



Heart of the South West

Draft detailed proposition

The first rough draft proposition is currently out for review with lead partners ahead of the meeting on the 25 November. By early December the draft document will be publicly available for comment before submission to Government.

The outcomes being explored are set out below. Obviously the detail will be subject to change until the time of submission as a result of consultation. Therefore, please look at forthcoming versions of this newsletter for changes:

Health, care and wellbeing

Proposals are being developed to illustrate how the Heart of the South West partners can support people to live longer, healthier lives and ensure the health, care and wellbeing systems work to their maximum potential. Some of the outcomes to be explored are:

- Commission services around people and the places where they live
- Join-up health and social care systems
- Improve regulation of the system to ensure accelerated improvements
- Embed prevention, support and self-management for healthier lifestyles to delay dependency
- Ensure financial sustainability and make best use of resources across the system

Strategic Infrastructure: Investment, connectivity and resilience

Partners are exploring how together we can support stronger economic growth, productivity and resilience. This theme is exploring the following areas:

- A focus on joint, long term strategic infrastructure planning
- Government commitment to existing and new infrastructure projects and investment strategy
- A focus on improved broadband and mobile connectivity
- Action on flood and coastal protection, prevention and resilience
- Support to develop energy networks

Housing and planning

Proposals focus on accelerated delivery on housing and employment sites using tools and powers devolved from Government. This will enable the Heart of the South West to:

- Support economic growth and increased employment
- Reduce risk and increase flexibility to attract developers and businesses
- Challenge the lack of affordable housing
- Address rural issues and enhance local plan objectives and funding packages

Employment and skills

This theme is exploring some of the following outcomes to enable the Heart of the South West to improve skills, support people into employment and enable increased productivity and economic growth. The outcomes being explored are as follows:

- Single framework for skills and employment interventions
- A comprehensive, multi-pathway advice service to improve the efficiency and efficacy of current arrangements
- Equity in per pupil funding to enable improved academic and apprenticeship results
- Reduce to zero the NEETs in the area
- Improvements in work readiness across age groups and on-going career progression

Business support

This theme is exploring how the business support landscape can be simplified to enable greater start up and sustainability of businesses across the Heart of the South West area. The outcomes being explored are:

- Increase take-up of business support
- Bring about better co-ordination
- Deliver bespoke support for key sectors in our area

Governance

Options for the future governance of any Heart of the South West deal will be discussed at the meeting on 25 November.