



Local Enterprise Partnerships

We work with LEPs to help inform local and sector growth priorities

Regeneris has worked with the majority of the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in the UK. We help partnerships better understand local economic opportunities and threats, and facilitate a shared understanding of the priorities for action and investment.

Regeneris also works with boards and stakeholders to develop long-term objectives and action plans to deliver strategic priorities. Regeneris has helped more than 25 partnerships to appraise projects and provide advice on schemes to enable local growth. We support them to evaluate the impact their schemes are generating and provide evidence to demonstrate the value they are creating in the local economy.

Questions we help LEPs answer include:

- Which projects will offer us the greatest value for money?
- How can we strengthen our funding bid to ensure its makes the strongest possible case?
- What are the most important growth sectors and locations where we should focus our support?
- What are the important gaps in our skills, infrastructure and property offer?
- How effective have investments been and how can we further enhance their impact?



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Enterprise M3 Digital Sector Mapping

The Enterprise M3 LEP wanted to understand the size and structure of its digital technology sector and identify where it could develop economic advantage.

Regeneris helped provide an understanding of barriers to growth and future opportunities. Our work found that the Enterprise M3 area is one of the most productive and fastest growing digital economies in the UK. We helped EM3 partners see how the sector could be developed with stronger collaborative links between industry and research. EM3 has used our report to focus their support on building a stronger community of digital businesses, improving digital infrastructure and promoting Enterprise M3 as a destination for digital investment.

D2N2 Value for Money Assessments

D2N2 wanted expert independent advice on the value for money offered by investment projects being submitted to the local enterprise partnership's local growth fund. A wide variety of schemes including road improvements, cycle schemes, public realm enhancement, incubators and new business premises which have been broadly endorsed by the D2N2 LEP, required an impartial technical appraisal to test the proposed range and scale of impacts and to review expected value for money.

We have provided advice to the D2N2 board on whether to invest on 30 different projects. Our reviews explore the expected benefits, costs and risks of each project. Our support has helped the D2N2 LEP progress £137m of its own investment pipeline in schemes offering good value to tax payers and which will unlock just over £500m of investment.

Marches SEP Evidence Base & Skills Action Plan

The Marches LEP needed a stronger evidence base to identify which sectors, locations and communities might secure future growth for the local economy. We used data analysis and consulted with organisations and local businesses to identify challenges and opportunities.

The evidence we generated was used to inform a growth deal bid to central government which has unlocked substantial investment for the area and provides a platform for a wider refresh of the LEP's strategic economic plan. The Marches LEP has used the skills strategy to help local colleges and training providers make their courses more relevant to growing businesses and to address local skills shortages.

Stoke and Staffs Strategic Economic Plan and Funding Strategy

Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP needed a robust evidence base and set of agreed strategic priorities to support their growth deal negotiations with government. Regeneris provided a strategic economic plan for growth and a European funding strategy.

The Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP secured local growth investment of £82m, alongside its allocation of £134m European Structural funding for the 2014-20 period. The Strategic Economic Plan and European Funding Strategy are being used to guide the LEPs delivery activities and have under-pinned two further rounds of growth deal investment.

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