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Strategic Economic Infrastructure

Rail

Infrastructure to enable High Speed Rail

- 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.
- NR is continuing the design work, funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) and the local authorities, on the Ashford West junction; this design work is now nearing completion and will be to NR's Guide to Rail Investment Process (GRIP) Stage 3, accompanied by a business case outlining the economic benefits.
- Depending on the outcomes of the design work and the presentation of the proposals/costs to wider stakeholders, NR will be looking for third party funding towards the overall cost of the scheme. This could include discussions with High Speed 1 about the infrastructure being a potential investment opportunity for them, 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

- The franchisees submitted their bids on 14 Mar 2018. DfT has been evaluating the proposals since then, and whilst an announcement on the proposed franchisee was expected in Nov 2018, this was pushed into early 2019 – to date no announcement has been made.
- DfT confirmed a 12-week extension to the current Southeastern franchise from 1 Apr to 22 Jun 2019. Therefore, with a three to four month minimum mobilisation period required for the new franchisee (assuming a 23 Jun 2019 start date), it is expected that a decision will be imminent.

Brighton Mainline – Network Resilience

- 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 running through them.
- The works commenced in Sep 2018 and have taken place over a series of weekends, as well as during a nine day blockade between 16 and 24 Feb 2019. Further works will continue over a number of weekends up to May 2019.
- NR has also invested in updating the signalling on the section of the rail network between Lewes and Newhaven which ultimately will provide passengers with more reliable journeys. The commissioning of the signalling necessitated a blockade in the Lewes area in early Mar 2019.

Road

A27 East of Lewes Study

- 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. This is expected to be published in autumn 2019.

A27 smaller scale interventions

- Highways England (HE) is proposing to publish the orders and detailed designs (for information only) for the Berwick (Drusillas) roundabout and Polegate improvements in mid/late Mar 2019. This will be accompanied by local exhibitions at Polegate Community Centre on 12 & 16 Mar and Berwick Village Hall on 15 Mar 2019. The orders and detailed designs for the shared use path and Wilmington crossroads safety improvements will be published later in the year. Construction of the first tranche of the small scale improvements is programmed to start in 2019/20 at the earliest.

Road & Port: Newhaven Port Access Road

- Main construction of Phase 1a, which extends the existing section of the Access Road across the Newhaven–Seaford railway and Mill Creek to the harbour mouth, has commenced with a 19 month construction period. Completion is anticipated in early 2020.

Aviation

Gatwick

- The consultation on Gatwick's Masterplan closed in Jan 2019, which included proposals for the potential use of the emergency runway by smaller aircraft, alongside the main runway, to increase the overall capacity of the airport. Gatwick Airport will publish their consultation response summary and final masterplan later this year.
- The planning application for the proposed construction of new station concourse/airport entrance area, link bridges, platform canopies, back of house staff accommodation and associated improvement works was agreed by Crawley Borough Council's Planning Committee on 11 Feb 2019, subject to a number of conditions. The funding for the project is still to be signed off by the various funding partners (Network Rail, DfT, Gatwick Airport Limited and C2C LEP) but this is expected to be agreed imminently. Construction is currently programmed to start in 2020.

Aviation Green Paper

- DfT is seeking feedback on its green paper outlining proposals for a new aviation strategy. The strategy will set out the challenges and opportunities for aviation to 2050 and beyond and will emphasise the significance of aviation to the UK economy and regional growth. The strategy will focus on:
 - developing a partnership for sustainable growth which meets rising passenger demand, balanced with action to reduce environmental and community impacts;
 - improving the passenger experience, including through technology and innovation, a new passenger charter and action to reduce delays at the border; and
 - building on the UK's success to establish new connections across the world and create greater choice for consumers.
- A final white paper version of the aviation strategy will be published by the middle of 2019.

Local Transport/Pipeline Projects

- Work continues on a number of other local transport/pipeline projects identified in previous briefings to Team East Sussex. 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 Local Growth Fund (LGF) monies, is currently programmed for completion in Sep 2019.

- **Eastbourne Town Centre Movement & Access Package Phase 2:** Design work continues on 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. The business case to unlock the remaining £3m was approved by the SELEP Accountability Board in Feb 2019 and will be utilised to deliver the Terminus Road: Bankers Corner to Lismore Road section; the other elements of Phase 2 remain unfunded but other potential funding opportunities are being explored.
- **Eastbourne & South Wealden Walking & Cycling Package:** The business case to unlock the remaining £4m of LGF monies allocated to the package was approved by the SELEP Accountability Board in Feb 2019 and will be used to deliver a series of cycle routes in the area as well as wayfinding in Eastbourne and cycle parking in both Eastbourne and Hailsham.
- **A22 Junction Improvements Package:** Design work is nearing completion on 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 package of improvements has been identified as a potential Major Road Fund bid to Transport for the South East (TfSE), and following a prioritisation process the County Council has been asked to develop an Outline Business Case by May 2019 for submission to DfT in Jul 2019.

Transport for the South East (TfSE)

- Following a presentation to Team East Sussex in Jan 2019, the current round of *informal* engagement meetings on the proposal to Government to secure statutory status for TfSE is nearing completion. *Formal* consultation on the proposal will take place between 2 May and 31 Jul 2019, when comments will be sought from key stakeholders including SELEP.
- Work on the development of the Transport Strategy is continuing. There will be a second round of stakeholder workshops in early May 2019 to seek further input into the development of key tasks, including the scheme prioritisation framework and the methodology for the forthcoming corridor studies. Technical reports on the outcomes of the tasks (setting out the background policy context for the development of the Strategy and the potential impacts of Brexit) will be available following the Shadow Partnership Board meeting on 18 Mar 2019.

Business East Sussex (BES)

Core Growth Hub

- The work of the BES subgroup continues to provide strategic direction for the provision of business support services within the county, including overseeing the work of the Business East Sussex Growth Hub. The current contract for the provision of the Growth Hub has been extended until Mar 2020, with funding confirmed from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) at current levels until then.
- We do not yet have a clear indication from BEIS as to the future of Growth Hubs beyond 2020, but in order to be ready for all eventualities ESCC colleagues are starting work on options appraisals for a future service. This will include incorporating current thinking on best practice from around the country with evidence of local business needs to shape proposals for future delivery models. This work will be carried out in close partnership with SELEP and the other two Growth Hubs in the area. Both BES and TES will be updated on this work as it progresses.
- In the meantime, BEIS is looking to all Growth Hubs to show what they're doing to support businesses with the ambition and potential to become *Scale Ups* (i.e. demonstrate sustained high growth) in the 2019/20 funded period. There are fewer businesses in East Sussex meeting the Scale Up definition than nationally, and increasing the prevalence of high growth businesses in an area can have a significant impact on economic growth and productivity.
- In order to build up an evidence base of 'what works' in East Sussex, the ESCC Economic Development team has commissioned three pilot projects working with businesses in the county to help them Scale Up. Each pilot will focus on testing a different approach: generic (open to all businesses in all geographies and sectors), geographic (focussing on businesses in and around the Newhaven Enterprise

Zone) and sector-specific (focussing on businesses in the Construction and Built Environment sectors). An independent evaluation of the three approaches will be carried out, with learning from the pilots being incorporated into future decisions on business support in the county.

- On 5 Mar 2019 ESCC's Lead Member for Economy approved and endorsed the work on Scale Ups in order to drive productivity in East Sussex.

South East Business Boost (SEBB)

- The current ERDF-funded South East Business Boost (SEBB) programme is in its final year of delivery and is on course to meet nearly all targets set. The current round of grant funding has been fully allocated, with a waiting list of applicants in the pipeline. The SEBB delivery team are continuing to provide business support through the programme, which will end in Dec 2019. An interim evaluation of the programme commissioned by the Lead Authority (Southend BC) showed that the SEBB programme has delivered value for money with good satisfaction levels among beneficiaries – 95% of beneficiaries would be 'very likely' to recommend the programme to a friend or colleague.
- Discussions are underway on the possibility of bidding for future funding for a further SEBB programme, using any learning from the above evaluation to inform and shape future delivery.

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 meetings continue to attract excellent attendance; the most recent meeting in Jan 2019 included an overview of the county's public sector estate through the SPACES programme, a review of current housing statistics and future targets, plus a discussion on the group's ongoing focus for 2019/20. The next meeting will take place in Apr 2019.
- DES full members were invited to a private dinner on 27 Nov 2018 to discuss how the public and private sectors are able to come together to enable joint working, and debate the common aspiration to deliver on the growth agenda in terms of housing, jobs and infrastructure. Hosted by Derek Godfrey 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, the event was very well attended and feedback was extremely positive. Another dinner is planned for Nov 2019.
- Regrettably, as TES members are already aware, due to personal circumstances Derek Godfrey stepped down from the position of DES Chair in Feb 2019. Derek was one of the key people involved in establishing DES nearly three years ago and has been fundamental in driving forward the group's agenda and ambition. A new DES Chair will be appointed in due course, and in the meantime Graham Peters has offered to fill the role of Interim Chair.

Environment East Sussex (EES)

- Environment East Sussex (EES) formed in Nov 2018 and consists of representatives from a mix of businesses, environmental regulators and the public sector.
- The EES Board met for the second time in Feb 2019 and agreed that it will update the 2011 East Sussex Environment Strategy, focusing on the themes of Natural Capital, Transport & Air Quality, Resource Efficiency and Climate Change. Current programmes and projects being delivered/planned under each of these themes will be mapped to enable the Board to agree, when it next meets in Jun 2019, on an Action Plan that will add value and meet the objectives of the East Sussex Growth Strategy.
- The tri-LEP 'South 2 East Local Energy Strategy (Towards a Low Carbon Economy)', developed by SELEP alongside the C2C and Enterprise M3 LEPs, was published in Feb 2019 and will be formally launched at an event in London on 25 Mar 2019. More details are available here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-2-east-energy-launch-of-the-tri-lep-energy-strategy-tickets-56411193398
- A SELEP 'Clean Growth' working group will be formed in due course to help drive implementation of the Strategy and will include a representative from EES.

Skills East Sussex (SES)

Skills East Sussex (SES) meetings

- The Skills East Sussex (SES) Board last met on 6 Dec 2018 where they received an update on European Social Fund (ESF) from SELEP Skills Lead Louise Aitkin, heard from CXK's CEO on their National Careers Service update, received updates on sector task groups, Apprenticeships East Sussex and on the Open Doors workplace visit initiative, and finally discussed future monitoring of SES priorities. The East Sussex Sector Skills reports have now been published on the East Sussex in Figures website:
<http://www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk/webview/index.jsp?catalog=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk%3A80%2Fobj%2FCatalog%2FCatalog55&submode=catalog&mode=documentation&top=yes>

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 stimulate the uptake of Apprenticeships and higher level skills and learning. The task groups are planning a coordinated careers campaign to encourage adults and young people to train and take up employment in these key industries.

Apprenticeships East Sussex (AES)

- The AES group met on 6 Dec 2018 where discussions included the National Apprenticeship Week roadshows and pop-up events (www.c360.org.uk/naw-2019), planning for the first East Sussex Apprenticeship graduation event in Jul 2019, activities to promote Apprenticeships being delivered through the Careers Hub, lobbying on Business Admin Level 2 and the Construction standards, and how ESF may be used to support growth in Apprenticeships.

Careers Hub East Sussex

- The Careers Hub was launched as one of 20 national pilots and since then has run a successful training day attended by over 60 schools and Enterprise Advisers, engaged over 90 Industry Champions to support the work of the Hub, and run a successful Open Doors event in Nov 2018 with 44 businesses providing work place visits for over 500 students. In this short time since the launch East Sussex schools have shown great progress against the national benchmarks and are performing better than the national average.

European Funding

- **A new ESF call has been published** – *Skills for Growth: Industry and education work placements and support in the South East LEP*. The call was launched on 7 Feb 2019 to tender for a project to facilitate collaboration between education and SMEs across the SELEP area, so helping to address the teaching/tutor shortages highlighted through the recent Skills Strategy consultation. The call will be open until 2 May 2019. www.southeastlep.com/opportunities/esf-calls-for-proposals
- All remaining ESF calls will be issued this year, with the Skills Strategy, Skills Advisory Group and various skills boards/partners helping to inform the focus, which will include transport to work and learning, supporting apprenticeships, supporting people in entry level jobs, internships and 'returnships'.
- In Dec 2018 SELEP was successful in a bid to become a *Digital Skills Partnership* (DSP) area, working with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This work will enable discussions on alternative and additional match funding with different government departments. Further details on the DSP will be available soon, with a launch due to be held in Jun 2019.

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EAFRD	Call 1 offered grants to support micro & small businesses (no applications from East Sussex); Call 2 has 3 submeasures covering Tourism Infrastructure £2.6m, Food Processing £3.7m, & Business Development £2m.	Call 1 took place summer 2015; Call 2 published Jan 2017, with the original Jan 2018 deadline extended to 31 May 2018; the fund is now closed to new EOIs.	As at Feb 2019 a total of 130 EOIs have been received, of which 19 have progressed to contracting stage and received funding, 52 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 running and 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; the Technical Facilitator role, appointed with ESCC as accountable body, has now come to a close (the work of overseeing the ERDF programme will continue as part of SELEP's Business Development Manager role).
	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 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 was approved in Sep 2016 and began operating in Apr 2017.	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.	1 full application submitted Sep 2016 by Thurrock Council for the South East Cultural, Creative & Digital Sector project (SECCADS); 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.
	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.

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European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	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 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</i> , <i>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 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; looking to enhance R&I infrastructure & capacities, promote centres of competence and promote business investment in R&I; up to £4.5m available with a minimum application value of £500k.	The call for outline applications was open from 5 Oct to 23 Nov 2018.	Currently awaiting information on outline applications submitted.	Unknown, further information will be shared when available.
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 closed 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.	<i>DWP suggested that the contract could be extended pending a performance assessment but has now confirmed that it will NOT be extended due to targets not being met</i> ; SELEP has queried this decision due to the numbers supported (over 1,000), the resultant gap in provision and continuity (individuals are now being turned away); SELEP will work with the new ESFA contract under this priority (1.1) to seek to achieve continuity.	The South East contract is titled <i>Skills Support for the Long-Term unemployed</i> , with a maximum contract value of £9m for a minimum of 4,500 starts (minimum starts for East Sussex based on 13% population ratio is 583). Locations in East Sussex are Eastbourne in the Design & Manufacturing sector, and Hastings in the sectors of Financial & Business Services, Specialist Manufacturing and Engineering. The contract runs up to 2020 with no new referrals now being taken; those already on the programme will continue to receive support for up to 12 months. <i>Preliminary performance info for this contract shows a good level of take-up across East Sussex with approx 299 starts</i> (latest figures awaited from DWP).
	Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) – to assist young people 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; the projects must be completed no later than 24 Sep 2020.	Call closed Jun 2017 with 2 applications from Prince's Trust and Essex CC totalling £700k now contracted.	The 2 projects will have publicity material soon and SELEP is seeking web links to further information.	The <i>Prince's Trust</i> contract will cover East Sussex.
	Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) – Skills for Growth: industry & education work placements and support in the South East LEP; a project to facilitate collaboration between education and SMEs across the SELEP area, so helping to address the teaching/tutor shortages - intended to build upon a pilot around tutor bursaries for which the LEP Skills Advisory Group has received Sector Support Funding; approximately £2.5m funding available; the project must be completed no later than 3.5 years after the proposed start date.	ITT launched 7 Feb 2019. <i>More info on the SELEP website: www.southeastlep.com/opportunities/esf-calls-for-proposals</i>	<i>ITT closes 2 May 2019.</i>	Projects will be within the SELEP area, including East Sussex.

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European Social Fund (ESF)	Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) – using virtual reality & online learning to support employment & growth; up to £750k funding available; the project must be 50% match-funded and must be completed no later than 3.5 years after the proposed start date.	Call for outline applications open from 15 Oct to 31 Dec 2018.	DWP has confirmed that a number of applications were received, currently being evaluated.	Unknown, further information will be shared when available.
	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 - the Higher Level & Digital Skills programmes were approved for time extensions, and the Numeracy, Basic Skills & Enhancing Apprenticeships programmes were approved for time extensions and financial growth.	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.	ITTs opened 20 Aug 2018 with a SELEP launch event on 30 Aug 2018, and closed 17 Sep 2018; ESFA completed an evaluation in Dec 2018.	Following ESFA's evaluation successful projects are due to commence on 1 Apr 2019; SELEP will work with East Sussex and ESFA to ensure contracts focus on need, and an East Sussex representative will attend tripartite meetings with ESFA, contract holders and SELEP to ensure this is the case ; contract leads will also attend the next Skills East Sussex meeting in Mar 2019.	Contract holders are confirmed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twin Training, skills support for the unemployed (priority 1.1) • Skills Training UK (STUK), support for 15-24 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) (p1.2) • CXX, community grants programme (p1.4) • Twin Training, skills support for the workforce/ redundancy (p2.1) All applications will cover the whole SELEP area (other than the NEET contract which will exclude Essex due to provision there already); 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 and Kent & Medway shortlisted and submitted applications Nov 2015; successful applicants announced May 2016; 1 applicant withdrew so there are only 5 in the south, 11 overall (the £483k allocated to the withdrawn project was uncommitted but will now support the extension/growth of current contracts).	SELEP proposed using the unallocated £483k for successful projects when they had a track record (ringfenced for East Sussex, Kent & Medway) and this is now being finalised as part of a national process with Big Lottery to extend and grow projects; Big Lottery also advised that Building Better Opportunities projects have been assessed for growth and extension, and SELEP has now received confirmation of which projects are recommended for growth (for final comment by the ESIF Committee) enabling extensions to 2022; this has required additional Big Lottery funding as match (£2.7m) and SELEP ESF commitment (£2.7m) - SELEP has some money remaining under the relevant priority area (1.4) and has issued a Change Request to DWP to move money from PA-1.1 to facilitate these extensions (which they are supportive of).	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)
	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.

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CLLD (ERDF/ESF)	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 full applications by Jan 2017, followed by further revised final applications; funding agreements finally signed 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 6 partnerships (formed from the EOIs received) to complete full applications by the end of Dec 2018; 5 partnerships have submitted full applications & 1 withdrew ; Call 2 opens 20 Mar 2019 for smaller value projects between £100k and £250k to address gaps left after Call 1, and is likely to be open for 3 months.	The Hastings & Bexhill CLLD submission - <i>CHART (Connecting Hastings & Rother Together)</i> - encompasses 10 wards across Hastings, Bexhill and Sidley, helping local people benefit from new employment & enterprise opportunities and helping to expand the cultural, creative, media and visitor/leisure economies; Hastings BC is the accountable body for CHART; following the first call for projects, several mergers were suggested to form robust partnerships to deliver a small number of projects that are large in scale and impact - there are 2 ESF projects in development, likely to be assessed by end of Mar 2019, and 3 ERDF projects (2 capital projects delayed due to match funding confirmation and 1 revenue project in development, likely to be assessed by end of Mar 2019).
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, after which the programme switched to a running open call; since Mar 2017 the programme also has 2 calls per year (Mar & Oct) for 'micro projects'; a total of 25 projects have 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 (SUFUSE)</i> 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) closed on 21 Dec 2018; a total of 68 projects have been approved overall.	Recommendations for Call 7 Step 1 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 (SHINE)</i> 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; Call 8 Step 1 closed on 22 Nov 2018; a total of 83 projects have been approved overall.	Call 8 Step 2 closes on 31 May 2019; the deadline for Call 9 is 14 Jun 2019.	Hastings BC is a sub-partner in implementing the <i>Climate Active Neighbourhoods (CAN)</i> 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 (UP STRAW)</i> 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 (DESTI-SMART)</i> project, approved Mar 2018 as part of Call 3 and commenced May 2018, with a kick-off conference Sep 2018; the project is due for completion in 2022; HBC is utilising the funding to explore possible options for low carbon and sustainable transport along the seafront.

Capital Programme Dashboard (LGF/GPF projects)

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. The western half of the project is now essentially complete, the new roundabout on Queensway having opened Dec 2018 with barrier & street lighting works completed Feb 2019; 5. Agreement in principal reached on the relocation of Bartletts SEAT, expected to take place in first half of 2019; 6. Phase 2a (intermediate roundabout to Ramblers Coaches entrance) commenced, due for completion May 2019; 7. Remaining phase dependent on relocation of SEAT and land negotiations with Sainsbury's; 8. Construction on Phase 2b expected to be completed during 2019/20.
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, planning permission granted by Rother DC Feb 2016; 3. Land acquisition for all phases & adjacent commercial land is complete; 4. First phase of the road between A269 Ninfield Road & Watermill Lane is now complete - the road opened to traffic Dec 2018; 5. The full length of NBAR is now complete (the section between Watermill Lane & Combe Valley Way was completed on 1 Mar 2019) however there is a delay in when the road will be open to traffic.
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 walking & cycling infrastructure improvements & junction capacity improvements identified in Local Plan Infrastructure Delivery Plans to support housing and employment; 2. Business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Feb 2018 with budget reduced by £3m to £9m; 3. Design work started in a number of areas but a delay in start meant a £1m slippage in spend in 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. The Alexandra Park to Conquest Hospital feasibility study has now commenced but won't complete until Jun 2019; 6. Risk being managed by increasing resources on both sides to assist with delivering the schemes & LGF funding will be reprogrammed into 2019/20 to reflect when construction will commence; 7. The remaining schemes within this package are progressing and working towards delivery of schemes over the coming two financial years.
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 (expected Mar 2019) after which SCS will look to refinance against the property and utilise the funding to commence construction of further employment space at Sovereign Harbour. 4. Slight delays in construction reported by contractors mainly due to unforeseen work, additional time spent on robust detailing, VE and construction methods taking on board all the issues from the previous buildings resulting in a total of 6 week delay; 5. Completion of High Weald House estimated end of Mar 2019.
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 & Eastbourne, part of strategic transport improvements identified to support planned housing & employment growth within the current Wealden & Eastbourne Local Plans; 2. Includes improvements for buses to/from Hailsham accessing Polegate Station, the DGH/East Sussex College & Eastbourne Town Centre, as well as walking & 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 & 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 & 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 the 2018/19 financial year relates to design of a number of schemes and the construction of Meads pedestrian improvements (completed); 6. Business case for the remaining £4m approved at the Feb 2019 Accountability Board - design work is being progressed for this package of schemes for delivery over the next two years.
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 ("The Beacon") extension; 2. Business case approved by SELEP Accountability Board Apr 2016; 3. Additional £2m LGF allocated to ensure completion of this phase; 4. Works started Mar 2018 with Mildren Construction; 5. Initial phase of scheme focussed on Terminus Road section outside the Beacon, opened in parallel with the opening of the first tranche of units in Oct/Nov 2018; 6. Some construction delays due to delays in revised design work and traffic management, thereby setting the programme back - scheme currently programmed for completion end of Aug 2019. Phase 2: 1. Following transport study, designs are being developed for next phase of the scheme; 2. Business case approved at Feb 2019 Accountability Board; 3. Preliminary design work commenced, due for completion mid 2019 for consultation on Phase 2a (Terminus Road: Bankers Corner to Langley Road) in summer.
LGF Transport	A22/A27 Junction improvements	2016/17	2017/18						1	1	1. Since the LGF allocation was initially made in 2014, delivery of a number of the junction improvements has been successfully secured from different match funding sources (HE's smaller scale interventions and the HPEMAC); 2. As a consequence and in light of other funding pressures in the overall East Sussex LGF programme, £3m of the £4m was reallocated to other LGF projects in late 2017/early 2018 with TES approval, leaving only £1m available for remaining junctions in this proposed package; 3. Designs have been progressed for the two junctions in Stone Cross as part of the wider package of junction improvements in the south Wealden area in order to support the planned housing growth as set out in the Wealden Local Plan; 4. It has become clear from going through the design and latterly the costing process that the £1m currently available is not sufficient to enable the delivery of any of the junctions within the package without significant additional monies being allocated, and as a consequence East Sussex would not be able to submit a compliant business case that would be accepted by the SELEP's ITE within the timescales required for it to be considered by the Apr 2019 Accountability Board; 5. SELEP advised it's not possible to reallocate the £1m to other projects in the East Sussex LGF programme and therefore the £1m has been made available for the LGF Round 3B pot.
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. Construction of the starter units completed and ready for tenants - My Life Bathrooms have occupied Block E; 6. Overall the business park has generated 60 FTE jobs to date.
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 & the revised full business case 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 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. Congress Theatre on track - due to open 24 Mar 2019 with an inaugural concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra ; 4. Construction of the Welcome Building has progressed well and is due for completion Apr 2019 ; 5. Site due to open Jun 2019 with first conferences from Oct 2019 ; 6. theatre ticket sales are going well with £700,000+ already achieved, some 22% of the annual sales target.
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 Jan 2019 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 EA to review final design proposals in consultation with ESCC on flood risk ; 7. Area 1 embankments and areas 2, 3 & 4 are complete ; 8. Area 1 tie-in & Area 5 will be completed Apr 2019 ; 9. Area 5 Fishmarket Corner in construction - cost saving, cemfree cement didn't reach the required strength in the required time ; 10. Area 1 barrier - ongoing risks due to Network Rail negotiations.
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 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 & HBC signed Nov 2017 and the property purchased; 7. All LGF funds have now been defrayed to the project partner ; 8. Housing association Optivo has taken possession of the property and is 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 (now East Sussex College Group)	Refurbished Science Facilities	2016/17	2017/18			0.16					0.16	1. Sussex Downs College (now ESCG) 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.

Sussex Downs College (now East Sussex College Group)	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 (now ESCG) has now made the final claims for this scheme.
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 was offered, presenting 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; 6. Ground investigations completed, no complications discovered and build can progress within parameters of original plan; 7. Terms of leasehold signed off by Premier Marina's board on 7 Feb 2019; 8. Preferred contractor for project has gone into administration so project management team in discussions with 2 other contractors who submitted bids as part of original procurement process; 9. Planned completion Mar 2020.
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 was 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; 5. Project complete.

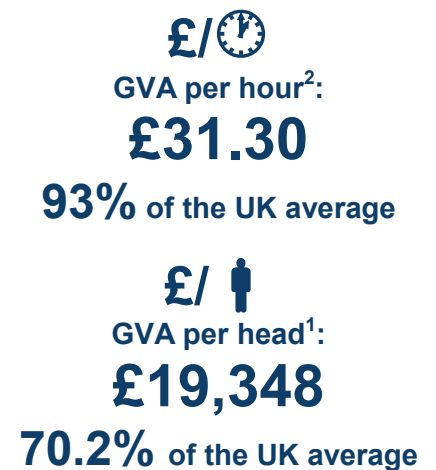
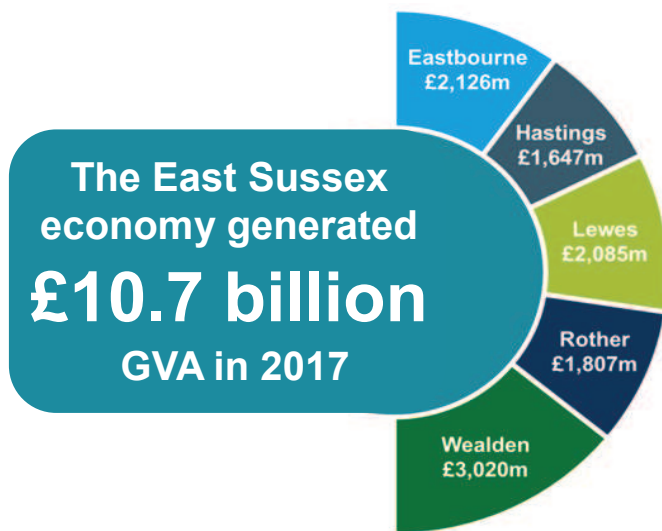
Other: Coast to Capital LEP Funded Schemes

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 complete; 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 take place during 2018/19 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.

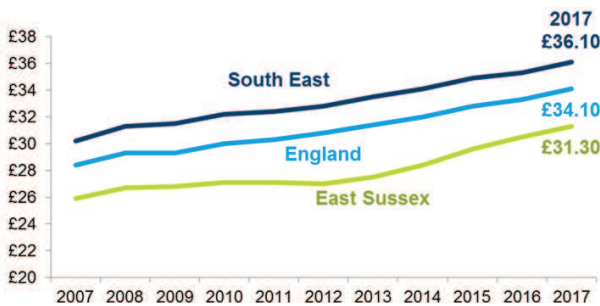
Economic update - February 2019

Gross Value Added

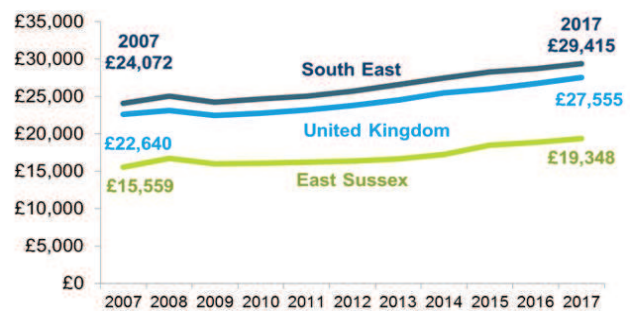
- GVA per head has grown by 24.3% in the county since 2007, slightly higher than growth of 21.7% in the UK as a whole and 22.2% in the SE region¹.
- Growth of GVA per head in the county was lower than average for the UK in 2016/17 (up 2.5% compared with 3.0% nationally) but was higher than in 2015/16 (2.0% against 2.9% nationally)¹
- While Real estate is the largest sector in the county at 20% of GVA, if we take out 'Owner-occupied imputed rental' (OIR), which reflects property prices in an area, Wholesale, retail and motors, and Health and social care are the largest sectors.
- There is much variation at district level, especially when OIR is not included. For example, Finance and insurance make up nearly a quarter of the GVA of Rother, compared to 0.5% in Lewes
- The Other service activities sector grew most strongly in the year 2016-2017, by 23%. It accounts for 3% of the county's GVA. The slowest growing sector was Arts, Entertainments and Recreation, which fell by 12% in the year, following a contraction of 9% the previous year.



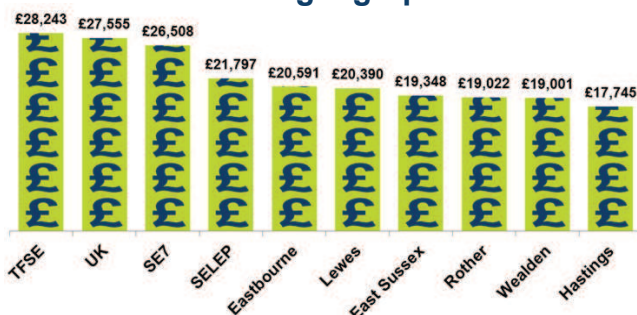
GVA per hour worked, 2007-2017²



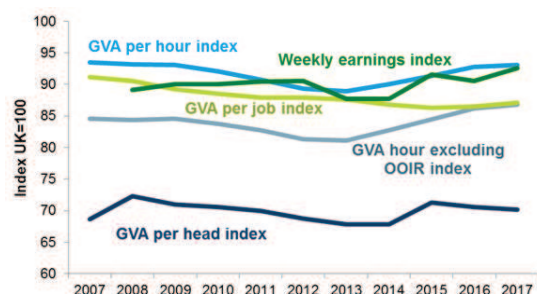
GVA per head, 2007-2017¹



GVA per head in 2017 by district, SE LEP and other geographies¹

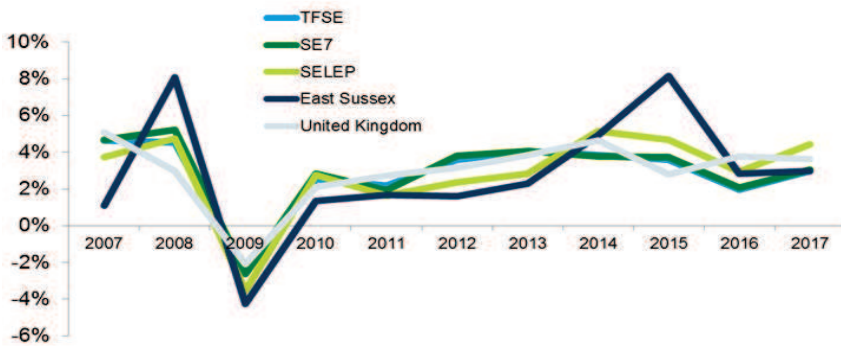


Productivity and earnings measures compared - East Sussex indices where UK=100^{1,2,7}



Details and links for all sources can be found at the end of the briefing

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



4 sectors account for nearly half of total GVA in East Sussex:



Real Estate - including owner occupiers imputed rental (20%)



Wholesale, retail & motors (11%)



Health (9%)



Construction (8%)

Gross value added by sector (excluding OOIR) in 2017¹



If we exclude OOIR*, different sectors make a higher than average contribution to GVA in the districts:

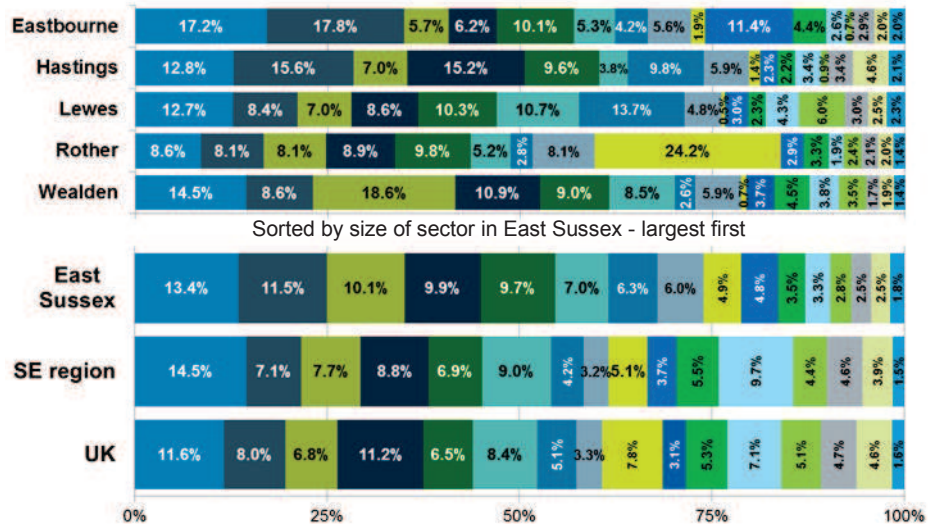
Eastbourne: Wholesale, retail etc (17.2%); Health (17.8%)

Hastings: Health (15.6%); Manufacturing (15.2%)

Lewes: Public admin etc. (13.7%); Prof, Sci, Tech (10.7%)

Rother: Finance and insurance (24.2%); Education (9.8%)

Wealden: Construction (18.6%), Wholesale, retail etc (14.5%)

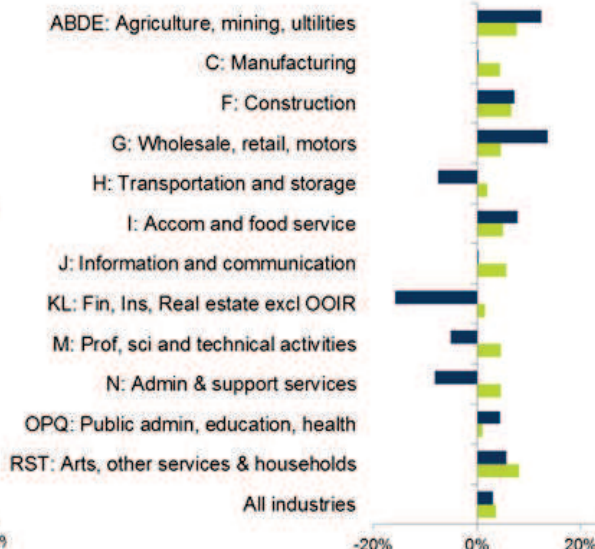


* see end notes for full definition of 'owner occupied imputed rental'

Long-term change in GVA 2007-17



Short-term change in GVA 2016-17¹

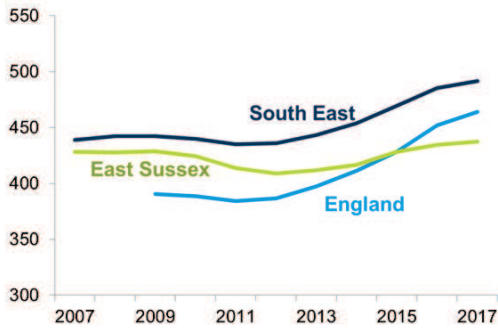


Change in GVA by industry varies significantly over time. Some sectors which saw significant growth over a 10 year period have shown a decline more recently.

Businesses

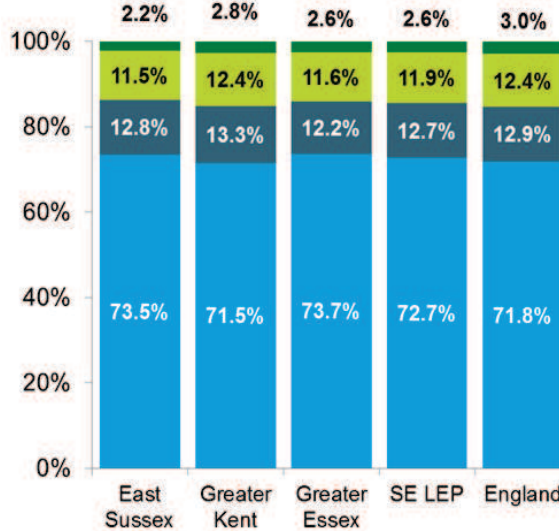


Active businesses per 10,000 population³



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

Business size in 2018⁴



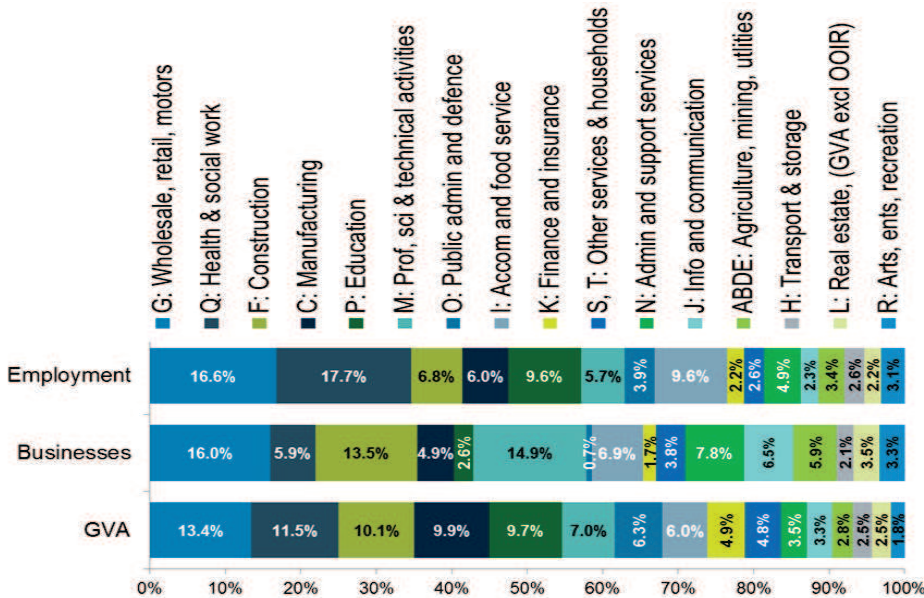
86.3% of businesses in the county have fewer than 10 employees (National figure 84.7%)

73.5% have fewer than 5

East Sussex economy characterised by high proportion of very small businesses

East Sussex SIC sections: GVA (excl OOIR), Employment (2017) and Businesses (2018)

Ordered by largest GVA in 2017



- The relationship between the number of businesses, employment and the GVA generated by a sector is not straightforward.
- The largest sector, measured by GVA (excl OOIR) is Wholesale, retail and motors (13.4%), which also accounts for the biggest proportion of businesses.
- The second largest sector in terms of number of businesses is Professional, scientific technical activities, (14.9%) but these account for only 7.0% of GVA (excl OOIR), and just 5.7% of employment

Fastest growing sectors in the county⁴ (2013-2018)



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

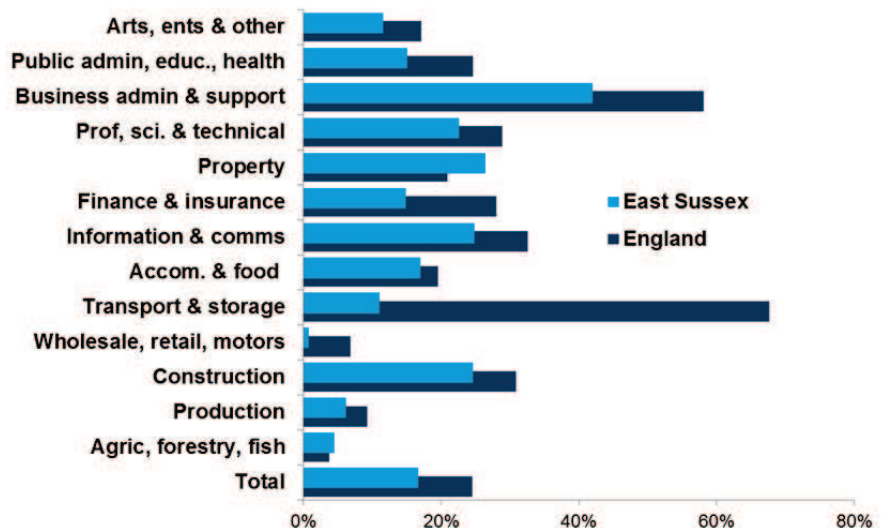


Property - up 26% Higher than national rise (England up 21%)



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

Percentage change in businesses by sector 2013-2018⁴



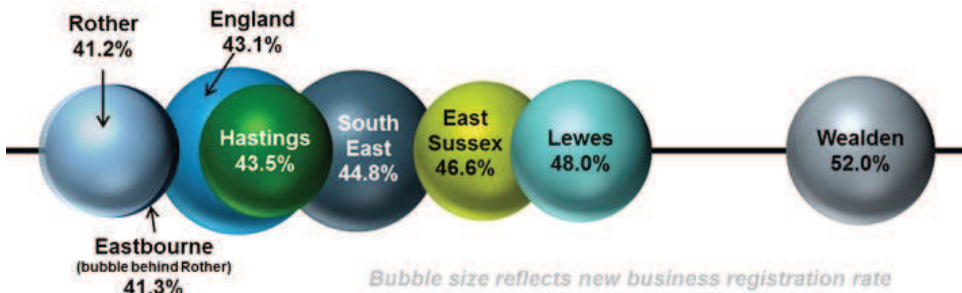
Business starts, closures and survival

24,170
active businesses in East Sussex in 2017 - highest since **2004³**

- ◆ 1 in 10 of these were new start-ups
- ◆ That's 2,415 new businesses
- ◆ But 7% fewer new businesses than in 2016
- ◆ And new business registration rates down again

Active businesses
Up 11% since 2012,
up 1.2% since 2016

46.6% of businesses in East Sussex started in 2012 survived their first five years
5 year business survival rates for the county are higher than the England average³:

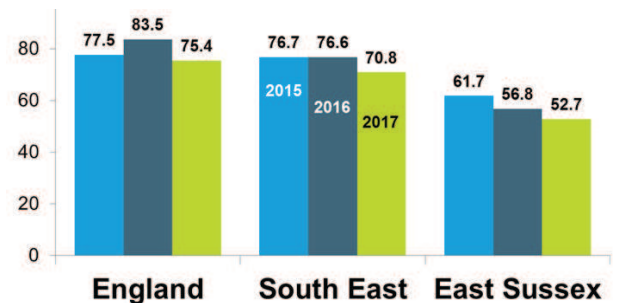


- 290 more active businesses in 2017 (24,170) than in 2016 (23,880).
- New business growth slower - 175 fewer new business starts than in 2016 and only slightly more business starts (2,415) than closures (2,385) in 2017.³

Business births and deaths in East Sussex 2007-17³

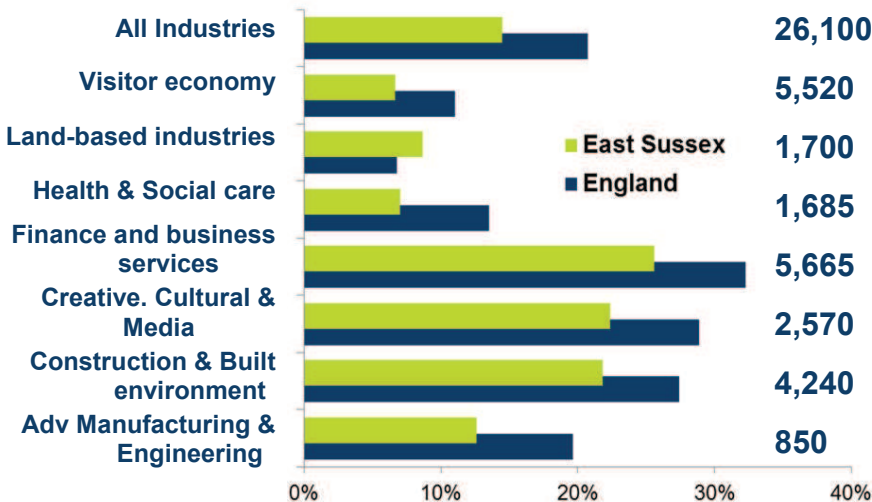


New business registration rates 2015-17³



Second lowest of all counties/UAs in the South East

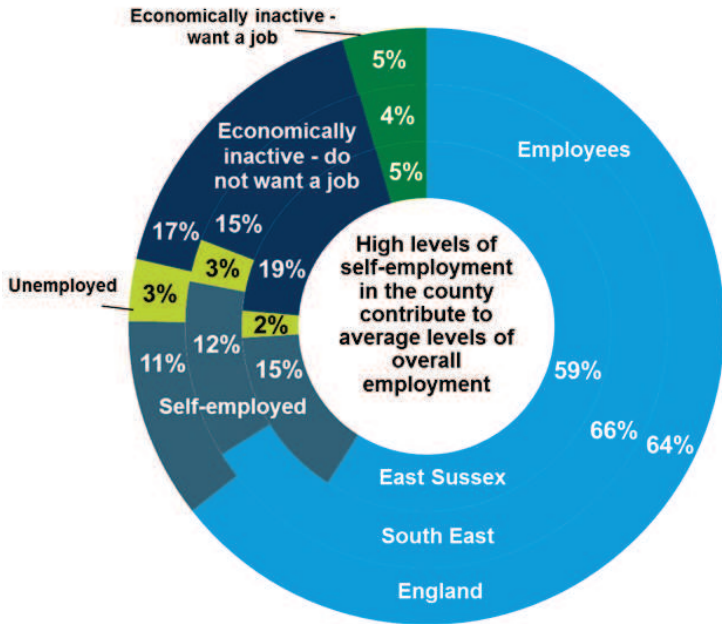
East Sussex priority sectors: percentage change in number of businesses, 2013-2018⁴



- 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

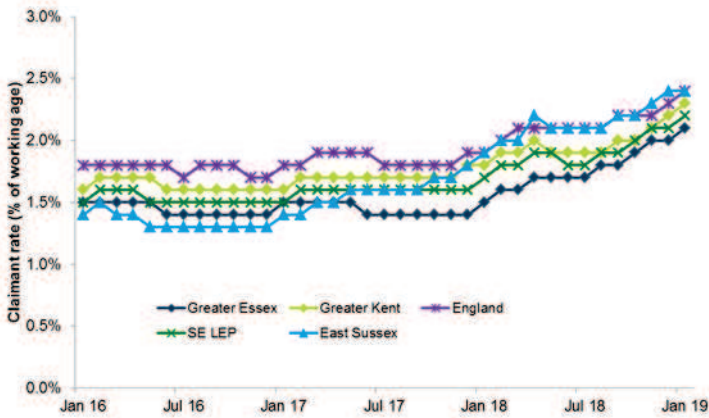


- At 74.7%, the East Sussex employment rate⁵ is slightly below average (England 75.2%) with comparatively high levels of self-employment and people working part-time⁶.
- The Claimant Count rose in the month to January in line with the national trend and the claimant count is now 31% higher than in January 2018⁹.
- In May 2018, 9% of the county's working age population were claiming out-of-work benefits.
- Average earnings for jobs in the county are lower than average
- A slightly lower proportion of the county's residents have higher level qualifications compared to national and regional populations, but a lower proportion have low or no qualifications.
- A higher percentage of the county's workers are part-time - 36.7% against a national average of 31.9%.

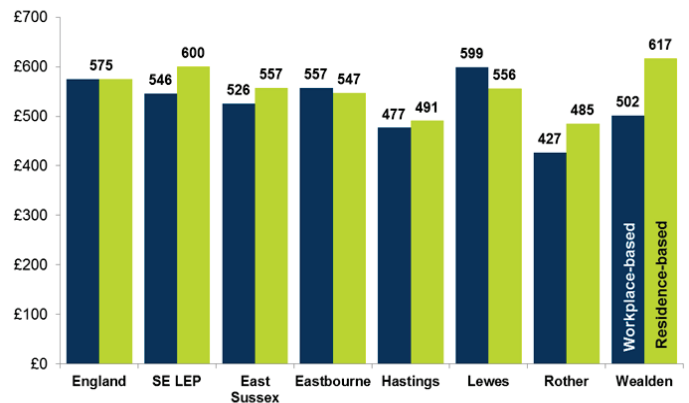
Workforce projections⁸

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.

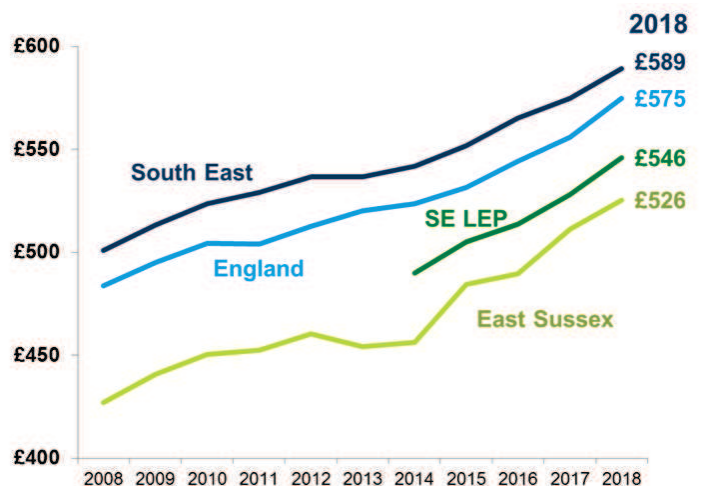
UC/JSA claimant rate, January 2016-2019



Average (median) earnings in 2018⁷



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



jobcentreplus

7,740 claimants

of Universal credit (UC) and Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) in East Sussex January 2019

2.4% of the working age population

Now equal to the national average and

↑ 31% since January 2018

Table of targets

Growth measures – February 2019	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>	£16,627 +21.9% 2003-13	£17,264 +22.0% 2004-14	£18,517 +26.2% 2005-15	£18,882 +21.6% 2006-16	£19,348 +24.4% 2006-16	Data due: December 2019		
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>	71.3% +0.1% points higher than England (Sept)	75.5% +3.2% points higher than England (Sept)	73.5% Equal to England rate (Sept)	72.5% -1.6% points lower than England (Sept)	76.4% 1.7% points higher than England (Sept)	74.1% -1.2% points lower than England (Sept)	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). Please ensure you use only the most recent data as previous years' data is revised with the latest release. Owner-occupiers' imputed rental is an estimate of the housing services consumed by households who are not actually renting their residence. It can be thought of as the amount that non-renters pay themselves for the housing services that they produce. See [ONS website](#) for more information.

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 thus not a good measure of productivity.

GVA per job is also not the best measure of productivity because we have to consider the impact of a 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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