regulating sector, working with local partners and their peers through the LEP Network to

drive improvements in governance and delivery and strive for excellence. The Government, the LEP Network and Local Enterprise Partnerships will develop a Local Enterprise Partnership sector-led approach to assessing and improving performance through regular peer review.'

- **Set out within a revised National Assurance Framework a clear statement on an escalating approach to intervention in any instances where Local Enterprise Partnerships demonstrate that they are found to be under performing.**

'The performance of each Local Enterprise Partnership differs based on the individual circumstances of their place. Each Local Enterprise Partnership's overall performance will be held to account through measures agreed in their delivery plans. The Government will work with Local Enterprise Partnerships to ensure they have these plans in place by April 2019.

Government will continue to monitor Local Enterprise Partnerships through annual performance reviews and quarterly monitoring of data returns for major growth programmes to monitor risk. Performance assessments will be grounded in the three themes encompassing the objectives of a Local Enterprise Partnership: Governance, Delivery and Strategy. In order to strengthen this system, we will introduce a mid-year review session with each Local Enterprise Partnership. This will enhance the existing annual performance review meetings and will focus significantly on strategic direction whilst also providing a forum for Government to highlight concerns with senior Local Enterprise Partnership officials.'

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