

## **GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL GROWTH DEAL**

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Deal capitalises on the opportunities that High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) brings to the area and will strengthen the advanced manufacturing sector, working with the Black Country and Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnerships to maximise support to businesses.

The Growth Deal, subject to a satisfactory conclusion of the funding agreement, will bring together local, national and private funding as well as new freedoms and

These totals exclude match funding for European Social Fund (ESF) skills activities. The total amount of ESF skills activity LEPs have planned in their draft strategies over the 7 year programme is currently just over 1 billion euros. Actual skills ESF match will be used on the basis of the skills activity which is delivered at LEP level according to their final strategies.

**Greater Birmingham and Solihull and Central Government have agreed to co-invest in the following jointly-agreed priorities:**

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## **The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Deal**

The investment secured by the Deal will be focused on the LEP key areas to deliver transformative growth:

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enable and support accelerated growth at two key sites east of Sutton Coldfield by improving access (£6.1m)

- Rail enhancements at **University Station Interchange** to reduce overcrowding and support access to the Life Sciences Campus (£0.5m)
- A new road to link **Battery Way** and Reddings Lane in Tyseley, helping to deliver the regeneration of a redundant industrial site



## **Maximising the benefits of HS2**

HS2 is a game-changing opportu



~~Enhancing growth sectors, and supporting and growing businesses~~

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the Strategy for Growth



- The creation of a new 4ha **Life Sciences Campus**, providing a science park facility adjacent to the University of Birmingham and Queen Elizabeth Hospital (£10m)
- The creation of an inter-disciplinary **Centre of**

Skills and Employment Boards. Recognise where the private sector has a responsibility to invest in skills provision and work with business and the skills system to realise that investment.

interventions. From 2015/16 the Skills Funding Agency will take into account the outcomes of the Skills Incentive Pilots in Stoke and Staffordshire, the North East and West of England, in making allocations to those providers in scope; subject to evaluation of the pilots, these mechanisms will be rolled out to other LEPs in future

**As part of the deal, GBSLEP will:**

- **Continue to support the local planning authorities** to ensure that they engage positively with the duty to co-operate, strategic priorities are reflected in local plans, and that the growth outlined within plans is delivered across the LEP area. This will build on the joint work that the LEP has led on a recovery and growth and housing study which will provide important evidence to feed into the preparation and review of local plans. Local plans will be updated in accordance with the timetable submitted as part of the LEP monitoring framework.
- **Strengthen governance:** The LEP will review the structure and resourcing of the groups below Board level to ensure the Board from officer groups. The central government Senior Sponsor for the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership will join the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Team.
- **Ensure implementation and demonstrate success,** by tracking progress against milestone and agreed core metrics and outcomes in line with a monitoring and evaluation framework. This will include agreeing monitoring metrics and reporting arrangements with the Government by September 2014. GBS LEP will also produce an evaluation plan for the projects contained in the Deal before April 2015.
- **Ensure value for money** by developing robust processes that will guide local decision-making. This will include agreeing an assurance framework with the Government by September 2014, building on existing local and national frameworks
- **Communicate the ongoing outputs and outcomes of the Deal to the local community and stakeholders** by publishing the Growth Deal and reporting regularly, and publically, on their progress to implement the strategy, ensuring that local people understand how Government money is being spent via the Growth Deal,