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Local Enterprise Partnership

Background to LEPs

- **June 2010 - Government invited business and council leaders to form local enterprise partnerships:**
 - Set the strategy to drive economic growth
 - Rebalance the economy towards the private sector
- **Based on functioning economic geography**
- **Business-led with a business leader as chair**

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Background to LEPs

- Oct 2010 - First wave of LEPs formed – told to “proceed until apprehended”!
- Present - 39 LEPs driving economic growth

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Then and Now

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funding No powers Limited Influence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £12bn Local Growth Fund European Structural and Investment Fund - 2014-20 City Deal Growth Deal Cross-party support Political champions
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About GBSLEP

Simple Mission:
“To create jobs and grow the economy – and in doing so raise the quality of life for all of the LEP’s population”

Vision:
“To re-establish Greater Birmingham’s role as major driver of UK economy outside London”



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GBSLEP economy






Over 1.9 Million people in the GBSLEP economy

16,000 businesses born since 2013- Number 1 City!

Number 1 for FDI in the UK

333,000 People of working age with a degree

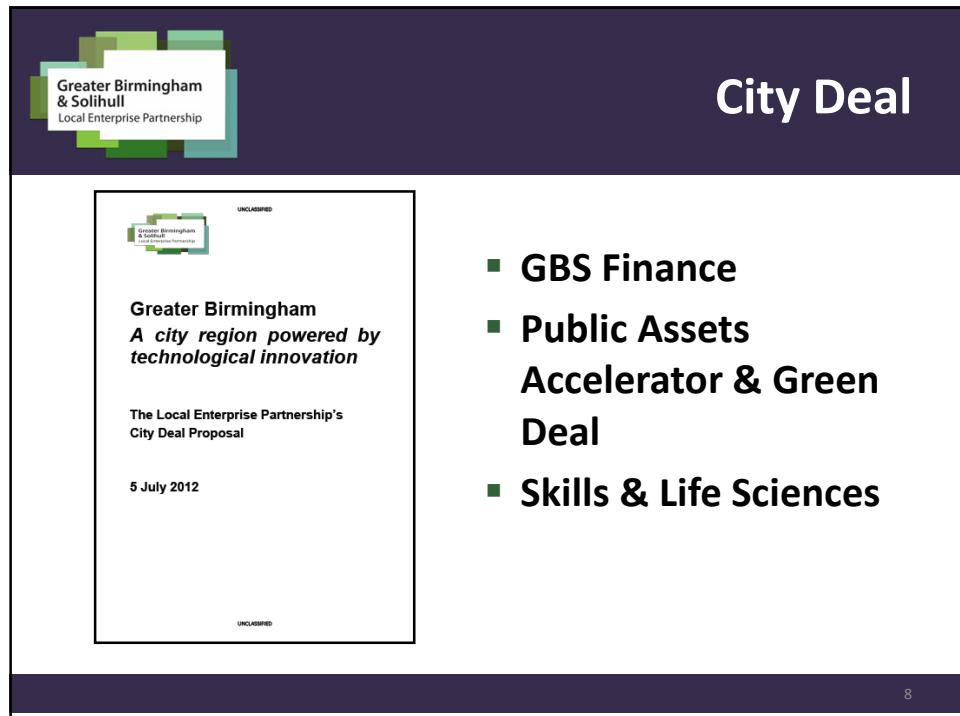




£37.1 Billion GVA

918,000 jobs

A trade surplus with China

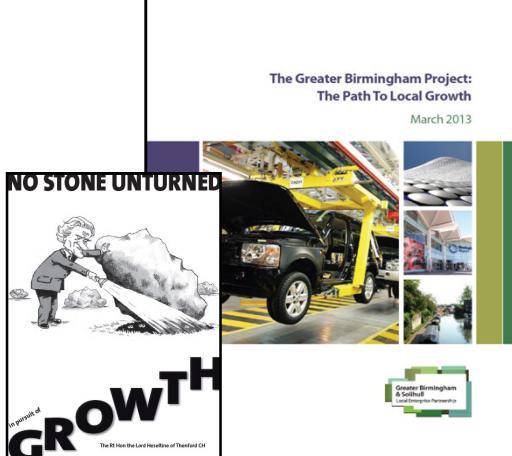


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Greater Birmingham Project

The Greater Birmingham Project:
The Path To Local Growth
March 2013

NO STONE UNTURNED
In pursuit of
GROWTH
The 81st Hail the Lord Headline of The Bradford Daily Telegraph



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- Intense Review
- Weekly visits by Lord Heseltine
- 8 workstreams
- Engagement from across private, public and voluntary sectors
- Local and national input

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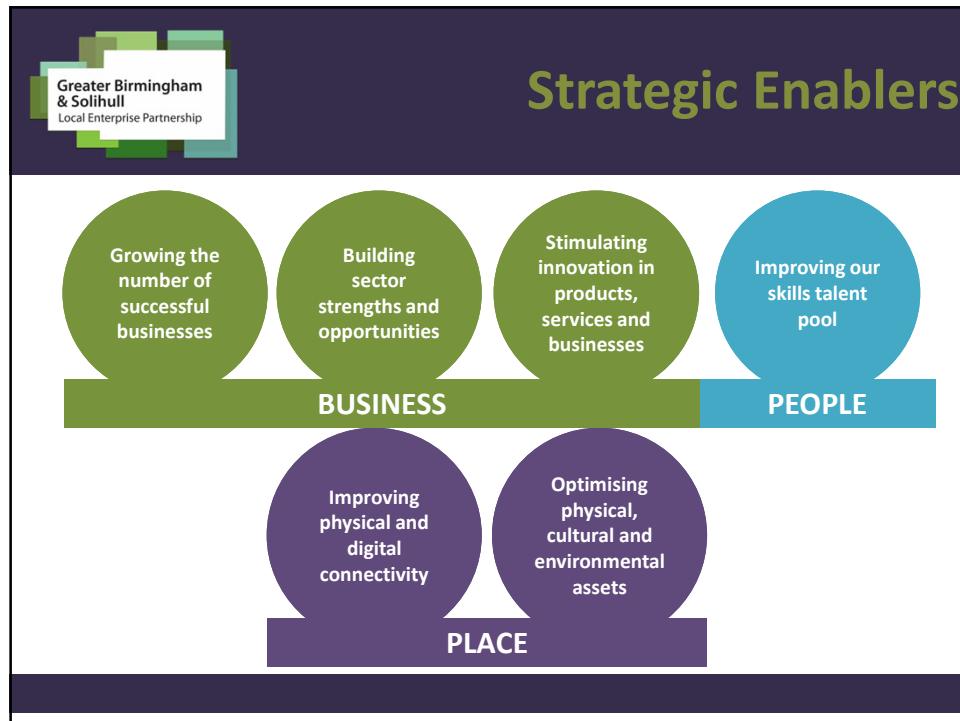
Strategy for Growth

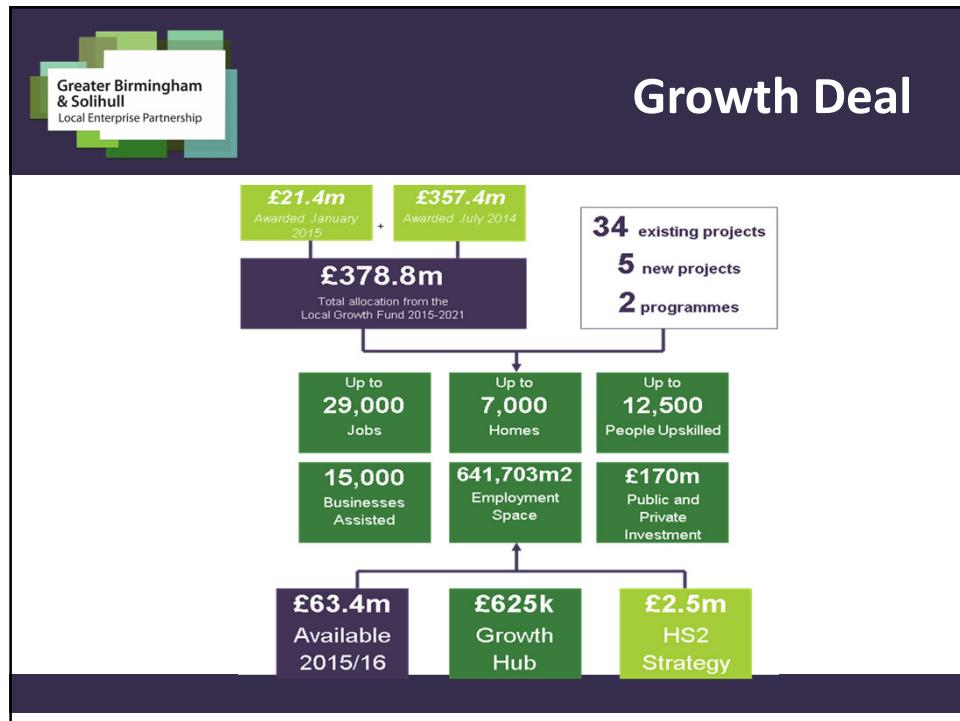
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The Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Strategy for Growth
Delivering Growth
Strategic Framework





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Delivery

New development in 2015



Paradise



I-Centrum

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Delivery

Opening in 2015



Institute of Translational Medicine – June 2015

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Delivery Enterprise Zone



£275m Investment Plan

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Delivery Access to Finance

- £345m AMSCI
- £24m Tooling Loan Fund
- £56m Mezzanine Fund
- £9m RGF Growth Fund
- £8m Business Development Programme
- £27.5m Greenbridge

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Delivery
HS2 Jobs and Skills

BBC NEWS BIRMINGHAM & BLACK COUNTRY

Birmingham and Doncaster chosen for high-speed rail college

BIRMINGHAM POST

1,500 HS2 jobs for Birmingham in largest-ever public sector move



Delivery
Skills

News story

Long term economic plan for the Midlands announced by Prime Minister and Chancellor

- Skills at the heart of the plan
- 100 job coaches
- Vacancies shared in advance with JCP

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Future job opportunities



- HS2 Curzon Street Masterplan**
14000 jobs
- EZ**
40,000
Jobs
By
2020
- HS2 Construction HQ**
1500 jobs

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Conclusion

A world of opportunity awaits!

