

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY, SUBMISSION TO THE SOLENT LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	16 JULY 2019		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
Not Applicable	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
<p>The National Industrial Strategy and emerging Local Industrial Strategies aim to boost productivity by backing businesses to create good jobs and increase earning power through investment in skills, industry and infrastructure.</p>	
<p>This report is to gain the approval of the Cabinet for Southampton City Council to submit a proposition to the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for inclusion in the development of their Local Industrial Strategy. The aim is to ensure that there is recognition of Southampton's role as a key driver for growth in the wider Solent economy, of fundamental importance to the Solent vision and priorities for the future.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
	(i) To note and approve the key priorities for the Southampton submission to the Solent LEP for the development of the Solent Local industrial Strategy (LIS)
	(ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Growth, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit the Southampton proposition to the Solent LEP and conduct any further discussions with the LEP to support the development of the LIS.
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	<p>Southampton City Council has a role in ensuring the economic and social well-being of its residents, and the surrounding area.</p> <p>The Local Industrial Strategy will contribute to the Council's key outcomes regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southampton has strong and sustainable economic growth</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Government funding for economic growth will be increasingly channelled through LEPs , and it is important that Southampton receives the resources it needs to bring forward infrastructure, businesses, housing, growth and skills for residents.</p>

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3.	<p>Not to submit proposals and information to the Solent LEP</p> <p>This was not considered appropriate as it is important for the future economic success of Southampton to be strongly represented in the Solent Local Industrial Strategy.</p>
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## DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

4.	<p>The government launched the UK Industrial Strategy in 2018, and building on this, has asked individual areas to develop their own strategies to promote the co-ordination of local economic policy and national funding streams and establish effective ways of working between national and local government, and the public and private sectors. Where areas do not have a Devolution Deal, the lead body is the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and Solent LEP is currently developing a Solent- wide Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) through extensive local consultation with businesses, public partners and other key stakeholders. The LIS aims to build on unique local strengths to ensure every community reaches its economic potential, creates high quality jobs and improves productivity.</p> <p>Consultation workshops have been held across the Solent, including Southampton, and the LEP is gathering its own data, conducting economic assessments and modelling to inform the development of its strategy. Early consultation has revealed a strong sense of pride in the area and clear desire to set an ambitious vision for the future Solent economy. Emerging themes include; development of a cohesive Solent narrative with foundations in the region's coastal renaissance; opportunities around Clean Growth, the visitor economy and maritime innovation; potential to work across the South Coast to develop a 'creative corridor', and reinforcement of the need to enhance collaboration between local businesses and training providers to address skills gaps, including through the development of apprenticeships.</p>
5.	<p>The submission of a Southampton proposition will build on the key strengths of our city and ensure that Southampton's ambitions and role in driving the Solent wide economy are recognised in the Solent LEP submission to government. Appendix A details our submission. It focusses on the following main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Marine and Maritime sectors</b> – the need to continue to innovate and provide world -class infrastructure both within the Port and in the City.</li><li>➤ <b>A Smart, Connected City</b> and developing our district centres including bringing forward new homes and services, creating infrastructure that provides for improved movement between the city and its catchment area,</li><li>➤ <b>Mayflower Quarter</b>, a remodelled city centre, with potentially the most significant city centre development in the South of England that will provide jobs, housing, innovative business accommodation and world class public realm</li><li>➤ <b>Clean &amp; Green</b>, the launch of a citywide Green City Charter, seeking to deliver actions that will reduce pollution and waste, minimise the impact of climate change, reduce health inequalities and create a more sustainable approach to economic growth.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Sustainable Transport &amp; Infrastructure</b>, a focus on boosting economic growth and productivity through improvements to transport infrastructure</li> <li>➤ Next Generation <b>Digital Infrastructure</b>, full fibre network as critical infrastructure and the backbone for 5G technologies and enabled networks</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Timescales and process:</p> <p>The Solent Local Industrial Strategy will need to be agreed with government (the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy). This process starts late summer 2019 but is likely to be a sequential, iterative process and BEIS can accept or reject any proposals put forward by the LEP. LEPs may introduce proposals sequentially. Once accepted proposals will be signed-off and additional support will be provided on a cross-Departmental basis to further develop proposals. As such this is an on-going iterative process and the City Council will want to be fully involved, including through the Leader's Board membership of the LEP.</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
7.	There are no direct capital or revenue resource implications for this submission, although it is anticipated that the Local Industrial Strategy will be a key document in future to resource and drive the economic growth of the region, therefore it is important that Southampton's interests and priorities are represented.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
8.	None.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
9.	Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
10.	None currently. Legal advice will be sought if there are any contractual commitments in future between the Solent LEP and Southampton City Council as a result of the Local Industrial Strategy.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
11.	The Solent LEP are obliged by government to consult with key local stakeholders, such as local authorities, but are not obliged to accept the City Council's submission.
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
12.	The proposals contained within this report and the Appendix are in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework.

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	none

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Appendices**

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| 1. | Southampton City Council Submission to the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership for the Local Industrial Strategy |
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

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| 1. | None |
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**Equality Impact Assessment**

<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Data Protection Impact Assessment**

<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Other Background Documents**

**Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
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