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Attendees

BS	Cllr Bob Standley	Wealden DC	ME	Martin Ellis	Recruitment South East
CS	Clive Soper	FSB	MK	Cllr Martin Kenward	Rother DC
DE	Dave Evans	East Sussex CC	MS	Martin Searle	FSB
DS	David Sheppard	D-RisQ Ltd	RD	Richard Dawson	East Sussex CC
DT	Cllr David Tutt	Eastbourne BC	RM	Rhiannon Mort	South East LEP
GP	Graham Peters (CHAIR)	ES Rural Partnership	RS	Cllr Rupert Simmons	East Sussex CC
IF	Ian Fitzpatrick	Lewes DC / Eastbourne BC	SDr	Stewart Drew	De La Warr Pavilion
JHv	Joanna Havers	University of Brighton	SH	Simon Hubbard	Hastings BC
KG	Cllr Keith Glazier	East Sussex CC	TL	Tony Leonard	Rother DC
KT	Katy Thomas	East Sussex CC	WA	William Annandale	Quadrant Consultants Ltd
LR	Lisa Rawlinson	Lewes DC / Eastbourne BC			

Apologies

AB	Adam Bryan	South East LEP	JHr	James Harris	East Sussex CC
AC	Ana Christie	Sussex Chamber of Commerce	KF	Cllr Kim Forward	Hastings BC
AS	Cllr Andy Smith	Lewes DC	PC	Cllr Peter Chowney	Hastings BC
CC	Clive Cooke	East Sussex College Group	PJ	Philip Johnson	Locate East Sussex
CM	Cllr Carl Maynard	Rother DC	PS	Penny Shimmin	Sussex CDA
DG	Derek Godfrey	Ellis Builders	SB	Sue Baxter	University of Brighton
IG	Isabel Garden	Wealden DC	SDn	Sean Dennis	Let's Do Business Group

All of the papers and any presentations delivered at the meeting can be viewed on the following page of the ESCC website: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/business/eastsussex/selep/tesminutes/tes181019

1. Welcome & introductions

- 1.1. **GP** welcomed the attendees and delivered the apologies.
- 1.2. **GP** asked for any additional interests not already held on record and for any specific conflicts of interest with today's agenda items. No additional interests were declared.

2. Review of previous minutes (24 Sep 2018)

- 2.1. **GP** ran through the actions of the previous TES minutes noting that all had been completed.
- 2.2. The minutes were approved by the group as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. LEP Review – SELEP Response

- 3.1. **RM** delivered a presentation on the second of SELEP's two responses to the government's LEP Review. Whereas the first submission answered the question of geography only, this second response covers the more general areas of LEP structure and governance, broken down into eleven government recommendations. **RM** ran through the current draft response to each of the recommendations. *The key points from the TES discussion are listed in Appendix 1.*

[Action: TES members attending the SELEP Strategic Board meeting on 25 Oct 2018 to vote in favour of Option 1 for Recommendation 4; TES members to endorse the overall submission, making sure the key points from the TES discussion are raised and taken into account]

4. East Sussex Business Survey 2018

- 4.1. **WA** delivered a presentation on the Business Survey conducted earlier in the summer. The overall methodology and economic context were explained, along with a summary of the findings for each of the survey's seven themes – Employees, Markets & Business Advice, Finance, Transport, Energy, Business Accommodation and Skills.
- 4.2. **ME** queried the margin of error on the survey, which **WA** clarified is approximately 3% on a sample size of 1,000.
- 4.3. **MS** observed that the data will be of great benefit to Growth Hubs so should be picked up and discussed by the Business East Sussex (BES) group.

- 4.4. **JHv** asked if the survey questions around Apprenticeships drilled down into the different ‘types’ of apprentices. **WA** confirmed that the questions covered apprentice age and level; the Skills-themed report notes that 87% were aged 16-24 and 21% aged 25+, with the highest proportion of apprentices at Level 2 (47%) or Level 3 (45%).
- 4.5. **RD** queried whether any of the participants indicated they’d be happy for us to contact them again with details of appropriate business-support services; **WA** confirmed that in general most people were happy to be interviewed and approximately 60% agreed to be contacted with follow-up support, which is excellent.
- 4.6. **RD** confirmed that all of the information will be uploaded to the East Sussex in Figures website in due course – www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk. ESCC colleagues working with TES members and TES subgroups will commence work to look into any ‘actions’ that may come out of the survey results, and particularly how they may be incorporated into the East Sussex Growth Strategy Implementation Plan where appropriate – there will be a series of conversations with partners to develop responses and actions. **WA** suggested also reviewing any actions from the previous survey in 2014 to see if they had any impact on this year’s results.

5. TES round table / AOB

- 5.1. **RD** advised that an update on the Strategic Economic Plan will be provided at next week’s SELEP Strategic Board meeting, with a brief presentation covering the content of the final draft. The final draft document is expected to be circulated early-November for comment; we’ll also look to bring it to our next full TES meeting on 3 Dec 2018 before final sign-off at the SELEP Strategic Board meeting on 7 Dec 2018.
- 5.2. **GP** noted that we have a TES Workshop scheduled for 29 Oct 2018, but advised that he may consider cancelling it or changing it to a ‘business-reps only’ meeting. **GP** will confirm this early next week.
- Update: GP later confirmed that the TES Workshop scheduled for 29 Oct 2018 will NOT go ahead*
- 5.3. **DT** referred to the tour of the Devonshire Quarter development that took place just prior to today’s TES meeting, and thanked TES for its continued support of Devonshire Park.
- 5.4. **RD** highlighted the Tri-LEP Energy Strategy, the final draft of which was recently circulated by Jo Simmons for comment/feedback by 22 Oct 2018. The final documents will be presented to the SELEP Strategic Board on 7 Dec 2018 and are expected to be published in Feb 2019.

Summary of actions:

- 3.1 TES members attending the SELEP Strategic Board meeting on 25 Oct 2018 to vote in favour of Option 1 for Recommendation 4; TES members to endorse the overall submission, making sure the key points from the TES discussion are raised and taken into account.*

The key points from the TES discussion on the proposed responses to the LEP Review are as follows:

1. **Recommendation 1:** SELEP already produces an annual report and forward plan, so only a small amount of additional detail will be required to comply with this recommendation. SELEP can therefore lead the way in this regard.

GP queried whether there's any expectation that federal boards will also produce their own annual response; **RM** confirmed that a single LEP-wide report will be sufficient.

2. **Recommendation 2:** this simply formalises what SELEP already does in appointing its Chair; the process will be confirmed now and then implemented in early 2020 at the end of the current Chair's tenure.
3. **Recommendation 3:** SELEP has already introduced time-limited tenures for its private sector members; TES in particular has recently undertaken a rigorous process in this regard, to be duplicated across the other federated areas.

In terms of the Deputy Chair, rotating the role through the current Vice Chairs is sensible and practical, so is supported by TES; however the proposed introduction of an 'advisory cabinet' does not seem to serve much purpose, so TES would suggest it's not included as part of the formal response.

In rotating the role of Deputy Chair, SELEP has three VCs covering four federated areas (as Essex has two federal boards). ***Should the suggestion of introducing a fourth VC be raised at any point, TES wants to make it clear that it will categorically oppose such a notion.*** The matter was fiercely debated by the Strategic Board back when the federal model was first introduced, and TES has no desire to re-examine the issue.

4. **Recommendation 4:** the general makeup of the Strategic Board is the only truly contentious point in the overall response, and so Board members will be asked to choose one of three options: 1) that we retain the current status-quo of 28 Board members; 2) we agree to the government's proposed option of 20 members, two-thirds business, meaning we'd most likely lose our District & Borough members; 3) we pursue a model of 22 plus 5 'co-opted' members, a compromise bringing us closer to the government's recommendation. TES members made the following points:

- SELEP's current model works very well and is proportionate to its geography; the proposals to limit the number of members, and especially to then make the membership two-thirds business, are both entirely inappropriate for this LEP.
- The expectation of the government on business is unreasonable and unrealistic; our business members already offer a huge amount of their time on a purely voluntary basis, but that generosity can only be stretched so far. The government is setting up an expectation that simply cannot be met.
- The numbers in this proposal seem entirely arbitrary. Whilst they may be appropriate for other LEPs, it is up to us to make the case for why our model works and, despite not being two-thirds business, is already truly business-led.
- When you attempt to reduce the size of a board you inevitably end up with stakeholders feeling underrepresented, leading to them either 'splintering' into their own groups or disengaging altogether.
- At the last Strategic Board meeting everyone, including all of the business members, made a case for maintaining the status-quo; as this recommendation pertains to 'strengthening private sector representation' we should absolutely take our lead from our business members.
- Surely the government's chief concern is seeing evidence of *delivery*, so any proposals/counterproposals we make will carry far more weight if we can prove our current model is actually delivering.
- A note of caution: the government is offering up to £200k to help implement the changes brought about by this LEP Review; if we push back too far and get a 'red card' from the government we could potentially lose that funding (and possibly jeopardise other future funding, such as the Shared Prosperity Fund), so whilst we should absolutely push back on this recommendation, we should also be prepared to compromise.

The TES Board is firmly in support of retaining the status-quo and so agreed to vote in favour of Option 1.

5. Recommendation 5: an improved gender balance is something SELEP will agree to work towards by setting out a policy and code of conduct. Rolling out TES's robust process across the other federated boards will certainly help in this area.
6. Recommendation 6: SELEP already has an independent Secretariat so no change is required here. However **GP** observed that the draft response refers to "local leads becoming more integrated into the Secretariat" – this suggestion would be stronger if *reversed*, i.e. integrating the Secretariat into each of the local federated boards.
7. Recommendation 7: we'll work towards establishing a legal personality and will agree to "explore the options" but only on the condition that, whatever the outcome, we'll want to maintain our current federated structure, governance, ways of working etc.

RS indicated a sense of nervousness about making changes unnecessarily – the Accountability Board has been operating successfully for quite some time and at no point has any decision been challenged or the integrity of the decision-making process been questioned.

GP advised that he'll want to seek independent advice on exactly what the expectation and responsibility *on businesses* will be.

TL commented that any legal entity will need specific Terms of Reference and cautioned that the government may try to prescribe such ToRs (meaning they'll be dictating board numbers, business member ratio etc.) Clearly this is something we'd want to avoid.

The TES Board agreed that if this recommendation is a 'red line' for the government then we're better off giving ground here rather than say on Recommendation 4. However TES also observed that we really can't start any work in this area until the SELEP geography is confirmed, and agreed that the response to the government should give no indication of dates/milestones (the date of Oct 2019 in the current draft response should be deleted).

8. Recommendation 8: we already have an Accountable Body in Essex CC; **KG** confirmed that East Sussex has no aspirations to take on such a role and TES is very happy for Essex CC to continue.
9. Recommendation 9: we clearly demonstrate that SELEP already meets the requirement on providing an AGM.
10. Recommendation 10: SELEP already sets out its accountability and governance very clearly through its Assurance Framework, and can easily make any required amendments moving forward to ensure continued compliance.
11. Recommendation 11: again SELEP already has robust scrutiny arrangements in place and can easily make any required amendments to ensure continued compliance. Note however that if/when SELEP becomes incorporated the scrutiny arrangements will need to be reviewed and revised.
12. General comments: **GP** observed that the 'risks' given in the draft response are very repetitive and don't scan very well so ought to be revised.

The current draft response gives a breakdown of how the additional funding from the government would be spent (up to £200k to help implement the changes brought about by this LEP Review); **GP** advised that the amount set aside for legal advice is insufficient and is likely to cost far more.

Regarding Lewes's overlapping geography, SELEP obviously wants to maintain the status-quo but C2C LEP has also indicated the same thing in their response. **KG** commented that the government expects such issues to be resolved locally, *so it's in our own interest to be proactive* and get the issue resolved one way or another; the government won't accept overlaps under any circumstances so Lewes needs to make a decision.

MS commented that C2C LEP used their most recent AGM to launch their Strategic Economic Plan; it was a very visual and engaging event, and SELEP should look to do something similar.



SELEP Local Growth Fund (LGF) Round 3B

1. **Background – LGF Round 3B open call and Stage 1 assessment**

- 1.1. The total amount of Local Growth Fund (LGF) provisionally allocated to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) by Central Government totals £570m. Of this, £561.6m has been allocated to a total of 97 LGF projects, with £8.3m LGF currently remaining unallocated up to Mar 2021. There is also the potential for the pot to increase where existing LGF schemes across the LEP either underspend or are unable to deliver/spend their allocation by Mar 2021.
- 1.2. On 29 Jun 2018 the SELEP Strategic Board agreed to issue an *open call* for projects which supported its strategic objectives to receive unallocated LGF funding and form a strong “*short-term pipeline* of priority investments”. East Sussex County Council (ESCC) circulated the open call to prospective scheme promoters and more widely through its communication channels and business networks.
- 1.3. Stage 1 of the process was the submission of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) by 20 Aug 2018. **ESCC received 21 EOIs** which were assessed against the eligibility and assessment criteria in the SELEP’s Pipeline Development Guidance Note. In order to preserve a level of consistency across the federated areas, the EOIs were banded Strong, Good, Borderline or Fail based on guidance by Steer, SELEP’s Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE). SELEP also advised that only those projects banded as Strong or Good should be recommended to proceed to Stage 2.
- 1.4. The outcome of the Stage 1 evaluation resulted in *10 x Strong/Good projects* demonstrating suitability to go forward to Stage 2 of the process – the development and submission of a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) by 26 Oct 2018. This was endorsed by TES at its meeting on 24 Sep 2018.

2. **LGF Round 3B Stage 2 assessment**

- 2.1. Following the TES meeting on 24 Sep 2018, ESCC officers continued to work with the scheme promoters of the 10 endorsed projects to identify where support could be provided (financial and/or technical) to enable the development of their SOBCs for Stage 2 assessment. This support also included an offer to review and comment on the SOBC prior to submission.
- 2.2. All 10 SOBCs were submitted to the SELEP ITE by the 26 Oct 2018 deadline. The ITE then undertook a full assessment and sift of the projects – this was done firstly in relation to the project’s Strategic Fit, secondly their Value for Money, and thirdly Deliverability by 2021.
- 2.3. ***The outcome of the ITE’s assessment resulted in 8 of our 10 East Sussex projects passing through the above three sifting stages and onto the prioritisation phase.*** This is an extremely positive outcome for East Sussex with 80% of our schemes making it through to the final overall list, demonstrating the quality of the business cases submitted compared with our other federated partners – across the LEP a total of 60 schemes were submitted at SOBC stage, and of these only 34 made it to the final list. However, the Winter Gardens project (Eastbourne BC) and Creative Workspace scheme (Rother DC) were sifted out at the Strategic Fit stage and therefore will not be included in SELEP’s final prioritised list. ESCC and TES recognise that these two projects remain potential pipeline schemes, and ESCC officers working with the project sponsors will continue to provide advice and recommendations on how to refine the projects and their business cases as part of the TES future pipeline.
- 2.4. The remaining 8 East Sussex projects, along with all of the other projects across the SELEP area that passed through the Stage 2 assessment (34 in total), have now been prioritised by the ITE for the current £8.3m available. The final prioritised list of projects across the SELEP area will be presented to the SELEP Investment Panel on 7 Dec 2018 for their consideration. The prioritised list will not be available to view until the Investment Panel papers are published on 30 Nov 2018, so a verbal update on the current ranking position of the East Sussex schemes will be provided at the 3 Dec TES meeting.

3. **Recommendation**

- 3.1. ***Team East Sussex is asked to note the progress and outcomes of the LGF-3B Stage 2 assessment and note that the final SELEP-wide prioritised list of projects will be presented and considered by the SELEP Investment Panel on 7 Dec 2018.***

SELEP Sector Support Fund (SSF)

1. **Background**

- 1.1. The SELEP Sector Support Fund (SSF) is a £500k per year revenue grant funding pot over a four year period that started in 2017/18 to support one-off, discrete pieces of work of a pan-LEP nature with a sector focus that bring demonstrable benefits and have support across the LEP. It uses Growing Places Fund (GPF) Revenue Grant to fund a programme of works to support the sector-focussed activities that are being undertaken on a pan-LEP basis, predominantly led by the SELEP Working Groups (of which there are circa 10 established SELEP working groups).
- 1.2. TES members will recall that four submissions were made to the last SSF bidding round in Aug 2018, considered by TES at its meeting on 24 Sep 2018. The four bids were '*Skills for Rural Industries*' led by Plumpton College on behalf of SELEP's Rural Working Group, '*Good Food Growth Campaign*' led by Produced in Kent (PinK) on behalf of SELEP's Rural Working Group, '*Future Proof: Accelerating delivery of high quality development*' led by the Haven Gateway Partnership on behalf of SELEP's Housing Working Group, and '*Maidstone Medical Campus EZ*' led by Maidstone Borough Council on behalf of SELEP's Enterprise Zone Working Group.
- 1.3. All SSF projects must be supported and hosted by an upper tier authority which will act as the Local Accountable Body responsible for the grant agreements. In addition *the SSF project must also have endorsement from the relevant Federated Board of the lead upper tier authority*. This is normally sought according to the geographic location of the project lead/promoter (as such, at the above meeting TES provided its endorsement to the '*Skills for Rural Industries*' project, which will also be seeking Lead Member approval from East Sussex CC to be the host upper tier authority).

2. **Submissions to the current SSF bidding round**

- 2.1. Following the current bidding round deadline of 2 Nov 2018, three further bids have been received requiring upper tier authority support from East Sussex CC and Federated Board endorsement from Team East Sussex:
 - ***Coastal Communities Economic Prospectus*** led by Hastings Borough Council on behalf of SELEP's Coastal Communities Working Group;
 - ***SELEP Creative Open Workspace Master Plan and Prospectus*** led by East Sussex County Council on behalf of the South East Creative Economy Network (SECEN); TES members will recall this project was previously supported by TES at its meeting on 11 Dec 2017;
 - ***Delivering skills of the future through teaching: teaching for growth*** led by Essex County Council on behalf of SELEP's Skills Working Group.
- 2.2. *Summaries of all three projects are given in Appendix A below.*
- 2.3. It is expected that the projects will be taken to the SELEP Strategic Board meeting on 7 Dec 2018 for a decision to approve the award of funding.

3. **Recommendation**

- 3.1. ***TES is asked to consider the strategic fit of the above three projects in helping to deliver SELEP's strategic objectives, and to endorse the project proposals on that basis.***

The following three projects are seeking TES endorsement:

Coastal Communities Economic Prospectus	
SSF ask: £40k (£20k match)	
Partners: Local authorities Thanet, Dover, Rother, Malden, Tendring, Lewes, Rochford, Hastings, Eastbourne, Southend	
Summary and Aims	Outcomes/Benefits/Added Value
<p>This project is intended to prepare a coastal reinforcement to the revised SEP, to act as an investment prospectus that will articulate the economic opportunities and priorities specific to coastal areas and make a strategic case for investment, based on an evidence-led approach that demonstrates the potential economic outcomes, benefits and the comparative costs of investing on the coast compared to areas of the region better connected to transport and economic infrastructures.</p>	<p>The chief benefit will be enhancing the ability of SELEP partners to identify and focus on action that will grow coastally-based business or create the conditions for growth. It is critical that the specific issues of coastal development are seen as a central element in the region’s development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced ability to influence government and other agency policies for coordinated action in coastal areas. • Development of coastal specific initiatives around housing, energy, economic inclusion, small and micro businesses and tourism. • Partnership delivery to maximise learning and benefits. • The prospectus will identify how coastal economies might become more integrated into the planning of major infrastructure projects in the region; only through becoming more interconnected with the regional economy can prosperity be generated. <p>The completed prospectus will make the economic case for targeted investment in coastal communities, having regard to their specific opportunities and constraints. It will show how targeted investment can generate value for money in the form of economic growth and employment as measured by jobs, skills, and capital investment. It will identify sectors which have the potential to increase productivity and the investments that are needed to attract and grow those sectors. It will also be necessary to identify where intervention cannot achieve the simple VFM in comparison to other parts of the region. It will be necessary to consider the social return on investment as well as the impact of VFM.</p>

SELEP Creative Open Workspace Master Plan and Prospectus	
SSF ask: £45k (£15k match secured from Arts Council England)	
Partners: Local authorities Kent CC and the wider South East Creative Economy Network local authority partners	
Summary and Aims	Outcomes/Benefits/Added Value
<p>This South East Creative Economy Network work package addresses a gap in suitable available workspace for the Creative Cultural and Digital Sector pan-SELEP.</p> <p>Creative industries can lack visibility – flagship buildings which bring many microbusinesses under one umbrella not only support those businesses but tell a story about the impact of the creative industries on the local economy.</p>	<p>The project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produce a refreshed South East Creative Economy Prospectus to describe exemplary pipeline projects alongside complementary work packages addressing skills and business support needs; 2. Deliver a Creative Open Workspace report and toolkit to accelerate the pipeline of open workspace projects; 3. Create Cultural planning policy that can be adopted by local authorities to support the inclusion of creative workspace in new developments and the repurposing of under-used buildings as creative workspace; 4. Identify a minimum of three Creative Enterprise Zones and increase business rate yield (£360k); 5. Create new workspace; 6. Generate 351 new jobs; 7. Generate a SELEP-wide pipeline of investment-ready open workspace projects.

Delivering skills of the future through teaching: teaching for growth

SSF ask: £195k (total project value £286,800 – 32% match)

Partners: Local authorities Essex CC, East Sussex CC, plus colleges and providers

Summary and Aims	Outcomes/Benefits/Added Value
<p>A widespread shortage of tutors, teachers & trainers across the area alongside challenges in recruitment, particularly for priority sectors (e.g. construction, logistics, engineering, healthcare & digital), has created a major obstacle to addressing skills shortages.</p> <p>In order to address these core challenges, the project comprises a high quality awareness raising campaign and a contribution to teacher training costs aligned to priority sectors (comprising 40+ grants of up to £4,000).</p>	<p>Overall the project will assist at least 24,100 people into work in growth sectors through training delivered by tutors recruited by the programme (calculated as a return on investment of 2648 to 1).</p> <p>Costs represent excellent value considering the reach and impact this will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 241 tutors recruited for a total project value of £282,500 = £1,172 per tutor recruited (over 2 year period);• 48,000 people trained in growth sectors for total project value of £282,500 = £5.87 per individual trained / upskilled (over 2 year period). <p>These are conservative estimates as it's likely that a lot more people will be trained by the tutors and that the awareness-raising campaign will continue to yield results well beyond the life of the project.</p> <p>The programme will be aligned to the SELEP Skills Strategy priority sectors, supporting individuals into higher than average earnings jobs and improving productivity and earnings across the LEP area. The project aims to unlock one of the biggest barriers and bottlenecks to skills training and jobs growth, serving as a pilot and test case which would have national application and as such would offer even greater value for money.</p>



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Strategic Economic Infrastructure

1. Introduction

1.1. This note provides a further update to the Jun and Sep 2018 briefings on the progress of a number of strategic transport infrastructure projects reported previously to Team East Sussex.

2. Rail

Infrastructure to enable High Speed Rail

2.1. Network Rail (NR) has previously identified an incremental approach to bringing forward the infrastructure work required to enable High Speed Rail into East Sussex. The first phase focuses on the physical changes needed at the Ashford West junction to enable the High Speed trains to run from the High Speed Rail link onto the Marshlink via Platform 2 at Ashford International.

2.2. NR is continuing the design work, funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) and the local authorities, on the Ashford West junction. The design work is now expected to be completed by Feb 2019; this will be to NR's Guide to Rail Investment Process (GRIP) Stage 3 and will be accompanied by a business case outlining the economic benefits.

2.3. NR will be looking for third party contributions towards the overall cost of the scheme. Therefore we are continuing to consider the potential funding options that are available, including discussions with High Speed 1 about this as a potential investment opportunity, as part of developing a funding strategy to ensure that the necessary monies are secured to bring the scheme to fruition.

South Eastern franchise specification

2.4. The franchisees submitted their bids on 14 Mar 2018. DfT has since been evaluating the proposals, and the franchise is programmed to commence mid-2019.

Brighton Mainline – Network Resilience

2.5. NR announced details of a major asset maintenance and renewal project in Jan 2018 to improve reliability and performance for passengers on the Brighton Mainline. This focusses on the four Victorian-era tunnels – Balcombe, Clayton, Patcham and Haywards Heath – and the railway which runs through them.

2.6. The works commenced in Sep 2018 and are taking place over a series of weekends up until May 2019, as well as in a 9 day blockade between Saturday 16 and Sunday 24 Feb 2019. During the works no trains are running between Three Bridges and Brighton or between Three Bridges and Lewes.

3. Road

A27 East of Lewes Study

3.1. The outcomes of the final study are being considered by DfT as part of the development of Highways England's Roads Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) covering the period from 2020 to 2025.

4. Road & Port: Newhaven Port Access Road

- 4.1. The County Council received approval of its final business case from DfT for £10m towards Phase 1a of the Newhaven Port Access Road (NPAR) in mid-Aug 18. Phase 1a extends the existing section of the Access Road across the Newhaven–Seaford railway and Mill Creek to the harbour mouth.
- 4.2. Main construction started at the end of Oct 2018 with a 19 month construction period. Completion is anticipated in early 2020.

5. Road & Rail: Transport for the South East (TfSE)

- 5.1. Following completion of the Economic Connectivity Review (ECR) and its approval in Jul 2018, Transport for the South East (TfSE) has commissioned WSP/Steer to develop its Transport Strategy.

6. Aviation

- 6.1. A review of the structure of the Gatwick Noise Management Board (NMB), which came into effect in Jun 2016 to develop and deliver the initial 23 recommendations from the Gatwick Arrivals Review, has recently been completed and will be presented to the Board on 28 Nov 2018. An update will be provided in future briefings.
- 6.2. Gatwick published their Masterplan in mid-Oct 2018 for a 12 week consultation. Proposals include the potential use of the emergency runway by smaller aircraft, alongside the main runway, to increase the overall capacity of the airport.

7. Local Transport/Pipeline Projects

- 7.1. Work continues on a number of other local transport/pipeline projects identified in previous briefings. These include:
 - **Eastbourne Town Centre Improvement Scheme:** The package of pedestrian and public transport improvements focussed on Terminus Road, Gildredge Road and Cornfield Road continues on site. The scheme, part funded using LGF monies, is currently programmed for completion in Jun 2019.
 - **Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package Phase 2:** Design work has been commissioned for Phase 2 focussing on Terminus Road: Bankers Corner to Lismore Road; Memorial Roundabout; Little Chelsea; Ring Road relocation and Terminus Road: Grand Parade to Lismore Road elements of the package. The business case to unlock the remaining £3m was submitted to the Independent Technical Evaluator in Nov 2018 and will go to the SELEP Accountability Board in Feb 2019.
 - **Eastbourne and South Wealden Walking and Cycling Package:** The business case to unlock the remaining £4m of Local Growth Fund monies allocated to the package was submitted to the Independent Technical Evaluator in Nov 2018 and will go to the SELEP Accountability Board in Feb 2019.
 - **A22 Junction Improvements Package:** Design work continues on the junction improvements on the A22 Corridor around Hailsham/Polegate/Stone Cross required to support the planned and proposed development in the South Wealden area. The preliminary designs will be completed in early 2019. Funding is being sought through the Wealden Housing Infrastructure Fund bid to enable their delivery.

Business East Sussex (BES)

Core Growth Hub

The Business East Sussex (BES) partnership continues to provide strategic oversight and steer for the development of business support in the county. The partnership brings together business representatives, partners from Higher and Further Education, District and Borough representation and SELEP to ensure the right kinds of support are commissioned and that the different programmes and projects work well together.

One of the key roles of the partnership is to oversee the provision of the local Growth Hub under the Business East Sussex brand. The Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) have clearly indicated that they expect Growth Hubs (the “one stop shop for business support services”) to focus more

resources on those businesses with the most potential to grow and 'scale-up', and thereby have the most impact on economic growth. We have been working with the current delivery contract holder Let's Do Business Group (LDBG) to ensure we meet the new expectations, and we will be working with SELEP to carry out a root-and-branch review and retendering of the Growth Hub in anticipation of when we have confirmation of funding beyond Mar 2020.

As part of our preparation for this, pilot projects will be run across the county providing bespoke, intensive support to businesses with the greatest potential and ambition to grow. This pilot project is currently out to tender, with work scheduled to start in Jan 2019.

South East Business Boost programme

We are now reaching the halfway point of this programme and performing well against targets. Outputs achieved so far include:

- 81 grants drawn down by SMEs (against a target of 170) with a further 41 agreed and pending drawdown;
- Combined grant funding value drawn down of £498,742 (against a target of £849,999);
- £1,315,842 private sector match funding levered in (against a target of £1,983,333);
- 51 enterprises receiving over 12 hours of targeted business support (against a target of 85);
- 23.54 new full time equivalent jobs created and evidenced (against a target of 36) with over 100 more in the pipeline.

We are currently working with our SELEP partners to explore the potential to develop a further funding bid to enhance business support services across the LEP, subject to the release of expected funding calls from the ERDF programme (which we understand may become available from Apr 2019) to see the delivery of projects until 2023.

Developers East Sussex (DES)

The DES subgroup, which includes housing and commercial developers alongside public sector bodies, continues to provide a forum to discuss countywide issues affecting development.

DES has established excellent links with its counterpart Developer forums across the LEP and is collaborating on shared agendas. The group is also contributing to other SELEP-wide initiatives such as I-Construct, plus the inaugural *All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for SME House Builders* which took place on 13 Nov 2018 and is seen as key to achieving housing targets nationally.

Earlier this year DES became self-funding through a subscription-based model of membership. Full members are invited to a private dinner on 27 Nov 2018 to discuss how the public and private sector are able to come together to enable joint working, and debate the common aspirations to deliver on the growth agenda in terms of housing, jobs and infrastructure. The dinner will be hosted by Derek Godfrey, DES Chair, with involvement from senior County Council politicians including Councillor Keith Glazier, Leader of East Sussex County Council and Councillor Rupert Simmons, Lead Member for Economy.

DES meetings have continued to attract very good attendance, with the most recent meeting including participation from the Environment Agency and Southern Water. The Housing Finance Institute will attend the next meeting in Jan 2019.

Environment East Sussex (EES)

As reported to the last TES meeting, the East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) agreed to change its governance process in Apr 2018 and establish an Environment sub-board of TES, thus ensuring that the economic development and environmental agendas are brought together more effectively.

The formation of the group is now complete with Terms of Reference finalised and membership agreed, including representation from a mix of businesses, environmental regulators and the public sector.

The first Environment East Sussex (EES) meeting was held on 1 Nov 2018, with full attendance. The Board discussed its potential working links to the new multi-LEP South2East Energy Strategy and agreed that the group's first priority action will be to update the existing East Sussex Environment Strategy (which can be viewed at www.essp.org.uk/what-we-do/Pride-of-Place/Environment).

Skills East Sussex (SES)

Skills East Sussex meetings

The SES Board last met on 27 Sep 2018. The Board heard from SES Sector Task groups for Visitor Economy and Health & Social Care, the newly established Careers Hub East Sussex and from Apprenticeships East Sussex (AES) on achievements against their action plan for 2017/18 and to sign-off their forward plan for 2018/19. They received updates on SELEP's European Social Fund (ESF) calls and on the East Sussex sector skills reports which are due for publication in Dec 2018. Minutes of all meetings and other SES activities can be viewed on the ESCC website: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/business/eastsussex/selep/ses.

Skills East Sussex Sector Task Groups

The SES Sector-Skills Task Groups for Engineering/STEM, Construction, Creative & Digital, Land-based and Visitor Economy all continue to meet quarterly, and regularly through Health Education England for Health & Social Care. All are working to forward plans that build on activities that meet the key SES priorities to improve careers information and the work-readiness of young people, address gender imbalance in employment and study, ensure where there is scope that the curriculum is shaped by employers, and help to stimulate the uptake of Apprenticeships and higher level skills and learning.

Apprenticeships East Sussex (AES)

The AES group has updated its forward plan for academic year 2018/19. The plan includes: promoting apprenticeships through the Careers Hub, establishing the national Young Apprentice Ambassador Network locally and supporting young people to become apprenticeship-ready through the ESF-funded 'Enhancing Apprenticeships' programme; working through the sector task groups to identify where apprenticeships can help to meet skills gaps and address gender imbalance and increase representation from under-represented groups; and promote apprenticeships to large and small employers. AES has taken on an increasingly important lobbying function since the introduction of the apprenticeship reforms in May 2017, which have significantly impacted the growth of apprenticeships locally and nationally.

Careers Hub East Sussex

SES and the County Council have been selected as one of only 20 national Careers Hub pilots, building on the infrastructure of the successful Enterprise Adviser Network (EAN), working strategically with the senior leadership of all 40 schools, special schools and colleges in the county to improve the quality of careers, employability and enterprise. The Careers Hub will enable the County Council to upscale projects that engage education and business, such as Industry Champions (over 85 businesses to date engaging with schools to promote their sector), Open Doors (over 50 employer premises offering school visits in Nov 2018), Apprenticeship roadshow events (rural pop-ups and workshops for employers, parents and young people), work experience opportunities, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths (STEAM) events and activities, and labour market information resources based on the SES sector skills evidence base.

European Funding

Key new updates

- SELEP currently has one open **ERDF** call for applications against Priority Axis 1, *Research and Innovation*, specifically enhancing R&I infrastructure and capacities, promoting centres of competence and promoting business investment in R&I. Up to £4.5m is available with a minimum application value of £500k. The closing date for outline applications is 23 Nov 2018. More information is available on the SELEP website: www.southeastlep.com/opportunities/erdf-open-calls-research-and-innovation
- A new **ESF** call launched on 15 Oct 2018 seeking projects that use *online learning and virtual reality* to raise awareness of opportunities in priority sectors and offer online learning modules. Up to £750k is available (50% match) for projects to be developed in partnership with local employers and skills boards. This is the first ESF call of its kind and SELEP would like to establish local, relevant content in keeping with the priorities set out in the Skills Strategy. Such a project is intended to establish SELEP as an area of expertise. The closing date for outline applications is 31 Dec 2018. More information is available on the SELEP website: www.southeastlep.com/opportunities/esf-call-for-online-learning-and-vr

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EAFRD	Call 1 – EOIs for support to micro and small businesses, £50k-£155k project grant value.	Call closed 19 Jun 2015; project EOIs considered at EU SIF committee 23 Jul 2015.	Nothing pending.	None.
	Call 2 – three submeasures covering Tourism Infrastructure £2.6m, Food Processing £3.7m, & Business Development £2m.	Call published Jan 2017 with further publicity/advice events throughout the year; the original Jan 2018 deadline was extended to 31 May 2018; the fund is now closed to new EOIs.	As at Nov 2018 a total of 130 EOIs have been received, of which 19 have progressed to contracting stage and received funding; 52 EOIs are progressing towards full application, with the remainder either in appraisal or withdrawn.	There is currently no federated-level breakdown of EOIs or contracted projects, however successful projects include <i>Rathfinny Wine Estate</i> and <i>Rye Harbour Discovery Centre</i> .
LEADER	Programme adopted, launched Oct 2015.	WARR and Central Sussex Leader programmes launched Oct 2015.	Nothing pending.	Wealden & Rother Rural Partnership (WARR) and Central Sussex Leader programme (including Horsham, Mid Sussex & Lewes District); both Local Action Groups are accepting applications.
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	Call 1 – Priority Axes (PA) 1: Innovation; PA 3: SME Competitiveness; PA 4: Low Carbon Enterprises; and Technical Assistance. Minimum grant value £500k.	Call closed May 2015 with full application deadline Sep 2015; 4 applications were successful.	Nothing pending.	The 4 successful applications - <i>Keep+</i> , <i>LoCASE</i> , <i>Invest Kent</i> and the <i>ERDF Technical Facilitator</i> project - have all been awarded, contracted and are underway; an appointment to the Technical Facilitator role has been made, with ESCC as accountable body.
	Call 2 – PA 3: SME Competitiveness, BIS National Products.	Better Off In Business, Get Exporting 2 and the Manufacturing Growth Programme have all been awarded, contracted and are underway.	Nothing pending.	<i>Better Off In Business</i> (Prince's Trust), <i>Get Exporting 2</i> (Exemplas) and the <i>Manufacturing Growth Programme</i> (WMMBF Ltd) are all designed to deliver across the SELEP area, including East Sussex. 'Newable' is the delivery partner for Get Exporting 2 in East Sussex & Kent; the Manufacturing Growth Programme will be delivered by Economic Growth Solutions Ltd (EGS). There are also 2 multi-LEP projects (awarded and contracted) that only deliver across Essex - the Essex Growth Programme and Supply Chain Innovation for Offshore Renewables (SCORE), both led by consultants NWES.
	Call 3 – PA 3: Growth Hubs & Access to Finance; £13m grant available, £500k minimum grant value.	The Kent-led Innovation Loan Fund scheme was rejected and asked to become part of the South East Business Boost (SEBB) Growth Hub project; SEBB progressed to full application and was approved in Sep 2016; SEBB began operating in Apr 2017 with the launch of its grants programme.	Nothing pending.	East Sussex is one of the SELEP partners in the <i>South East Business Boost</i> (SEBB) Growth Hub project to deliver extended growth hub services (£3m) and a small grants programme (£10m); SEBB will provide £1.1m total funding for East Sussex over the 3 year programme period to extend & enhance the reach of our current business support services under the banner of Business East Sussex (BES), alongside a slice of the SEBB grants programme (approx £850k).
	Call 4 – PA 3: SME support to the creative and digital industries (£3.5m); £500k minimum grant value.	Call opened Apr 2016; 1 application submitted by Thurrock Council for the South East Cultural, Creative & Digital Sector project (SECCADS); full application submitted Sep 2016; following DCLG feedback the application went through several iterations and was finally approved in Nov 2017.	Nothing pending.	The <i>South East Cultural, Creative & Digital Sector</i> project (SECCADS) is led by Thurrock Council and covers the whole SELEP area; it will be aligned with BES/SEBB.
	Call 4 – PA 3: SME support (£10m); £500k minimum grant value; Rolling Call.	Call opened from Apr 2016 to Mar 2017; 1 application from Essex CC for South East Invest (SEI) was approved in Feb 2017; 2 further applications from Hadlow College (Betteshanger Sustainable Parks) and Haven Gateway Partnership (Transportation & Logistical Efficiencies) were finally approved in summer 2018.	Nothing pending.	<i>South East Invest</i> (SEI) is a joint project by ESCC and Essex CC (lead partner) to enhance the Locate East Sussex inward investment service, providing for double the funding given on the existing CORE service contract value to some £420k per annum for 3 years. <i>Betteshanger Sustainable Parks</i> will provide physical incubator space and SELEP-wide business support activities for SMEs in food security, environmental technology, life sciences and green technology. <i>Transportation & Logistical Efficiencies</i> (TALE) will provide support around smarter ways of working to the logistics sector across the SELEP area.

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European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	Call 5 – PA 1: Innovation; and PA 4: Low Carbon Enterprises. Both with a £500k minimum grant value.	Call opened Dec 2016 with 4 outline applications submitted; all 4 were invited to produce full applications but 3 withdrew (2 from the University of Kent and 1 from the University of Greenwich).	The one full application, the 'South East New Energy' project, is currently being appraised by MHCLG (and is likely to be successful).	The one current application, <i>South East New Energy</i> (led by Retrofit Works) is a SELEP-wide project comprising low carbon business support initiatives, including revenue activities for local authorities, and will benefit East Sussex due to the requirements on Strategic Fit.
	Call 6 – PA 1: Research & Innovation; PA 3: SME Growth & Competitiveness; and PA 4: Low Carbon Economy; rolling open call for applications.	Rolling open calls for applications against all 3 Priority Axes went live in Mar 2017; 3 outline applications were submitted in Jul 2017, 4 more in Oct 2017 (2 of which were rejected), and another 4 were submitted by the final deadline of 26 Jan 2018.	The 3 outline applications submitted in Jul 2017 have been invited to submit full applications; 1 of the 2 applications submitted in Oct 2017 has been invited to full application (the other is on hold); and 3 of the 4 submitted in Jan 2018 have been invited to full application (the fourth is on hold).	All 3 outline applications submitted in Jul 2017 are SELEP-wide and will benefit East Sussex due to the requirements on Strategic Fit; the projects are <i>Mercury Rising</i> (Colchester BC), <i>I-CONSTRUCT</i> (Haven Gateway Partnership) and <i>CAMEC</i> (Anglia Ruskin University); only 1 of the 2 outline applications submitted in Oct 2017 will service East Sussex, <i>Better Off In Business</i> (The Prince's Trust), which is requesting a continuation to the existing contracted project; 3 of the 4 applications from Jan 2018 - <i>Kent Medical Campus Innovation Centre, Design & Learning Centre Drives Local Care</i> , and <i>R&D 4 SMEs</i> - offer SELEP-wide business support programmes that can benefit East Sussex SMEs.
	Call 7 – PA 1: Research & Innovation; multi-LEP calls including SELEP for applications to support the 'Innovation South SIA for Quantum Supply' and 'Knowledge Accelerator' projects.	The call was open between 8 Dec 2017 and 26 Jan 2018; 1 outline application was submitted to cover the Innovation South Science & Innovation Audit (SIA) area.	The outline application is currently with MHCLG for initial appraisal.	The single outline application covers the Innovation South SIA area, which includes East Sussex, and is for a project to support quantum supply opportunities.
	Call 8 – PA 1: Research & Innovation; this call is looking to support R&I, specifically enhancing R&I infrastructure and capacities, promoting centres of competence (in particular those of European interest), and promoting business investment in R&I; up to £4.5m is available with a minimum application value of £500k.	The call for outline applications opened on 5 Oct 2018.	The call for outline applications closes on 23 Nov 2018.	None so far.
	European Social Fund (ESF)	Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) – supporting businesses to identify training, recruitment & skills needs, meeting those needs and generating entry level opportunities for those out of work or underemployed; 3 years' funding up to 2020.	ITT open between 29 Jan and 10 Mar 2016; the DWP/Jobcentre+ Opt-in contract was awarded to Reed, who in partnership with Skills Training UK, Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) and APM, will work to deliver the £9m South East contract.	DWP has confirmed that the contract could be extended pending a performance assessments and ESIF Committee confirmation, so SELEP has written to the ESIF Committee to seek approval for the extension (also submitted to DWP); SELEP is currently awaiting information from DWP regarding contract extensions.
	Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) – open call for Priority Axis 1: Access to Employment; intended to assist young people to enter growth sectors by addressing barriers such as transport, mental health support and confidence building to ensuring long-term sustainable jobs through pre-apprenticeships and work experience; approx £1.5m of funding available; the project must be completed no later than 24 Sep 2020.	Call open from 21 Apr to 16 Jun 2017; outline applications were reviewed by the SELEP ESIF Committee in Aug 2017, and 2 EOIs totalling £700k went to full application.	Contracts with the 2 projects that went to full application - Prince's Trust and Essex County Council - are now complete; projects will have publicity material soon.	The <i>Prince's Trust</i> contract will cover East Sussex.

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European Social Fund (ESF)	Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) – using virtual reality & online learning to support employment & growth; an open call to run a project which produces a package of online learning and virtual reality to raise awareness of priority sectors and to offer online learning modules; up to £750k of funding is available; the project must be 50% match-funded and must be completed no later than 3 years and 6 months after the proposed start date.	Call for outline applications opened 15 Oct 2018.	The deadline for outline applications is 31 Dec 2018.	Resources developed will be applicable across the SELEP area, including East Sussex, and bids are welcome covering all or any part of the LEP.
	Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) – sector-focused Apprenticeships including support to disadvantaged/vulnerable participants, access to high-quality employer-led careers information and LMI, and brokerage of opportunities for young people; 5 years' funding.	ESFA contracts worth £24m were announced in Jan 2017; contractors were invited to re-profile if they expect under-delivery and to put in a case for growth; in consultation with local areas & the ESIF Committee, the Numeracy, Basic Skills & Enhancing Apprenticeships programmes were approved for financial growth and time extensions, and the Higher Level & Digital Skills programmes were approved for time extensions only.	All contracts will complete by Apr 2019, with new ESFA ESF contracts due to go live at that time.	Two <i>Skills Support in the Workplace</i> projects covering Numeracy (£2.16m across SELEP of which approx £285k will be used in East Sussex) and Basic Skills (£2m across SELEP of which approx £260k will be used in East Sussex). Two <i>Skills for Growth</i> projects covering Higher Level Skills (£4.6m across the whole SELEP region) and Higher Digital Skills (£1.4m across the whole SELEP region). One <i>Skills Support for the Unemployed</i> project (£1.924m for East Sussex).
	Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) – calls launched under 4 Priority Areas: PA 1.1 Skills Support for Unemployed, PA 1.2 NEET (15-24), PA 1.4 Community Grants, and PA 2.1 Skills Support for the Workforce & Redundancy. More info on the SELEP website: https://www.southeastlep.com/opportunities/esf-calls-for-proposals/	ITTs opened 20 Aug 2018 with a SELEP launch event on 30 Aug 2018; ITTs closed 17 Sep 2018.	ESFA will undertake an evaluation in Dec 2018 with projects due to commence on 1 Apr 2019; SELEP will work with East Sussex and ESFA to ensure contracts focus on need.	As stipulated by ESFA, all applications will have to cover the whole SELEP area; funding is allocated for delivery in East Sussex to ensure there is focus in the county.
	BIG Lottery – second round of Building Better Opportunities funding; the ESF thematic objective is Promoting social inclusion & combating poverty; applications invited to deliver 12 projects across the SELEP area - 6 in the north, 6 south; the total funding available for the south is £8,500,900.	Launched Oct 2015; East Sussex, Kent & Medway agreed & submitted shortlisted applications in Nov 2015; successful applicants announced May 2016; 1 applicant withdrew so there are now only 5 in the south (11 overall); the funds allocated to the withdrawn project (£483k) remain uncommitted.	SELEP has proposed using the unallocated £483k for successful projects when they have a track record (say towards the end of 2018), ringfenced for East Sussex, Kent & Medway - awaiting Big Lottery's agreement; Big Lottery has now also advised that Building Better Opportunities projects have been assessed for growth and extension, and SELEP has received preliminary information from Big Lottery on which projects they recommend for growth (for comment by the ESIF committee) enabling extensions to 2022.	The 5 live projects in the south (all covering East Sussex) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex Community Development Association ('Let's Get Working', £3,574,200 – employment support for people with disabilities and long term health issues) • Porchlight & Sussex Community Development Association (£2,260,500 – employment support for people with mental health issues) • Social Enterprise Kent CIC (£483,000 – employment support for older people) • Gingerbread, the charity of single parent families (£830,800 – employment support for lone parents) • Royal British Legion Industries (£869,400 – employment support for people with difficulty sustaining employment)
	CLLD (ERDF/ESF)	The CLLD programmes will run for 5 years focusing on those groups most excluded from economic activity and in need of support to get on the path towards employment, and on encouraging entrepreneurial activity.	Initial applications closed Nov 2015 with 3 successful South East applications - Hastings & Bexhill, Thurrock and Folkestone; each submitted a Local Development Strategy in Aug 2016 and then full applications by Jan 2017 (followed by further revised final applications); funding agreements were finally signed in May 2018; the Hastings & Bexhill CLLD programme opened its first call for projects between 28 Jun and 3 Aug 2018.	Hastings BC assessed the EOIs from its first project call and invited six partnerships (formed from the EOIs received) to complete full applications, with conditions, by the end of Dec 2018; assessment of full applications will take place in Jan 2019.

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CLLD - European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	EMFF / Marine Maritime Organisation (MMO) Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG).	An application and Local Strategy from Hastings Fisheries Local Action Group (HFLAG) has been submitted and approved.	HFLAG project progressing.	Hastings Fisheries Local Action Group (HFLAG) has approval for £600k for projects plus an additional £200k for M&A over 3 years, supporting the Hastings small scale fleet and associated industry; 11 projects have so far been approved , with 3 more awaiting decision and 5 in development; as at Nov 2018 the total committed to date is £461k ; Hastings BC is lead partner on behalf of HFLAG.
Interreg	France-Channel-England (https://interreg5a-fce.eu): a cross-border programme that aims at funding high quality cooperation projects in the Channel border region between France and England, in line with the Europe 2020 strategy; the Managing Authority is Norfolk County Council.	5 calls took place between Mar 2015 and Apr 2017, and in May 2017 the programme switched its application process to a running open call; since Mar 2017 the programme has also opened 2 calls per year (Mar & Oct) for 'micro projects'; a total of 23 projects have so far been approved overall.	The running open call for regular projects has been extended until Nov 2019 for project ideas, and Jun 2020 for full applications; calls for micro projects (2 calls per year in Mar & Oct) will continue until Mar 2020.	None - Hastings BC was originally part of the <i>Sustainable Future for Seaside Economies</i> (SUFUSE) project submission, but withdrew due to risk/resource/potential gain.
	2 Seas 2014-20 (www.interreg2seas.eu/en): a European Territorial Cooperation programme covering England, France, Netherlands & Belgium with a total of €241m ERDF to co-finance projects in the 2014-20 period; the overall objective is to develop an innovative, knowledge & research based, sustainable and inclusive 2 Seas area, where natural resources are protected and the green economy is promoted.	6 calls have already taken place; Call 7 Step 1 (concept note) opened on 1 Aug 2018; a total of 50 projects have been approved overall.	Call 7 Step 1 is open until 21 Dec 2018, with recommendations expected by Apr 2019; Call 7 Step 2 will open on 6 Sep 2019.	Hastings BC is a partner in implementing the <i>Sustainable Houses in an Inclusive Neighbourhood</i> (SHINE) project, approved Jul 2016 for completion by Aug 2020.
	North West Europe (http://www.nweurope.eu): fostering transnational cooperation to make Northwestern Europe a key economic player and an attractive place to work and live, with high levels of innovation, sustainability and cohesion.	7 calls have taken place since Nov 2015, plus a targeted call on renewable energy; a total of 55 projects have been approved.	Call 8 is now open with a deadline of 22 Nov 2018.	Hastings BC is a sub-partner in implementing the <i>Climate Active Neighbourhoods</i> (CAN) project, with 'Optivo' the main partner in Hastings, approved Feb 2016 for completion by Oct 2019; HBC is also a partner in the <i>Public Building in Straw</i> (UP STRAW) project, approved Mar 2017 (length 4 years but build implementation over 1 year).
	Interreg Europe (http://www.interregeurope.eu): helping regional and local governments across Europe deliver better policy by creating opportunities for sharing ideas and experience, therefore improving strategies	4 calls have taken place between Jun 2015 and Jun 2018; a total of 184 projects have been approved overall.	The Monitoring Committee's decision on successful Call 4 applications is expected Mar 2019.	Hastings BC is a partner in the <i>Delivering Efficient Sustainable Tourism with low-carbon transport Innovations - Sustainable Mobility, Accessibility and Responsible Travel</i> (DESTI-SMART) project, which was approved in Mar 2018 as part of Call 3.

Capital Programme Dashboard

Project Category	Scheme Name	Start Date	End Date	LGF Spend Profile							Progress Update	
				2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Actual	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Post 2021		Total
A21/A259 Hastings/Bexhill Growth Corridor												
LGF Transport	Queensway Gateway Road	2015/16	2017/18	1.419	1.121	5.000	2.46				10	1. QGR provides a new road between Queensway and A21 in north Hastings; 2. Planning approved Dec 2015 (two separate judicial review challenges were dismissed) and site clearance completed Mar 2016; 3. Additional £4m LGF reallocated plus additional £2m SCS funding in Feb 2018; 4. First phase of the road (Queensway to middle roundabout) will be substantially complete by Dec 2018; 5. Street lighting and safety barriers will still need to be installed in Mar 2019; 6. Agreement in principal reached on the relocation of Bartletts SEAT, expected to be in first half of 2019; 7. Negotiations underway with Sainsbury's regarding the land adjacent to the A21; 8. Contract for remaining construction phase with Breheny Civil Engineering still being negotiated and dependant on timescales for the relocation of SEAT.
LGF Transport	North Bexhill Access Road	2015/16	2016/17	6.41	4.6	5.590	2				18.6	1. NBAR will run from a roundabout on the BHLR to the A269 north of Sidley; 2. Business case approved Nov 2015 and planning permission granted by Rother DC Feb 2016; 3. Land acquisition for all phases and adjacent commercial land is complete; 4. Phase 1 of the development now complete (with the exception of the crossing over the Combe Haven which was granted planning permission in Aug 2017); 5. Land clearance, archaeology & ecological works are complete; 6. Earthworks at the northern embankment almost complete over the Combe Haven; 7. Construction of junction works at Ninfield Road and Watermill Lane underway; 8. Project is 95% complete with full completion and opening set for late-2018/early-2019.
LGF Transport	Hastings and Bexhill Movement and Access Package	2015/16	2020/21			0.345	1.012	4.195	3.448		9	1. Package of junction capacity improvements identified in Local Plan Infrastructure Delivery Plans to support housing and employment; 2. Business case approved by Accountability Board Feb 2018 with budget reduced by £3m to £9m; 3. Design work started in a number of areas but delay in start will affect progress and spend over financial year - fixed term Project Manager in place to manage ESH development of LGF local transport projects particularly focussed on these schemes but likely to be £1m slippage in spend this financial year; 4. Hastings Western cycle route progressing well but requires a larger extensive consultation than anticipated which will mean construction deferred to 2019/20; 5. Risk being managed by increasing resources on both sides to assist with delivering the schemes and LGF funding will be reprogrammed into 2019/20 to reflect when construction will commence.
LGF Infrastructure	East Sussex Strategic Growth Package	2016/17	2020/21			3.550	4.65				8.2	1. Funding approved by SELEP Accountability Board Jan 2017; 2. Work on the road extension at Bexhill Enterprise Park completed Sep 2017; 3. Construction of High Weald House at Bexhill nearing completion, after which SCS will look to refinance against the property and utilise the funding to commence construction of further employment space at Sovereign Harbour.
TOTAL											45.8	
A22/A27 Eastbourne/South Wealden Growth Corridor												
LGF Transport	Hailsham / Polegate / Eastbourne Movement and Access corridor	2015/16	2016/17			0.254	0.6	1.258			2.112	1. Sustainable Transport Corridor between Hailsham, Polegate and Eastbourne, part of strategic transport improvements identified to support planned housing and employment growth within the current Wealden and Eastbourne Local Plans; 2. Includes improvements for buses to/from Hailsham accessing Polegate Station, the DGH/Sussex Downs College and Eastbourne Town Centre, as well as walking and cycling improvements along the corridor for more local journeys; 3. Business case approved at the Feb 2017 Accountability Board; 4. Consultation on Phase 1 proposals Sep 2017, results reported to LMTE Jun 2018; 5. Spend currently allocated to detailed design (commissioned Jul 2018) of Phase 1 approved schemes for delivery in 2019/20 onwards, as well as delivery of pedestrian improvements in Victoria Drive and design of Battle Road/London Road junction improvement in Hailsham.
LGF Transport	Eastbourne and South Wealden LSTF walking & cycling package	2015/16	2020/21	0.6	0.37	1.63	0.735	1.765	1.5		6.6	1. Package of walking & cycling schemes identified in Eastbourne & Wealden Cycle Strategies to support housing and employment growth in these areas; 2. Business case for extension of first tranche of schemes (£2.6m) approved by SELEP Accountability Board Nov 2015; 3. Smaller elements delivered in early years of the programme due to Japanese Knotweed on Horsey Sewer Route; 4. Accelerated spend on Horsey Way bike path extension approved at Nov 2017 Accountability Board, construction completed May 2018; 5. Remaining funding for this financial year relates to construction of Horsey cycle route Phase 1b, Meads pedestrian improvements (on site) and Willingdon Drove cycle route; 6. Business case for the remaining £4m submitted to the ITE Nov 2018 for consideration at the Feb 2019 Accountability Board.

LGF Transport	Eastbourne town centre LSTF access & improvement package	2015/16	2020/21		0.55	0.245	4.205	1	2	8	Phase 1: 1. Business case developed for £3m funding for Terminus Road improvements associated with Arndale Centre extension; 2. Business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Apr 2016; 3. Additional £2m LGF has been allocated to ensure completion of this phase; 4. Works started Mar 2018 with Mildren Construction undertaking works; 5. Construction programmed for completion May 2019. Phase 2: 1. Following transport study, designs are being developed for next phase of the scheme; 2. Business case submitted to SELEP ITE Nov 2018 for consideration at the Feb 2019 Accountability Board; 3. Preliminary design work commenced and due for completion early 2019.	
LGF Transport	A22/A27 Junction improvements	2016/17	2017/18						1	1	1. Improvements to the A22/A27 north of Polegate along with Sustainable Transport Corridor required to support housing & employment growth in the Eastbourne & South Wealden area; 2. Proposals for A27/A2270 signalised junction developed as part of HE's package of smaller scale proposals for the A27; 3. Scope for other improvements (A27/A22 Golden Jubilee Way, A22/Ditton Rd) will need to be reviewed to take account of additional housing/employment coming forward around Hailsham/Polegate as part of Wealden's Local Plan review and again partly considered within the A27 smaller scale proposals; 4. Any potential improvements to Cophall roundabout need to take into account wider lobbying across the board for additional funding for a more comprehensive solution for the A27 between Lewes & Polegate, which has resulted in £3m of the total £75m now being allocated to work on the business case and options for the A27; 5. In light of the £72m allocated under the A27 smaller scale improvements programme from HE, this provides clear justification for freeing up the majority of this funding for consideration by TES on similar transport related schemes within the overall East Sussex LGF programme; 6. There was a need to retain £1m of the £4m to address complementary enhancements to Cophall & Stone Cross that will support the wider HE funded packages so the Accountability Board approved the reallocation of £3m towards the NBAR and QGR projects in Feb 2018; 7. A bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund will augment these monies and the wider requirement to improve capacity at a series of junctions on the A22 Corridor around Hailsham and Stone Cross.	
LGF Infrastructure	Swallow Business Park	2015/16	2018/19	0.505	0.895					1.4	1. Planning permission granted for northern & southern parts of site; 2. Business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2016; 3. Ground works continue to be progressed, onsite sewerage treatment is being installed and the road through to the far end of the site has been completed; 4. The site's first tenant (VACGEN) has taken possession of the building and are installing production facilities; 5. The developer is now in discussion with a number of potential tenants looking to take possession of plots at the back of the site; 6. Construction of the starter units well underway and will be ready for tenants autumn/winter 2018.	
LGF Infrastructure	Strategic Site Investment Package (formerly 'Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park')	2015/16	2021/22	0.53	1.17					1.7	1. Review of projected costs originally allocated to site infrastructure at Sovereign Harbour resulted in a broadening of the scope to also include North Queensway and North Bexhill Business Parks, so investment will enable site infrastructure to be delivered across the three sites; 2. Revised scope approved by Government; 3. Full business case for revised scope approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2016; 4. Works related to this scheme have now been completed at all sites.	
LGF Infrastructure	Devonshire Park Quarter Redevelopment	2017/18	2019/20			5				5	1. Scheme approved by SELEP Accountability Board Mar 2017 and is now into the construction phase using the leverage funding provided by Eastbourne BC; 2. Accelerated spend for this scheme was approved at the Nov 2017 Accountability Board and it was allocated £5m for 2017/18; 3. Construction of the Welcome Building has progressed well and is due for completion Apr 2019; 4. Site due to open Jun 2019 with first conferences from Oct 2019.	
TOTAL										25.812		
Newhaven Maritime and Clean Tech Growth Corridor												
LGF Infrastructure (C2C funded)	Newhaven Port Access Road	2016/17	2018/19				7.5	2.5			10	1. Identified by DfT as one of their 'portfolio' schemes and therefore they will retain overall decision making responsibilities for approving the release of LGF monies; 2. £13m also allocated in ESCC's capital programme towards scheme; 3. First phase completed as part of the Eastside development; 4. Tender completed, BAM Nutall identified as preferred contractor; 5. Value engineering exercise undertaken, scheme including ancillary costs can be funded within overall £23.2m budget; 6. Business case for £10m approved by DfT Aug 2018; 7. Construction started Oct 2018 with a 19 month construction period.

LGF Infrastructure (SE LEP & C2C funded)	Newhaven Flood Alleviation Scheme	2016/17	2017/18	0.3	0.8	0.4					1.5	1. Environment Agency led scheme to reduce flood risk in Newhaven and recognise the wider benefits this will bring in encouraging regeneration in the town; 2. £10m from EA and £1.5m from C2C as well as SELEP funding; 3. Contracts signed Mar 2016; 4. EA appointed main contractor Jackson Hyder to produce detailed designs and construct flood defences; 5. Construction started Nov 2016, scheduled to be completed late-2019/early-2020 ; 6. Construction constraints in the port area have required the EA to review the final design proposals and they're consulting with ESCC on flood risk ; 7. Areas 1-4 and area 5 north are now complete.
TOTAL											11.5	
Pan LEP												
LGF Pan-LEP	Housing Regeneration Project (Hastings)	2016/17	2017/18			0.667					0.667	1. Offer of £2m LGF from an original £10m ask was made as part of the Growth Deal 'expansion' in Jan 2015; 2. Pan-LEP project includes areas of Hastings, Thanet & Tendring, so the East Sussex share of the £2m is approx £666k; 3. Bid documents were recast to reflect the provisional award of £2m and the revised business case was approved at the Feb 2017 Accountability Board; 4. Hastings BC partnered with Amicus Horizon in a major intervention programme, 'CoastalSpace', involving acquisition & refurbishment of properties in St. Leonards; 5. A new property was selected following the destruction of the original property identified in the business case, approved at the Sep 2017 Accountability Board; 6. Grant agreement between ESCC and HBC signed Nov 2017 and the property purchased ; 7. All LGF funds have been defrayed to project partner ; 8. Housing association Optivo have taken possession of the property and are now developing a plan for full refurbishment to create 16 social housing units as part of the CoastalSpace programme.
Skills Capital and Equipment Funds												
Sussex Downs College	Specialist Equipment for STEM Centre	2016/17	2017/18		0.075						0.075	1. Specialist industry-relevant equipment supporting a new STEM Centre enabling the delivery of 35 new apprentices per annum in Laboratory Technician, Science Manufacturing Technician, Laboratory Scientist and Science Industry Maintenance Technician qualifications from 2017/18; 2. Sussex Downs College has now made the final claims for this scheme.
Sussex Downs College	Refurbished Science Facilities	2016/17	2017/18		0.16						0.16	1. Sussex Downs College awarded £159,400 towards total project costs of £478,320 (33%) in Round 1 for refurbishing the reception/hub of the new STEM Centre and an alteration to the existing Science Laboratory at their Lewes Campus; 2. Work completed so delivery can commence; 3. Due to negotiations with builders and subcontractors, overall costs reduced meaning SELEP's 33% contribution also reduced to £80k, resulting in a surplus of £79,440; 4. SELEP Accountability Board agreed Jan 2017 that SDC could utilise the £79k underspend for their broader project, enhancing the first floor laboratory, subject to full application and approval by the Board; 5. An application for £39,515 was approved by the May 2017 Accountability Board, with the remaining unused funds returned to the LGF programme for later allocation.
Plumpton College	Science & Engineering for Tree Management	2016/17	2017/18		0.14						0.14	1. Scheme is complete and has been fully claimed.
Plumpton College	Growing Apprenticeship & Skills Training in Engineering	2016/17	2017/18		0.088						0.088	1. Scheme is complete and has been fully claimed.
Growing Places Fund - loan funding												
GPF	Eastbourne Fishermen's Quay	2017/18	2018/19				1.15				1.15	1. Project approved at Dec 2017 Accountability Board; 2. Before the land purchase could be completed Carillion went into administration and Administrators sold the freehold to Premier Marinas who were not willing to sell the freehold; 3. As an alternative, the lease of the land over 75 years with peppercorn rent has been offered and presents a feasible option to enable the delivery of the project; 4. The project change request from land-purchase to a long lease will not impact on the outcomes of the project as stated in the Business Case, nor the cost of delivering the project; 5. The change of scope was noted at the Sep 2018 Accountability Board.

GPF	Charleston Centenary	2017/18	2018/19				0.12				0.12	1. Project approved at Feb 2018 Accountability Board; 2. It was originally intended that the GPF would be drawn down in 2017/18 but this has been delayed to 2018/19; 3. The change to the repayment schedule was approved at the Sep 2018 Accountability Board; 4. The GPF agreement is due to be signed imminently to enable the funding to be transferred.
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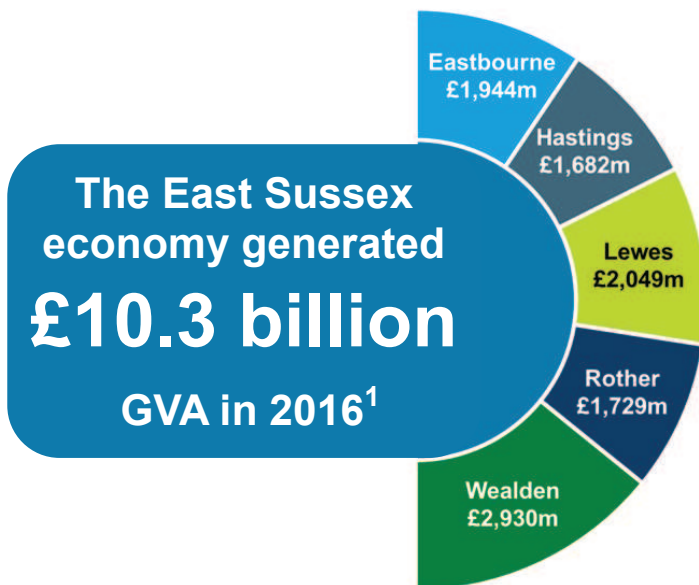
Other: Coast to Capital LEP Funded Schemes

C2C LGF	Newhaven Eastside South	2016/17	2020/21		0.4	1.2					1.6	1. Work on Eastside South has progressed well with all piling now completed; 2. Phase 1 of the scheme (2,360m ²) is now complete; 3. Phase 2 commenced in Apr 2018 with strong interest being shown by potential tenants.
C2C LGF	Railway Quay	2016/17	2020/21		1.5						1.5	1. Purchase of Railway Quay completed by Lewes DC Apr 2017; 2. Lewes DC commissioned Cushman & Wakefield to undertake a Market Demand Study looking at potential development options for the site, with a report produced Jun 2017; 3. Lewes DC is now considering which of the development plan options to take forward (a variation of one seems the most viable).
C2C LGF	Springman House	2016/17	2019/20		2						2	1. Purchase of Springman House by Lewes DC completed Mar 2017; 2. A brief is being drafted to procure a design team (architect only as the project management side of Springman House will be procured through the Lewes/Eastbourne JV framework); 3. Demolition work will commence during 2018 with the new fire station being fully occupied by Mar 2020.
C2C LGF	Charleston Centenary	2017/18	2018/19			0.4					0.4	1. The grant will support the various parts of the Centenary project including facilities for the barn renovation, specialist catering and exhibition equipment and landscaping of the grounds to help attract over 50,000 visitors per year.

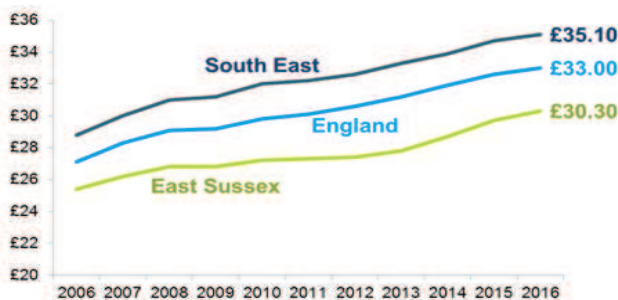
Economic update - November 2018

Gross Value Added

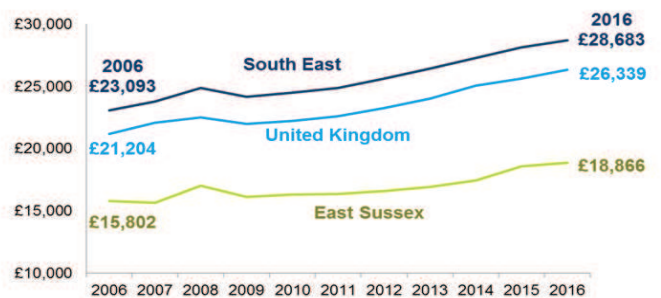
- GVA per head has grown by 19.4% in the county since 2006, but this compares with growth of 24.2% nationally and in the SE region¹.
- Growth of GVA per head in the county was higher than average in 2014/15 (6.6% compared with 2.2% nationally) but fell back again in 2015/16 (1.6% against 2.8% nationally)¹
- Structural differences to the national economy include a much higher proportion of GVA from Real estate; a higher proportion in Public administration, Education & Health, and Construction sectors; while Information & communication and Financial & insurance services are under-represented.
- The Professional and administrative services sector and Other services grew most strongly in the year 2015-2016 compared to the national change, while the construction sector also saw significant growth but this was similar to the national change.
- Growth in Manufacturing and Distribution, transport, accommodation and food was much slower than the national average, and there was a significant fall in the Financial and Insurance sector.



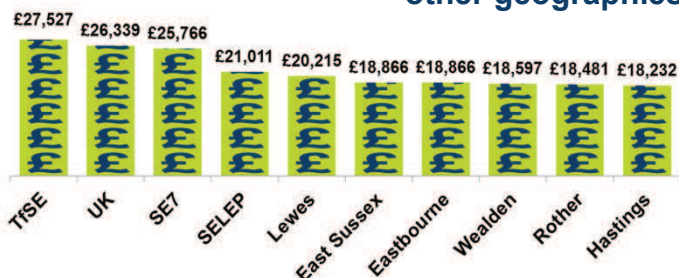
GVA per hour worked, 2006-2016²



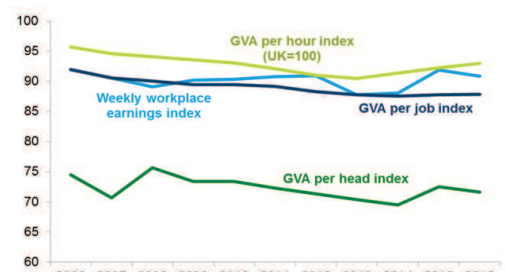
GVA per head, 2006-2016¹



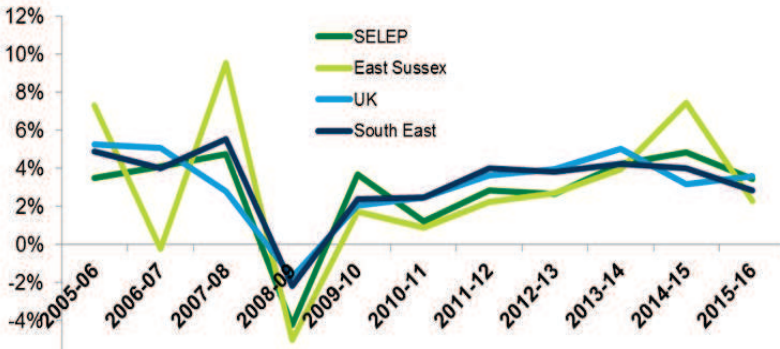
GVA per head in 2016 by district, SE LEP and other geographies¹



Productivity and earnings measures compared - East Sussex indices where UK=100^{1,2,7}



Year on year change in GVA is more volatile in the county than at other geographies.



Three broad sectors account for 60% of GVA in East Sussex¹:



Real Estate - 21.5%



Public admin, Education and Health - 21.2%



Distribution, Transport and Accommodation & food - 16.9%

Gross value added by sector in 2016¹

Different sectors make a higher than average contribution to GVA in the districts:

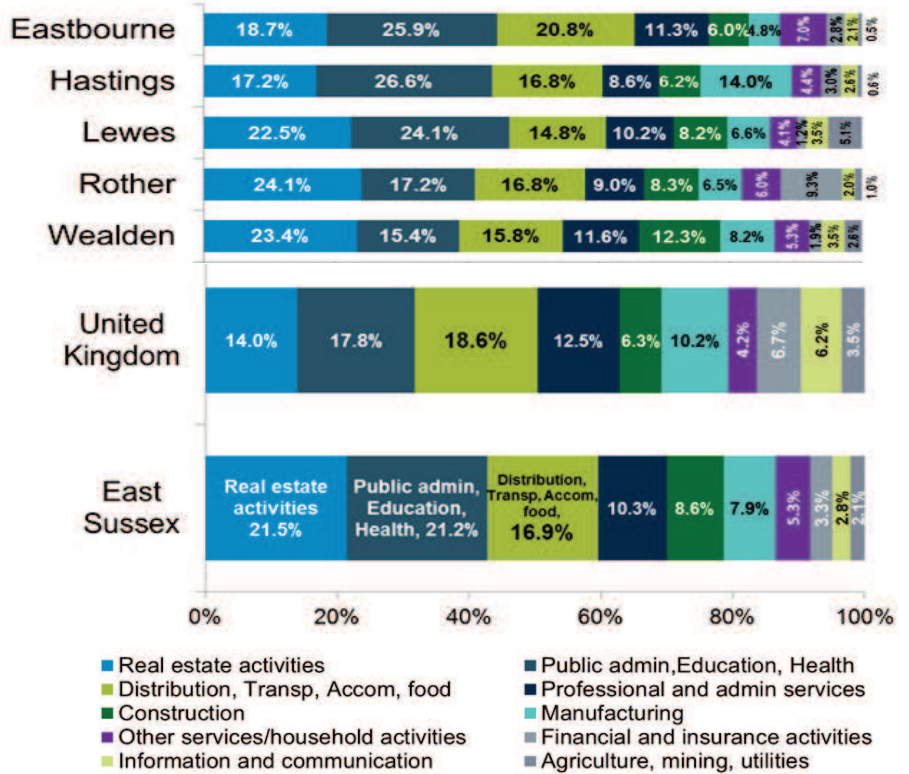
Eastbourne: Public admin etc. (26% of GVA in 2016); Distribution etc. (21%)

Hastings: Public admin etc. (27%); Manufacturing (14%)

Lewes: Public admin etc. (24%); Real estate (23%)

Rother: Real Estate (24%); Finance etc. (9%)

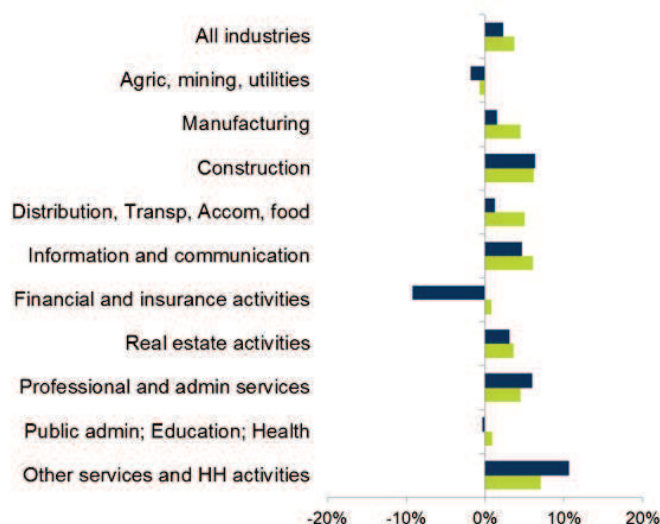
Wealden: Real estate (23%); Construction (12%)



Long-term change in GVA 2006-16



Short-term change in GVA 2015-16¹

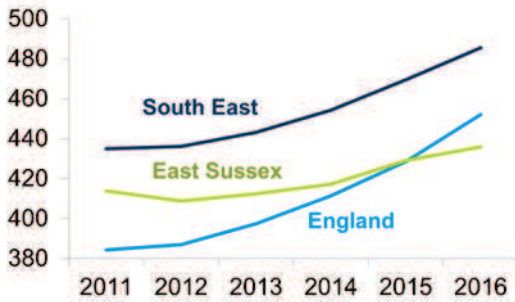


Change in GVA by industry varies significantly over time. Some sectors which saw significant growth over a 10 year period have shown a decline more recently.

Businesses

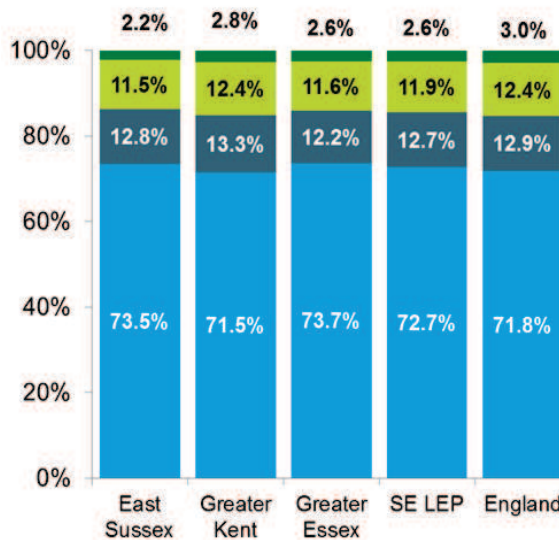


Active businesses per 10,000 population³



East Sussex has fewer businesses than average for the region and growth is slowing.

Business size in 2018⁴

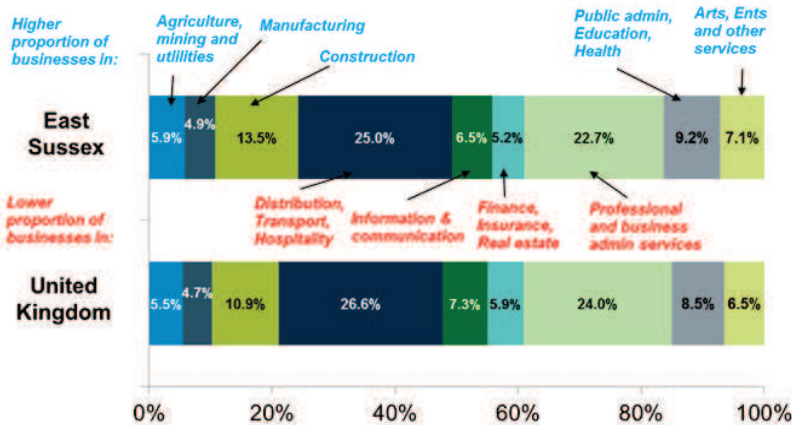


86.3% of businesses in the county have fewer than 10 employees (National figure 84.7%)

73.5% have fewer than 5

East Sussex economy characterised by high proportion of very small businesses

East Sussex businesses by sector in 2018⁴



- While Real Estate contributes most to GVA, it make up only a small proportion of businesses (3.5%)
- One quarter of all businesses are in the Distribution, Transport, Accommodation & food sector, but they make up a smaller proportion than the national average, and only account for 16.9% of GVA.
- The second largest sector in terms of number of businesses is the Professional, technical and business administration services, but these account for only 10.9% of GVA.

Fastest growing sectors in the county⁴ (2013-2018)



Business administration and support services - up 42% (England up 58%)

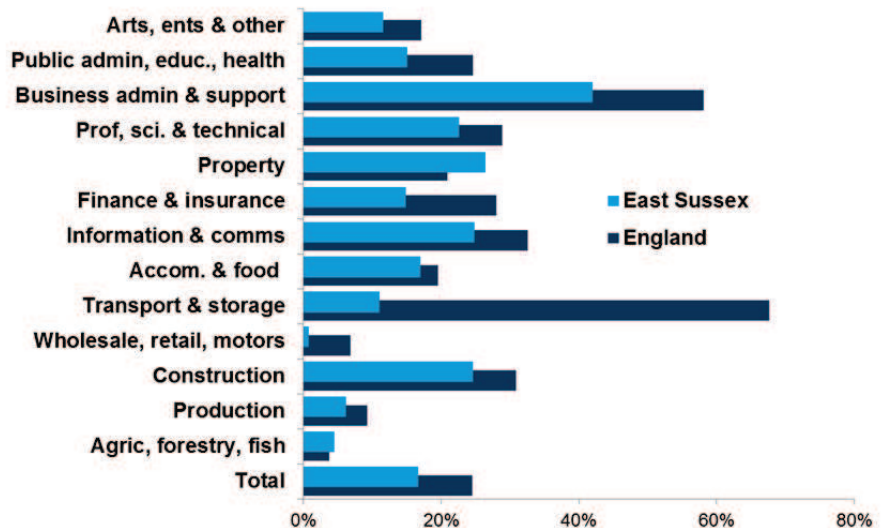


Property - up 26% Higher than national rise (England up 21%)



Information & communication - up 25% (England up 33%)

Percentage change in businesses by sector 2013-2018⁴



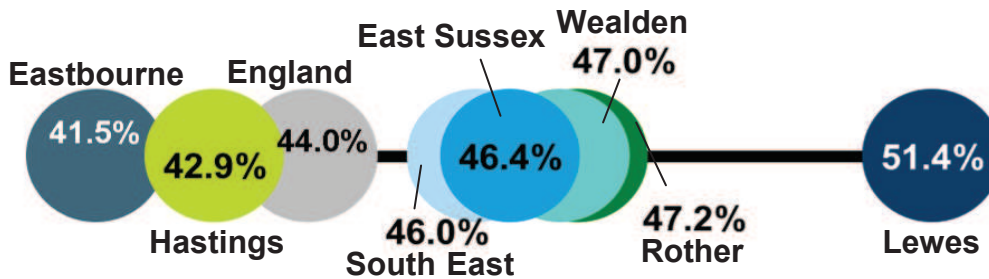
Business starts, closures and survival

23,880
active businesses in East Sussex in 2016 - highest since **2004³**

- ◆ 1 in 9 of these were new start-ups
- ◆ That's 2,590 new businesses
- ◆ But 7% fewer new businesses than in 2015
- ◆ And new business registration rates down

Active businesses
Up **9%** since 2011,
up **2.3%** since 2015

46.4% of businesses in East Sussex started in 2011 survived their first five years
5 year business survival rates for the county are higher than the England average³:

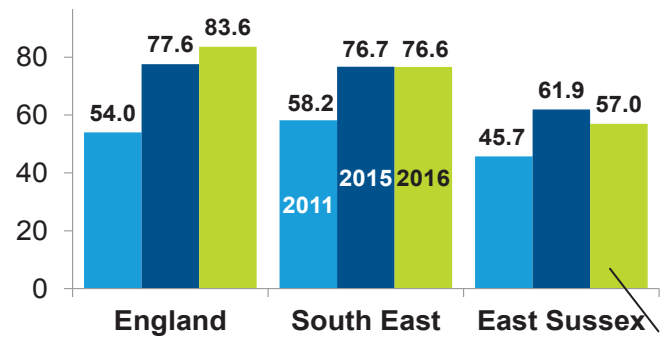


- 530 more active businesses in 2016 (23,880) than in 2015 (23,350).
- New business growth slower - 200 fewer new business starts than in 2015 and only slightly more business starts (2,590) than closures (2,405) in 2016.³

Business births and deaths in East Sussex 2006-16³

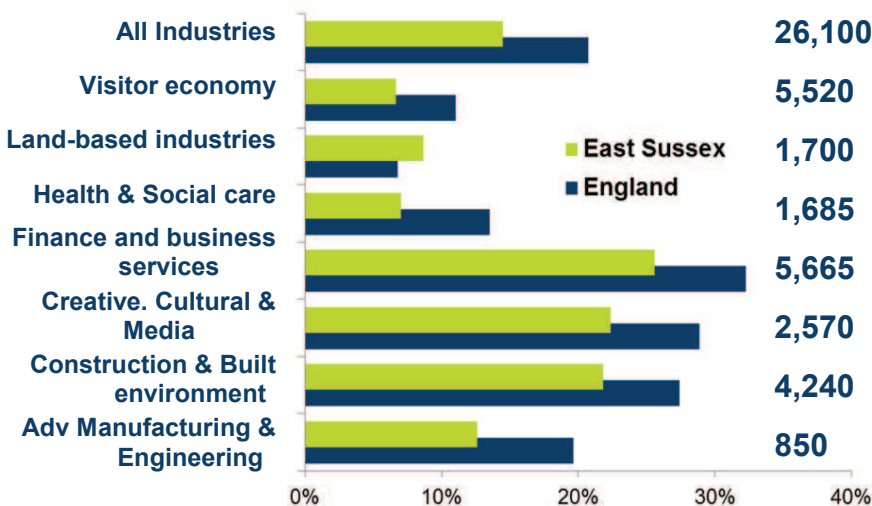


New business registration rates 2011-16³



Second lowest of all counties/UAs in the South East

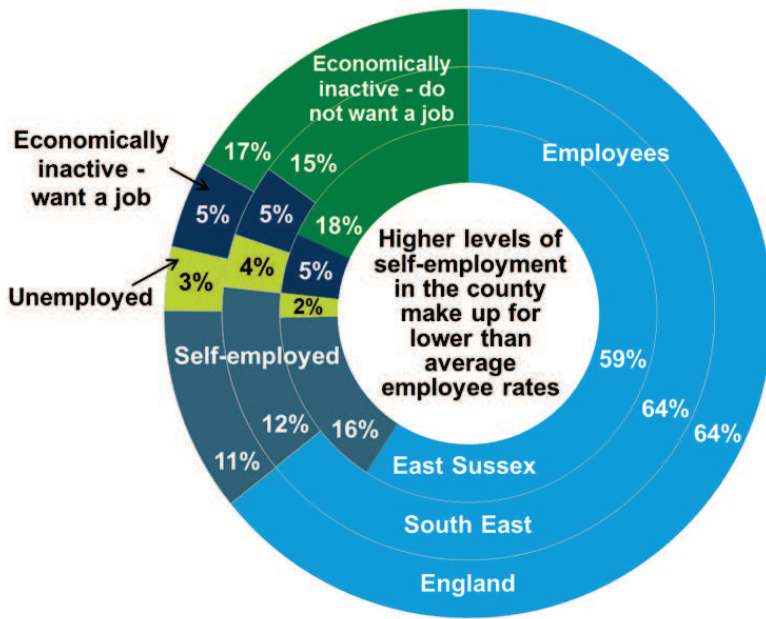
East Sussex priority sectors: percentage change in number of businesses, 2013-2018⁴



- The finance and business services combined sector is the largest of the priority sectors (as defined in the growth strategy), with Visitor Economy businesses forming the next largest group.⁴
- Growth in most priority sectors was slower between 2013 and 2018 than in the country as a whole (note that some SIC sector divisions occur in more than one priority sector)

Labour market

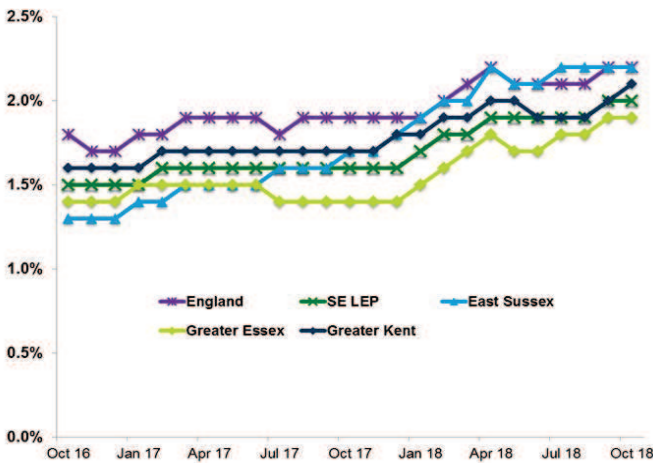
Economic activity and inactivity in the year to June 2018⁵



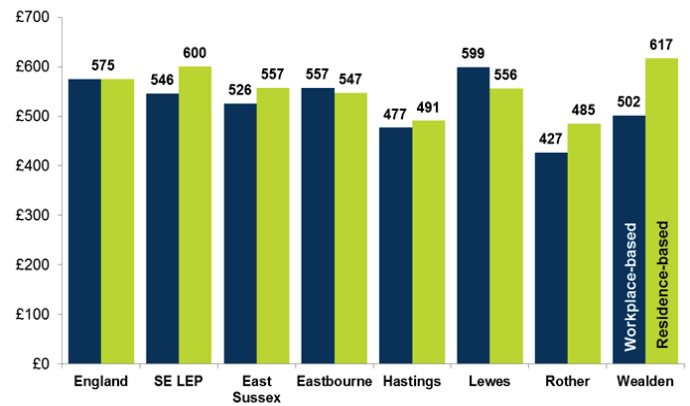
Workforce projections⁸

Between 2016 and 2021 there is projected to be marginal growth in the number of people in the East Sussex labour force, although after 2021 there is projected to be a slight decline.

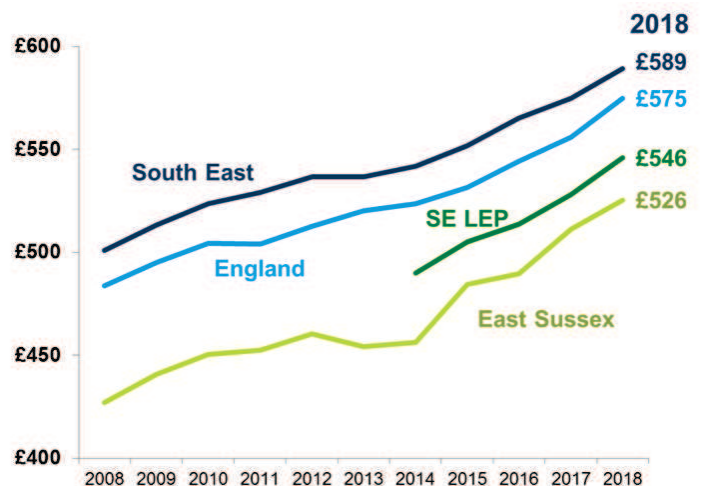
UC/JSA claimant rate, October 2016-2018



Average (median) earnings in 2018⁷



Workplace-based median full-time earnings, 2008-2018



jobcentreplus

7,130 claimants

of Universal credit (UC) and Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) in East Sussex October 2018

2.2% of the working age population

Now equal to the national average and

↑ 34% since October 2017

Table of targets

Growth measures – November 2018	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Contribute to unlocking key employment floor space allocated in Local Plans (Square metres)		Havelock Place 2,248	Glovers House and Sovereign House 4,690		Swallow Business Park 3,409			
Achieve average annual housing completions of 1,504 in East Sussex to 2020 in accordance with our Local Plans <small>(Source: East Sussex County Council On-line Housing Monitoring Database)</small>	1,298 <small>(2012-13 data)</small>	1,208 <small>(2013-14 data)</small>	1,358 <small>(2014-15 data)</small>	1,509 <small>(2015-16 data)</small>	1,445 <small>(2016-17 data)</small>	1,300 <small>(2017-18 data)</small>	Data due: September 2019	
Increase GVA per capita by 20% by 2020 <small>(Source: Office for National Statistics)</small>	£16,929 +22.3% 2003-13	£17,423 +22.1% 2004-14	£18,574 +25.4% 2005-15	£18,866 +19.4% 2006-16	Data due: December 2018			
Maintain the employment rate for East Sussex at a higher level than the England rate to 2020 <small>(Source: Annual Population Survey/Labour Force Survey, NOMIS/ONS)</small>	71.1% +0.1% points higher than England (Mar)	74.1% +2.4% points higher than England (Mar)	73.1% -0.2% points higher than England (Mar)	73.8% -0.1% points lower than England (Mar)	75.6% 1.2% points higher than England (Mar)	74.7% -0.5% points lower than England (Mar)	Data due: November 2019	
Maintain the Claimant Rate for East Sussex at below the England rate to 2020 <small>(Source: Office for National Statistics/ NOMIS)</small>	2.9% -0.8% points lower than England (April)	2.1% -0.6% points lower than England (April)	1.5% -0.4% points lower than England (April)	1.4% -0.4% points lower than England (April)	1.6% -0.3% points lower than England (April)	2.2% Equal to England rate (April)	Data due: April 2019	
Increase the percentage of working age residents in East Sussex with a Level 4 qualification to at least 35% by 2020 <small>(Source: Annual Population Survey, Nomis/ONS)</small>	32.4% -2.5% points lower than England	36.7% 1.0% points higher than England	31.2% -5.5% points lower than England	34.1% -3.8% points lower than England	37.9% -0.4% points lower than England	Data due: April 2019		
Reduce the percentage of working age residents in East Sussex with no qualifications and qualified only to NVQ1 to below the England level by 2020 <small>(Source: Annual Population Survey, Nomis/ONS)</small>	23.5% +2.2% points higher than England	19.4% -1.2% points lower than England	23.1% +3.1% points higher than England	22.4% +3.3% points higher than England	15.6% -2.9% points lower than England	Data due: April 2019		

Further information and sources

This publication is produced as an aid to understanding the mechanisms at work in the economy of East Sussex. The sources for all the data are given in this section

Gross value added

¹ Gross value added (GVA) data is released annually by the [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#), and GVA per head is calculated using [ONS mid-year-estimate data](#). GVA is a measure of the increase in the value of the economy due to the production of goods and services. Estimates are measured at current basic prices, which include the effect of inflation. The data). With the release of the 2016 GVA data a major change in methodology took place. Please ensure you use only the most recent data.

² GVA per hour worked data is obtained from the [ONS' Sub-regional productivity](#) tables. When assessing regional economic performance, it is recommended that the best measure of productivity is this data, rather than GVA per head or per job. This is particularly important when there are large net commuting flows into or out of an area, as is the case in East Sussex.

GVA per head relates the value added by production activity in an area to the resident population of that area, and thus is subject to distortion due to effects of commuting and variations in the age distribution of the population. Small areas, such as local authorities, can be subject to very large distortions and this should be borne in mind when interpreting the statistics as an indicator of relative economic prosperity. GVA per head is thud not a goof measure of productivity.

GVA per job is also not the best measure of productivity because we have to consider the impact of higher proportion of part-time jobs.

Businesses

³ The Office for National Statistics (ONS) provide data on active businesses, start-ups and closures in the annual '[Business Demography](#)' series. These national statistics are compatible with EU wide business demography data. 1-5 year survival rates are also included with this data. All rates are calculated by the Research and Information Team using the latest available mid-year estimate population data from the ONS.

⁴ The [UK Business: Activity, Size and Location](#) (UK BASL) dataset from the ONS uses data from the Inter-departmental Business Register (IDBR) to report the total number of businesses. This is the most up-to-date source for data about business activity at local authority level and gives details of both the number of business enterprises and the number of local units. Data is available by industrial sector, business size (in terms of number of employees), annual turnover and age of business (years of trading). Some of the data is also published as 'UK business counts' in the Nomis website.

Business Demography counts differ from those given in UK BASL because the Business Demography methodology takes into account businesses that were active at any time during the reference calendar year, whereas UK BASL numbers are based on a snapshot taken from the IDBR on a specific date at the end of March of the relevant year. As a result, numbers in the Business demography dataset are higher than those given in UK BASL.

There are a number of other sources of business data available. For more information about business data sources and how the data can be used, see our [data note](#).

Employment, earnings, and benefits data

⁵ Employment data is sourced from the Annual Population Survey (APS) which is published by the ONS on the [Nomis](#) website.

⁶ Data on part-time and full-time working is obtained from the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) which is also published by ONS in [Nomis](#).

⁷ Earnings data is from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings which is published by ONS and is available on the [Nomis](#) website. We have mostly used workplace-based median earnings which gives earnings for jobs based in the area, but residence-based data is also given in the table, which is the earnings of those living in the area.

⁸ Workforce projections data is produced by the Research and Information Team of East Sussex County Council using the PopGroup family of population projection modelling software alongside a full suite of population projections, and published on [East Sussex in Figures](#).

⁹ Claimant Count numbers are produced by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and published on [Nomis](#) together with data on claimants of other DWP benefits. Other claimant data can be found on the DWP's [StatXplore](#) website.

For further information about GVA, sub-regional productivity, Business Demography and UK BASL data, visit the [ONS website](#).

[East Sussex in Figures](#) has detailed data about [GVA](#), [GVA by industry](#), [productivity](#), [business demography](#) and [business activity](#), [economic activity rates](#), [full- and part-time working](#), [workplace median earnings](#), [claimants of Universal Credit and JSA](#) and [workforce projections](#).

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