



**FOREST**  
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP  
Delivering a thriving economy

# Forest Economic Partnership Stakeholder Meeting

6 October 2022

**Welcome**

# Agenda

- Arrival at Gwynne Holford Room in Hartpury House -Networking and Refreshments
- Welcome & Introductions - Stuart Emmerson & Neill Ricketts
- FEP Stakeholder Update - Neill Ricketts & Wendy Jackson
- FEP Project Updates - Mikki Liddiatt & David Trevelyan
- Local Skills Improvement Plan & Discussion
- Closing Remarks

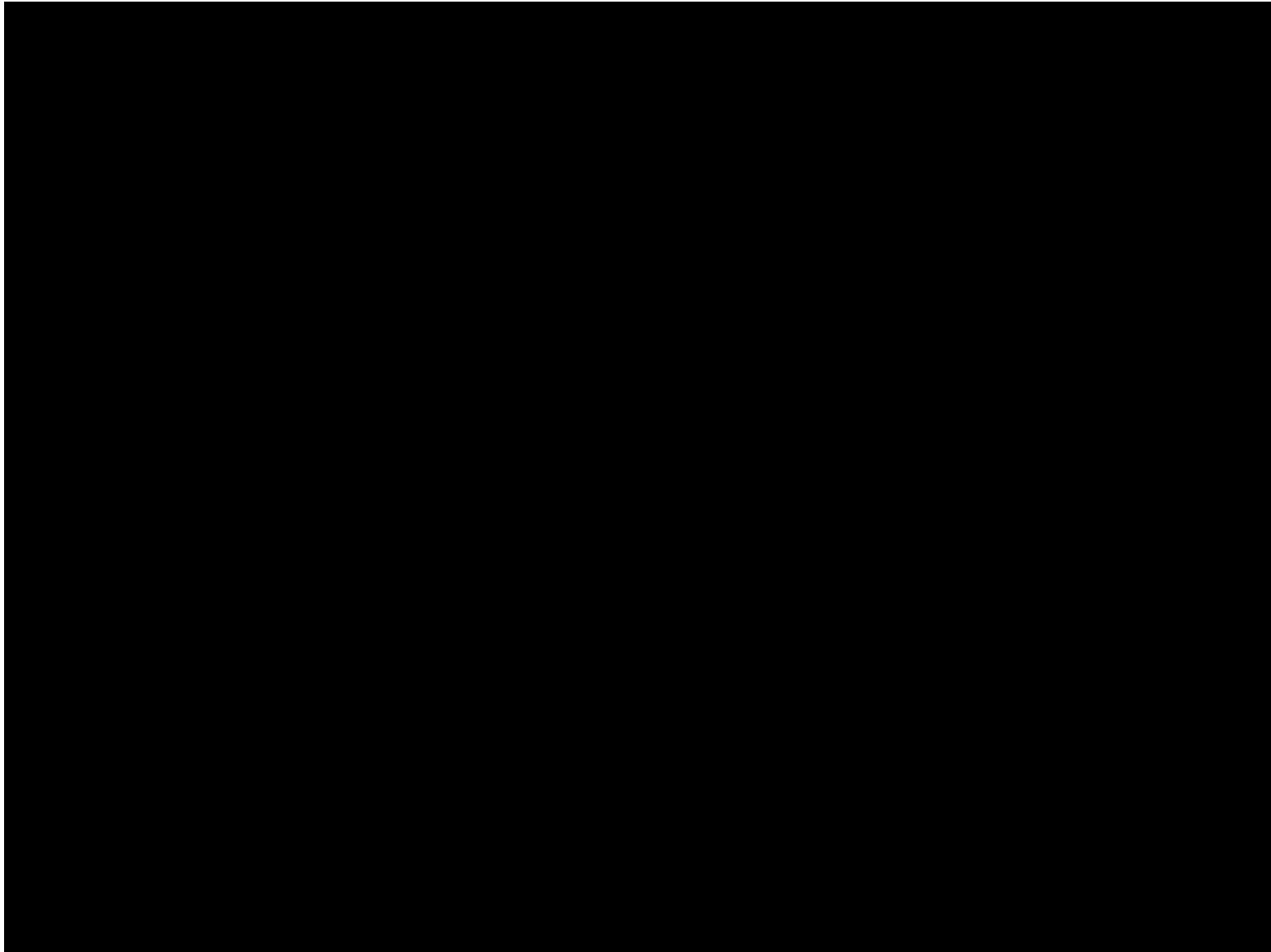


# Welcome to Hartpury!

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# Forest Economic Partnership & CIC Update

(Wendy Jackson)

# Financials

<b>Account Balance</b>	<b>£ 18,823.55</b>
<b>Allocated Funding: Inspiring Forest</b>	<b>£12,945.60</b>
<b>Allocated Funding: Biosphere Reserve</b>	<b>£1,323.00</b>
<b>Allocated Funding: Transport Study</b>	<b>£3,700.00</b>
<b>Allocated Funding: FoCUS</b>	<b>£380.00</b>
<b>Core Funding</b>	<b>£474.95</b>

## Government funding news

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund - **£1m** Apr 2022- Mar 2025
- Rural England Prosperity Fund - **£614,444** Apr 2023-Mar 2025

## Gloucestershire Investment Zone

- Business rates relief
- Investment in plant and machinery
- Investment in buildings
- Employer's NI contributions relief
- Stamp Duty



# Project Updates

- Inspiring Forest - Mikki Liddiatt
- Forest Business Climate Charter - David Trevelyan

# Inspiring Forest



The project aims to hold a 3-year rotating programme of inspirational events celebrating the strength and diversity of District business and showcasing the jobs and opportunities available for young people within these businesses and sectors. This will enable individuals to consider a full range of employment opportunities available. The events focus on the key diverse employment sectors identified in the District.

**24 November 2022**  
Inspiring Forest  
Event



# Forest Business Climate Charter

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# Local Skills Improvement Plan

Business West

Matt Tudge, Head of Skills Planning

Run by the Chambers of Commerce at Business West,  
funded by the Department for Education

## Agenda

- Trailblazer Recap
- National Rollout: Guidance and EOI Processes
- Project Timescales
- Initial Methodologies and Reasoning
- Gloucestershire: Outputs and Potential Foci
- Get in Touch
- Open Discussion

# West of England + LSIP Trailblazer

The Skills for Jobs white paper set out the government's blueprint for reshaping the technical skills system to better support the needs of the local labour market and the wider economy.

## Our methodologies:

- Translation of business needs
- Interviews and immersion events
- Robust, current, qualitative and granular
- Reinforces existing understanding
- Current and future needs
- Five topics within 2 sectors (aerospace & adveng and health & social care):  
**Business Growth / Workforce Development / Recruitment, retention and upskilling / Technological change and digitalisation / Climate change and sustainability**

## What we achieved:

- 163 in-depth 'engagements' (40 min+)
- 15 events
- 300+ organisations engaged
- Business follow up activities within Digitalisation and Net Zero



## LSIP National Rollout

LSIPs: Data-driven projects to improve post-16 technical education and make it more closely aligned to a region's workforce needs. Completed by undertaking robust research and analysis of current and expected needs over a 3-year period, and to then develop a plan of actionable priorities for meaningful collaborative intervention that can be addressed through employers, training providers and stakeholders to drive change.

- Build on existing knowledge base and improve foresighting for all partners and stakeholders
- Translational phase for co-design and collaboration
- Engage with businesses outside of traditional routes alongside existing chambers customers
- Agile and iterative project and knowledge improvement
- Evaluation of findings and continual improvement for Phase 2

- Questioning routes codesigned with sector representatives and stakeholders for impact on both supply and demand sides of skills
- 12 engagement events: virtual direct business engagement, f2f collaborative codesign and stakeholder engagement
- +-80 engagements per region
- Internal and stakeholder evaluative processes for agile methodology and iterative improvements

## LSIP Rollout

**October-January  
2023**

- Articulating employers' skills needs
- Focus groups and interviews

**December-February  
y 2023**

- Translating employer demands into provision
- Collaborative co-design events

**February-March  
2023**

- Addressing learner demand and employer engagement
- Stakeholder roundtables

**March-May 2023**

- Report writing and submission
- Ongoing finetuning and engagement

**May 2023-March  
2025**

- Delivering the LSIP priorities
- Embed new ways of working



## Gloucestershire LSIP: Building on the Trailblazer

- **Wider focus**, both sectoral and skills needs
- **Similar methodologies**, build on what is known and not replicating
- **Robust, granular, current needs** – 3 year ‘cycle’
- **Earlier and better integration with Post-16 Technical Education Provision** – collaborative completion is key
- **Easily accessible report**
- Investigation of **synergies and comparators**

- **Prioritised sectoral foci** (for discussion) – growth, needs, sizes, delivery
- **What we as a region need to make this as valuable as possible;**
  - Input
  - Connections
  - Existing knowledge base
  - Buy-in

# Gloucestershire - Initial Discussion of Sectoral Focus

Area	Topic	Occupational Pathways IfTEA (Institute for Technical Education & Apprenticeships)
Baseline Sectors	Construction Advanced Manufacture & Engineering	Construction & Built Environment Engineering & Manufacture
Cross-cutting Drivers of Change	Digitalisation Net Zero and Climate Change (Core and Transferable Skills e.g. Leadership, Communication, Teamwork)	
Comparators	Agriculture, Agritech & Land Management	Agriculture, Land Management & Production
Gloucestershire Unique Sector	<b>For ongoing discussion</b> IT, Tech & Business Services?	
	Other areas of interest?	

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