

South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership

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Introduction

This document is the annual delivery plan (ADP) for 2021/22, which was approved at the February 2021 SEMLEP Board meeting. Currently there is so much uncertainty it is challenging to predict output delivery by third parties. This reflects the seriousness of the health and economic impacts and risks of COVID-19. The recently published [Economic Recovery Strategy](#) for the South East Midlands provides a strategic guide for the priority themes for the LEP to focus on during the COVID-19 pandemic but is subject to change as local economic conditions and Government policy evolves over time. This strategy also sets out how SEMLEP has reprioritised existing activity, and introduced new activities, to manage the initial economic impacts of the pandemic.

Progress updates, as well as any revisions to these targets reflecting significant changes in local economic conditions, will continue to be presented to the SEMLEP board at future meetings. A final report will be published in Spring/Summer 2022.

Milestones and KPIs for 2021/22

SEMLEP activity is set out in three key work areas: Strategy; Governance; and Delivery:

Strategy

- Present an update to SEMLEP's Board on activities relating to the strategic aims and implementation of the Economic Recovery Strategy. **[July 2021 & February 2022]**
- Support the Open University to run a renewable energy webinar, involving local private sector energy stakeholders. **[June 2021]**
- Develop a digital strategy, or alternative digital proposition, for the South East Midlands, in accordance with feedback from the February Board. **[July 2021]**
- Present an update on the commercial premises market to the Board. **[September 2021]**

Governance

- Refresh the Equality and Diversity statement and action plan **[May 2021]**
- Update our Governance structures following the February 2021 EGM and ensure the Committee Terms of Reference and membership reflect the changes **[July 2021]**
- Hold a Board away day session to focus on impact of COVID and SEMLEP response to it. **[Subject to restrictions, September 2021]**
- Undertake a private sector board recruitment exercise to ensure vacancies are filled and a pipeline of future board members is in place. **[November 2021]**

Delivery

This section provides a summary of SEMLEP's ambitions for delivery. These are presented across 4 main areas: Capital Programmes, Community Grants, SEMLEP's Growth Hub and Skills.

Capital Programmes including Local Growth Fund and Getting Building Fund – key milestones for 2021/22

- Develop a relevant Expression of Interest approach including collaboration with partners in response to government funding announcements including running webinars to advise private and public partners on applying for public funding. **[July 2021]**
- Publish an evaluation report of the Local Growth Fund Programme 2015-21 **[July 2021]**
- Prepare and have issued 12+ funding agreements for Local Growth Fund and 10+ funding agreements for Getting Building Fund **[July 2021]**
- Maximise and complete capital programme spend to programme end **[March 2022]**

Community Grants – key milestones for 2021/22

- Open rounds 5 and 6 for applications resulting in an additional 35-40 projects approved **[November 2021]**

Local Growth Fund – KPIs

We will bring updated data to July 2022 Board meeting based on Q4 reports. This data is based on Q2 from September 2021.

KPI	Forecast for 21/22	Reported forecast to 2030	Revised Provisional forecast to 2030
Homes enabled	2,055	39,676	36,966
Jobs	672	21,016	21,685
Additional learners	710	8,989	15,044

- The provisional forecast to 2030, first presented in the 2019/20 annual delivery plan, has been revised here to reflect changes in monitoring and the projected delivery of certain projects in the programme.
- The KPIs for jobs and learners are also adjusted to exclude projects which have been closed, and which are no longer being monitored as part of the programme.

Growth Hub – milestones for 2021/22

- Deliver intensive recovery and resilience support to at least 100 businesses **[March 2022]**
- Support over 180 high growth businesses through the Growth Curve programme for scale up and pre-scale up businesses **[March 2022]**
- Provide Recovery and Resilience grants to 65 businesses to aid business recovery **[March 2022]**

- Develop an activity plan for key and emerging SEMLEP sectors aligned with Department for International Trade and Oxford to Cambridge Arc priorities. **[June 2022]**

Growth Hub – KPIs

KPI	Forecast for 21/22
Number of enquiries received	1500
Number of clients 1-to-1s (including diagnostic reviews)	500
Number of workshops delivered in collaboration with Partners	35

Skills – milestones for 2021/22

- Completion and publication of Local Skills Report. **[April 2021]**
- Development of a LEP wide Careers Hub enabling greater employers' engagement in schools. **[March 2022]**
- Pilot of the Skills Hubs centred around local further Education colleges in Milton Keynes and Northampton. **[March 2022]**

Skills – KPIs

KPI	Forecast for 21/22
Proportion of Schools/Colleges registered with CEC network with a completed Compass Tool	98%
Average Gatsby Benchmark scores	>84%
Average number of perfect (100%) GBM scores per school	4.5
Number of Enterprise Advisers matched to schools/colleges	115