

Heart of the South West

Draft Devolution Proposals: a vision for productivity-led growth

Please note that the proposals are still in draft form and that they can change as we receive feedback, include additional information and complete the bid document.

The purpose of the bid is to increase productivity. This will be done through a single productivity strategy, a single capital investment programme, and a series of devolved powers and funds. The object is to generate £4 billion additional in the Heart of the South West by 2030.

We have identified some 'golden opportunities' which have particular potential for our residents and economy. These include:

- Investment in Nuclear.
- Our Marine Environment..
- Aerospace and advance engineering.
- Rural productivity.
- Health and Social Care with some of the most innovative practice and developments for integration.
- Environmental futures with the growth of high tech businesses.

Our proposals are split in three themes: people, business, and place. We make 'asks' of Government and in return make 'offers' to them. Key offers and asks are:

People

Healthy people with the skills they need, with access to higher value jobs and able to develop their careers within the Heart of the South West.

OFFER from the Heart of the South West	Our ASK of Government
A business-led Single Labour Market Plan to deliver an education and skills system that responds to economic need.	Devolution of all education, and skills and apprenticeship budgets.
Creation of a business-led approach to careers advice and guidance.	Devolution of all work programme and other mainstream budgets.
Building on the NHS 5 Year Forward View , we will deliver a 'whole system' approach to health and care.	Devolution of a 5-year place-based budget for health, care and public health and the freedom to pool our collective resources.

Business

Additional jobs, greater productivity and an environment where businesses can invest, survive and thrive.

OFFER from the Heart of the South West	Our ASK of Government
Use the Single Capital Investment Fund to allocate capital investment to growth projects.	Government to provide annual funding for a new Single Capital Investment Fund giving us full local control.
Strong business-led approach to our Growth Hub.	Devolution of all national business support budgets and an additional payment by results deal.
Through our golden opportunities we will support science, innovation and growth in key technology sectors.	A Science & Innovation Audit in the South West with at least two neighbouring LEPs.

Place

A long term plan for sustainable growth including the infrastructure and built environment required by our residents, visitors and businesses.

OFFER from the Heart of the South West	Our ASK of Government
Establish a 30 Year Strategic Infrastructure Plan to deliver infrastructure for growth.	Provide annual funding to our Single Capital Investment Fund.
Align investment in local transport infrastructure with national plans.	Allow local authorities who wish to do so the flexibility to commission bus services. Devolve Air Passenger Duty.
Accelerated delivery of new housing, additional housing numbers where needed.	Devolution of HCA budgets into a new Housing Delivery Fund and flexibility of regulations.