

MARCHES LEP PERFORMANCE RISK & MONITORING COMMITTEE (PRMC) MEETING	
27 April 2023	2.00 – 3.30
Virtual Meeting	

ATTENDANCE LIST		
Chair	Sonia Roberts	Deputy Chair of the MLEP Board
Vice Chair	Sara Williams	Board Member
	Frank Myers	Board Member
	Alex Green	Board Member
	Clare Fenton	Board Member
Supporting Officers	James Walton	Section 151 Officer, Shropshire Council
	Andrew Lovegrove	Section 151 Officer, Herefordshire Council
	Ken Clarke	Section 151 Officer, Telford & Wrekin Council
	Rachael Hart	Deputy Section 151 Officer, Herefordshire Council
	Karen Morris	Deputy nominated by Section 151 Officer, Herefordshire Council
	Dainy Runton	Deputy nominated by Section 151 Officer, Telford & Wrekin Council
	Ben Jay	Shropshire Council AD Finance & ICT
	Rachel Laver	Marches LEP Chief Executive
	Mark Schneider	Marches LEP Head of Business Development & Delivery
	Kathryn Jones	Marches LEP Head of Partnerships & Strategy
	Jo Grivell	Marches LEP Office Administrator
	Govin Aujla	Assistant Director, Cities & Local Growth Unit
	Alex Collins	Deputy Area Lead, Cities & Local Growth Unit
Guest Speakers	James Newby	NMITE
Guest Speakers	Hugo Russell	Cyber Quarter

AGENDA				
Item	Time	Description	Lead	Paper
1	2.00 pm	Welcome, introductions and apologies. Declarations of interest	SR All	
2	2.05 pm	Draft minutes of last meeting on 15.2.23 and matters arising.	SR	✓
3	2.10 pm	Marches LEP update	RL	
4	2.15 pm	Top Risk Registers Review/Update a) Corporate Risk Register b) Programme Risk Register	MS	✓
5	2.20 pm	Performance Monitoring - exceptions a) Growth Deal & Getting Building Fund update b) Growth Hub update c) Energy Projects d) Key Account Management (KAM) e) Skills Support (SAP/Marches Careers Hub)	MS RL RL KJ KJ	
6	2.50 pm	Cyber Quarter Update	HR	✓

7	3.10 pm	NMITE Update	JN	✓
8	3.25 pm	Any Other Business		

Next meeting: 22 June 2023

Future meetings:

Thurs 24 August 2023

Thurs 26 October 2023

Thurs 14 December 2023

PRMC Meeting Date	Projects to present at meetings
Thurs 22 June	Oxon Link Road Pride Hill
Thurs 24 August	Herefordshire, Ludlow, and North Shropshire Green Skills project update (Energy Fund) Herefordshire City Centre Improvements
Thurs 26 October	Stronger Communities and Station Quarter EA Technology and National Grid monitor project (Energy Fund)

Distribution:

Attendees as listed above.

cc:

Will Westley, Deputy Chair of Marches LEP

Nicky Higgins, Shropshire Council, Finance

Sharron Stubbs, Shropshire Council, Finance

Ross Cook, Herefordshire Council, Economy & Environment

Katherine Kynaston, Telford & Wrekin Council

Mark Barrow, Shropshire Council

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Minutes of the Marches LEP Performance, Risk & Monitoring Committee (PRMC) Thursday 16 February 2023

Present

Sonia Roberts (Chair)	SR	Deputy Chair of the Marches LEP Board
Alex Green	AG	Marches LEP Board Member
Clare Fenton	CF	Marches LEP Board Member
Sara Williams	SW	Marches LEP Board Member
James Walton	JW	Section 151 Officer, Shropshire Council
Ben Jay	BJ	Shropshire Council AD Finance & ICT
Karen Morris	KM	Deputy nominated by Section 151 Officer, Herefordshire Council
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Mark Schneider	MS	Marches LEP Head of Business Development and Delivery
Kathryn Jones	KJ	Marches LEP Head of Partnerships and Strategy
Jo Grivell	JG	Marches LEP Office Administrator
Govin Aujla	GA	Area Lead, Cities & Local Growth Unit
Alex Collins	AC	Deputy Area Lead, Cities & Local Growth Unit
Ben Boswell	BB	Herefordshire Council – Integrated Wetlands Programme

ITEM		ACTION
1	<p>Welcome, apologies and introductions The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mark Schneider was introduced, who joined the LEP in January 2023 as Head of Business Development and Delivery. Govin Aujla was also introduced as the new Area Lead, for Cities & Local Growth Unit. RL thanked Alex Collins for all his help and support while covering the Area Lead role. Apologies were received from Ken Clarke, Andrew Lovegrove, and Frank Myers.</p> <p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising The minutes of the last meeting on 15 December 2022 were reviewed, checked for accuracy, and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>All actions were addressed with exception:</p> <p>The Project Officer had been tasked with visiting each of the projects to see that the projects are physically complete and to capture all their output and match information. MS will now complete this action over the coming months.</p> <p>AC to confirm if there is going to be any requirement to count outputs past the programme deadlines i.e. 2025.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AC</p>
3	<p>Marches LEP Update RL gave the following update: The LEP's core funding has been reduced from £375,000 to £250,000 for 2023-24. The VAT due to be paid by the LEP on its activities will be approximately £140,000 so in effect the net income from Government is only £110,000 which limits what the LEP can deliver for the Marches.</p> <p>RL stressed to GA that there needs to be a very clear mandate from Government regarding what it expects of the LEP. The Government has been clear about expectation about devolution but lots of LEPs operate across areas where there isn't a clear consensus</p>	

	<p>and appetite for a devolution deal. Therefore what is the expected role for LEPs in these circumstances. If there is additional funding available then the LEPs need to be made aware and be eligible to bid for the work. There is still no news on Growth Hub funding with 6 weeks to go to year end which is very unsettling especially for staff are on contracts that only run to end of March.</p> <p>The current public lack of ministerial support for LEPs is significantly damaging and ministers need to back LEPs if they want to retain them and the value of a strong independent business voice. In the absence of that backing or a clear mandate, then they need to be clear on the future role of LEPs. This lack of direction is impacting on local business leaders who give their time, and the ongoing lack of any decision on Growth Hub funding is adding to their frustrations, as LEP officers continue worry about their future.</p> <p>AC reassured the group that he is feeding all the comments into the centre.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Top 5 Risk Registers MS gave an update on the exercise to consolidate all the risks as there was some duplication. The focus of the updates will be on Top Risks and any new or changed risks.</p> <p>A) Corporate Risk Register No change to the top corporate risks as they mainly relate to the same topic regarding the uncertainty of LEPs and funding. A new risk has been listed related to the financial risk/liability to directors if the LEP should be wound up. Funding for run off cover insurance has been ringfenced for the next 6 years to manage this risk.</p> <p>SR highlighted a risk on staff contracts which are extended year on year. Contracts for 2023-24 have been extended in the knowledge that there is money to cover it but that will not be possible in 2024-25 as the LEP will no longer have sufficient reserves. In the event of contracts being extended and no funding coming through the LEP is still liable to pay for that year term dependent on their length of service. Additionally staff are likely to seek employment elsewhere as there is no assurance past March 2024 which could limit the ability to operate effectively. The consultation process will start in October 2023, unless funding for 24/25 is agreed before then.</p> <p>B) Programme Risk Register The top risks relate to Oxon Link Road, where the funding has been spent but the project not yet completed, the lack of clarity on funding for the Growth Hub and reduced capacity in the LEP team also tied to lack of funding. The remaining risk ratings related to the following projects: Wetlands, HCCI and Pride Hill have all gone down. Details of the risks can be found here. A new risk has been identified related to management of projects, due to the absence of project staff managing the projects and any potential loss of corporate knowledge in the team. A review of the projects is under way by MS to address this.</p> <p>SR clarified that all the projects identified as risks are scrutinised by the PRMC as part of the Forward Plan. The plan sets out the timetable for the projects to provide updates throughout the year.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Integrated Wetlands update Ben Boswell, Head of Environment, Climate and Waste at Herefordshire Council gave a really informative presentation and general overview of the Wetlands programme.</p> <p>Herefordshire Council is creating a number of Integrated Wetlands specifically for the purpose of removing phosphates before they reach the local rivers, which will enable the ban on further land development in some areas to be lifted. The phosphate credit system allows</p>	





	<p>developers to buy credits generated by the operation of the wetlands to offset the phosphates that their new developments will create.</p> <p>Three sites have now been purchased for wetlands, and a fourth site is being pursued. The Wetlands project is ground breaking and now is best practice for the development of wetlands. The project is on track to deliver against its budget.</p> <p>RL asked about progress on outputs for jobs and houses. BB advised the first site developed will unlock several hundred houses but the timeline for delivering all the outputs will depend on the amount of developments put forward and planning approval. Once developments are approved and work commences it will create the associated jobs.</p> <p>SR asked for more definitive details of the pipeline of outputs. BB agreed to provide.</p>	BB/RJ
6	<p>Performance monitoring – Exceptions</p> <p>a) Growth Deal Update and b) Getting Building Fund update MS provided a summary of the projects. The majority have spent their funding, but none have completed their match funding with exception of Tackling Fuel Poverty. There is no concern as such, but the LEP needs to continue to track that outputs are being achieved. An audit is underway of all projects where any issues regarding outputs can be discussed.</p> <p>b) Growth Hub Update RL thanked Jo Grivell who has been covering the Growth Hub in addition to her role as LEP Office Administrator, while a member of staff is off sick.</p> <p>With six weeks to go to the end of the year there is no sight of whether there will be funding for the Growth Hub for 23/24 which is incredibly frustrating. It makes it difficult to plan and to manage contracts for CRM licences etc. used by the Growth Hubs. If the Growth Hub does not get funding the LEP would have to pick up the costs of any contracts that extend into year 2023-24.</p> <p>Given the lack of funding the team is considering what it can deliver going forward. This needs to be balanced with other LEP activities and where the LEP will have the maximum impact.</p> <p>RL reiterated to GA/AC that it was a frustrating position to be in given the Growth Hub brand has become embedded in the business community across the Marches. It is their first port of call for advice and support. It would be a shame if all the time, effort and public money used to build the brand goes to waste especially when businesses most need it.</p> <p>A joint event with Midlands Engine Investment Fund is being held at RAF Cosford on Friday 24th March. This is in response to the fact that MEIF is undersubscribed in the Marches compared with other areas and more needs to be done to maximise uptake. Details of the event are here: How finance can help your business fly - Marches Growth Hub</p> <p>c) Energy Projects RL gave the following update: The Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire Green Skills project is going full steam ahead. The contract has been signed.</p> <p>The contract has also been signed with National Grid for the EA Technology and National Grid monitor project. Still in the process of deciding where the monitors will be placed as we want them to be where they will have the biggest impact.</p> <p>Marches Energy Grant scheme was launched in January, and it resulted in more enquiries received through the website in two days, compared with the previous three months. This sends a clear message that there is huge demand for this type of support. The contract with Worcestershire Council to administer the scheme is yet to be signed.</p>	

	<p>d) Key Account Management The contract with Department for International Trade (DIT) is in place until the end of the financial year. The target of working with 30 companies has been reached. Fifteen projects have been identified and one project has been completed against a target of five. Funding for next year is still not determined.</p> <p>e) Skills Support (SAP/Marches Careers Hub) The LEP continues to work with the Employer Representative Body (ERB) to support the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP). Department for Education has confirmed there will be no further funding for this work.</p> <p>There is funding in place until the end of August 2023 for the Marches Careers Hub project and discussion on funding from September has commenced with the Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC). Early indications are that there will be slightly less funding than in previous years.</p> <p>RL highlighted an issue that some of the funding streams work to different financial years/funding periods. If the LEP is awarded future Careers Hub funding this would run past the end of 2023-24 financial year when the current Core Funding and reserves held by the LEP could be fully committed.</p> <p>A decision will need to be made in conjunction with the Accountable Body whether the contract could be accepted.</p>	
7	<p>Midlands Connect Transport Summit Update RL gave a brief update on the summit which helped highlight transport issues in the Marches. Many local MPs attended and contributed to the discussion, and it was a very positive event. The LEP will continue to fly the flag for major transport improvement schemes across the Marches.</p>	
8	<p>Any other business SR thanked Alex Collins for all his support whilst deputising for the Area Lead.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting of the Marches LEP PRMC: 27 April 2023 14:00-15:30</p>		

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MARCHES LEP CORPORATE RISK REGISTER
Last updated: 18/04/2023

Risk No.	Risk Description	Description of Potential IMPACT (quantified wherever possible)	Current controls	Residual Risk Ratings			Rationale for Risk Changes	Risk Mitigation	Direction of Travel
				LIKELIHOOD Rating (Very Low 1, Low 2, Medium 3, High 4, Very High 5)	IMPACT Rating (Minimal 1, Minor 2, Significant 3, Major 4, Critical 5)	RISK Rating			
TOP 5 RISKS - In order of Risk Rating (High to Low)									
5.5	Lack of clear mandate from government along with the winding up of 2/6 West Midlands LEPs means that the voice of West Midlands businesses is diminished and that LEPs are prematurely written off by partners.	Reputational damage for LEPs and damage to stakeholder relationships. Hard to gain traction when messaging around LEPs is so unclear. Makes it more difficult to engage in new activity and partnership working if no-one is clear what LEPs are here to do or if they will remain/	Promotion of LEP activity. Continue to deliver all programmes well and look to proactively use the limited resources e.g. the Energy Fund, Land study etc. Continue to feed into the LEP network and BEIS to highlight issues.	4	4	16	N/A	See current controls	↔
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2.9	The LEP are unable to recruit and retain Board Members (including Chair) due to a lack of clarity around the future role of LEP's and having a meaningful role.	The LEP would not be able to recruit to vital positions within its Board. These provide: 1) Specific areas of expertise 2) Geographic representation for the Marches Region 3) Key governance roles relating to quoracy and decision making - posing potential disruption to the LEP's core business moving forward.	The LEP continues to work with the board and its business networks to identify appropriate candidates	3	4	12	N/A	Continue to position the LEP as the voice of business and look at new opportunities to ensure the LEP remain relevant and interesting for people to give up their own time to the board. Start the recruitment campaign spring 2023 and look to use a recruitment firm if required to raise awareness of the opportunities.	↔
NEW RISKS - In order of Risk Rating									

Direction of Travel Key	
	The risk has increased since last review date
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	No change in the risk
	New risk
Red text denotes text which has changed or been added since the Risk Register was last reviewed by the Board/PRMC.	

Marches LEP - Risk Matrix					
Likelihood	Impact				
	Minimal - 1	Minor - 2	Significant - 3	Major - 4	Critical - 5
Very High - 5	5	10	15	20	25
High - 4	4	8	12	16	20
Medium - 3	3	6	9	12	15
Low - 2	2	4	6	8	10
Very Low - 1	1	2	3	4	5

MARCHES LEP PROGRAMME RISK REGISTER
Last updated: 06/04/2023

Risk No.	Risk Description	Description of Potential IMPACT (quantified wherever possible)	Current Controls	Residual Risk Ratings			Rationale for Risk Changes	Risk Mitigation	Direction of Travel
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3.20	Programmes: Non delivery of Oxon Link Road	Loss of LGF Grant (£4.19 million); 1090 jobs, 12 hectares of employment land, 835 housing units, 1.14km of new road, 2.05km of road resurfaced & 4.26km of cycle way not delivered having a negative impact on economic development	Regular monitoring of the project has been ongoing. Update provided to LEP Board 24/01/23 following an update to PMRC in December and SCC confirmed that the project would proceed, the concerns raised by the Environment Agency & Severn Trent Water had been addressed and any additional project costs would be met by SCC	4	4	16	No changes to residual risk ratings	Please see Current Controls	↔
2.17	Skills Advisory Panel - Lack of partnership working to develop Marches wide projects under UKSPF	Inconsistent provision across the Marches and failure to build on good practice developed under Marches wide ESF delivery	Future role of SAP under consideration by LEP Board following cessation of central DfE funding on 31 Mar 23.	5	3	15	Future role of SAP under consideration by LEP Board following cessation of central DfE funding on 31 Mar 23.	Please see current controls	↑
2.3	Programmes: Reduced capacity in the LEP Team due to absence, members of the team leaving or lack of funding.	Continuity of service could be impacted. Delays due to lost knowledge & lack of capacity to monitor projects.	Staff to work flexibly across different parts of the business to allow continuity of service and the LEP will look to use agency staff if required and but will continue to appoint to vacant business critical roles as appropriate.	3	4	12	The reorganisation of the team has created flexibility	Please see Current Controls	↓
NEW RISKS - In order of Risk Rating (High to Low)									

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Very Low - 1	1	2	3	4	5

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Item 6

Hereford Centre for Cyber & Security

Update to PRMC

27 APR 2023

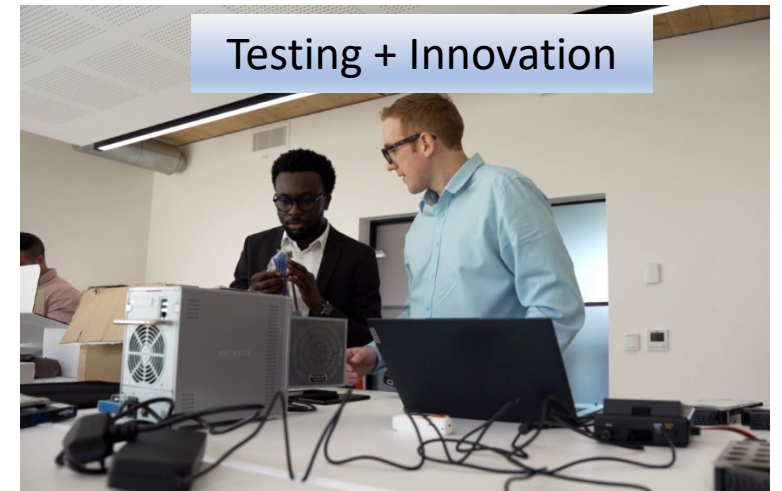
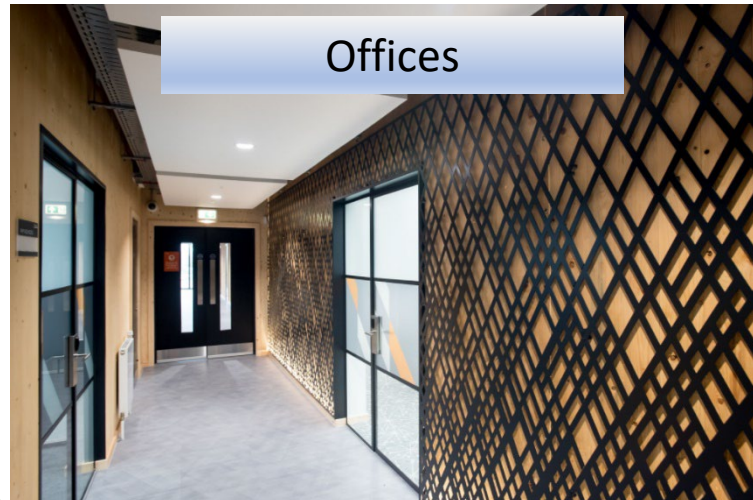
Hugo Russell: Project Manager

Abi Hopkins: Project Contracts Manager

Mark Williams: Principal Management Accountant



The Cyber Quarter Offer



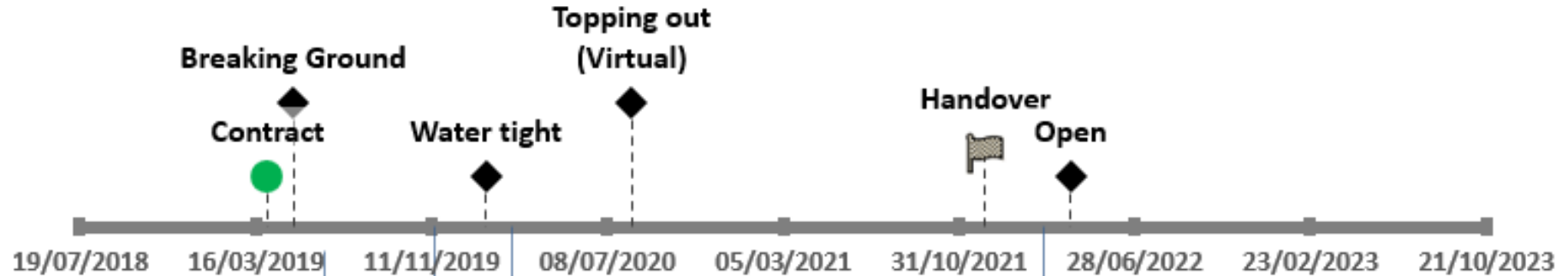


Funded support for the Marches SMEs

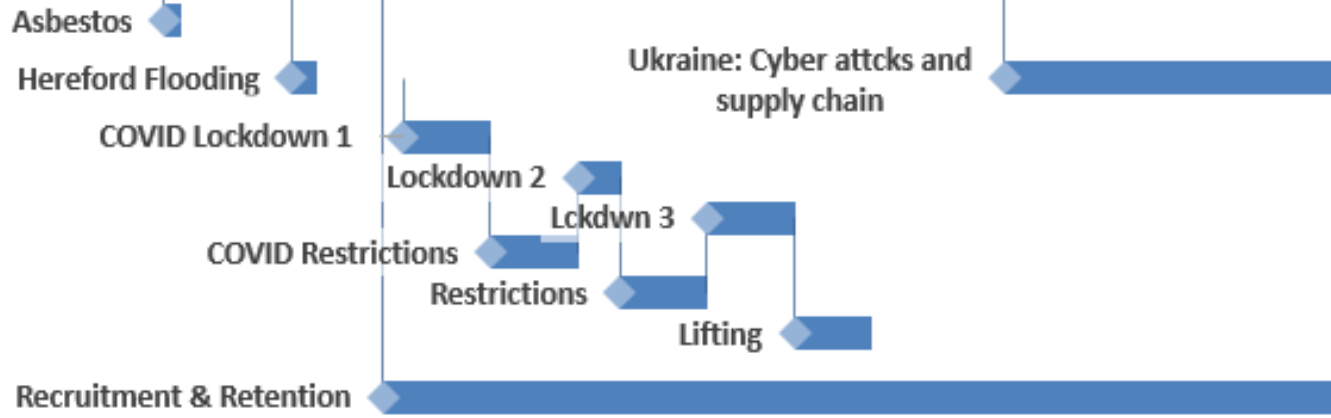
- **Most popular support**
- Vulnerability Scanning and remediation
- Cyber Incident Response Plans
- Human Factors
- Network Analysis
- Phishing / Ethical Hacking

HCCS 'Cyber Quarter' Project Timeline

Milestones



Impacts:
On delivery



Outputs

ID	Description	Contract	Delivered 22-23 Q4	Remain	Pipeline	RAG
L01	Jobs Created	185	36	149	48	RED
L02	new learning / training space (m2)	106	104	DONE		Green
L03	Number of training courses provided	78	76	2	2	Green
L04	Commercial Floor Space Completed	2800	2715	DONE		Green
L05	Commercial Floor Space Occupied	2800	110	2741	Ext	RED
L06	Enterprises non- financial support	18	20	DONE		Green
L07	Number of spin-out companies	7	4	3	2	AMBER
L08	Number of new SMEs created	5	1	3	2	Green
L09	SMEs with improved training defences	18	3	15	12	Green
L10	Increase in GVA by March 2022	£8M	£1.7M	£6.3M		AMBER
L11	R&D Projects started	40	9	30	15	AMBER
L12	New products created	4	1	3	3	Green

Finances

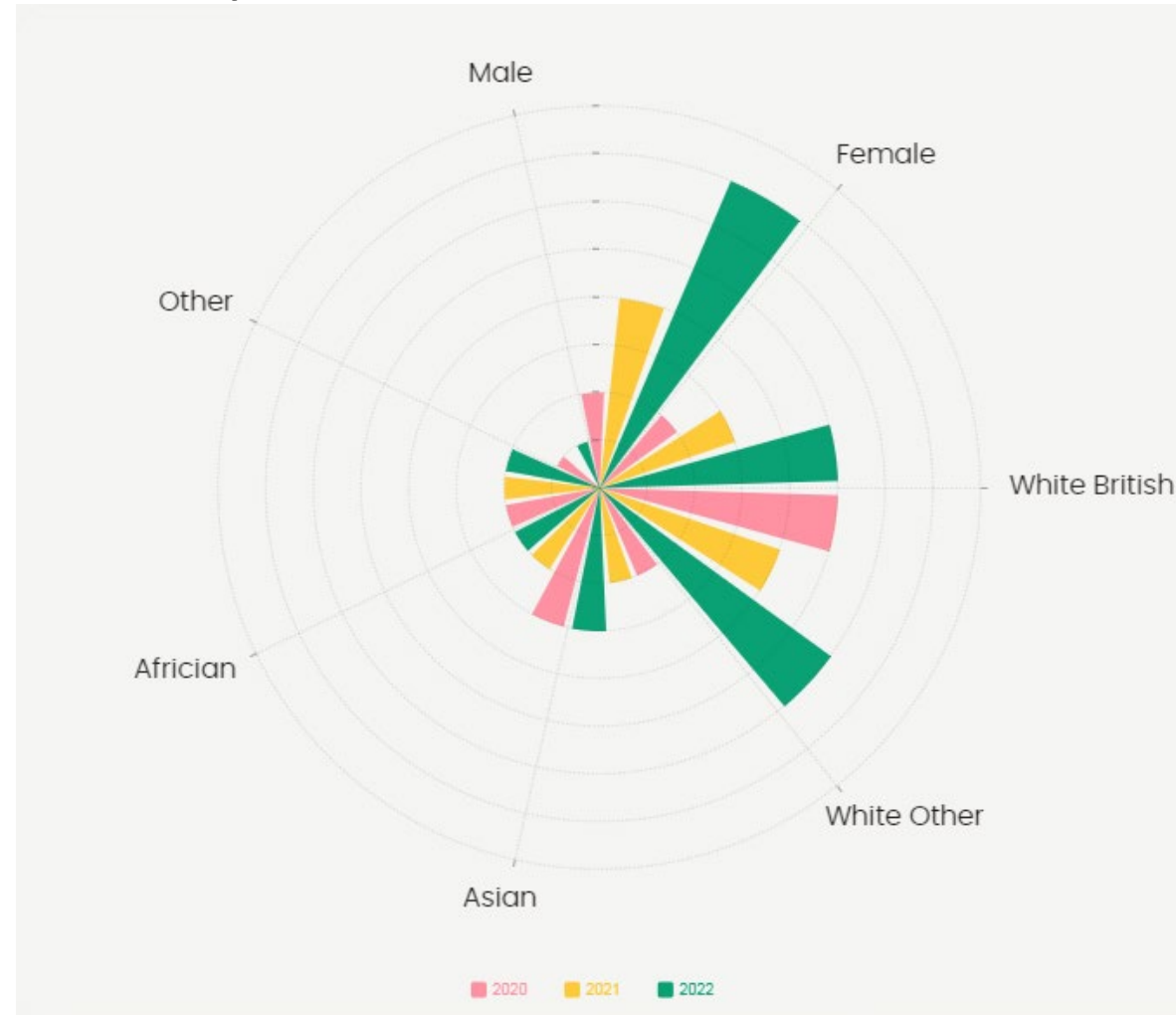
- £8.2m invested
 - Building £7,881,567
 - FF&E £ 340,495
- Match
 - Short fall of £1,021,000
- Grant
 - VAT status changed: Returning £114,643
 - PCR Submitted (ERDF): Returning £960,788 capital equipment

Risks, Opportunities, Impacts

- Risks
 - Operating out of contract: Finances and Outputs
 - Dilution of brand: Abertay cyberQuarter
- Opportunities
 - Disaster Recover Centre
 - Training & testing facility
- Impacts
 - Resilient and Profitable Businesses
 - Jobs safeguarded & created in cyber & business resilience

A Diverse Community

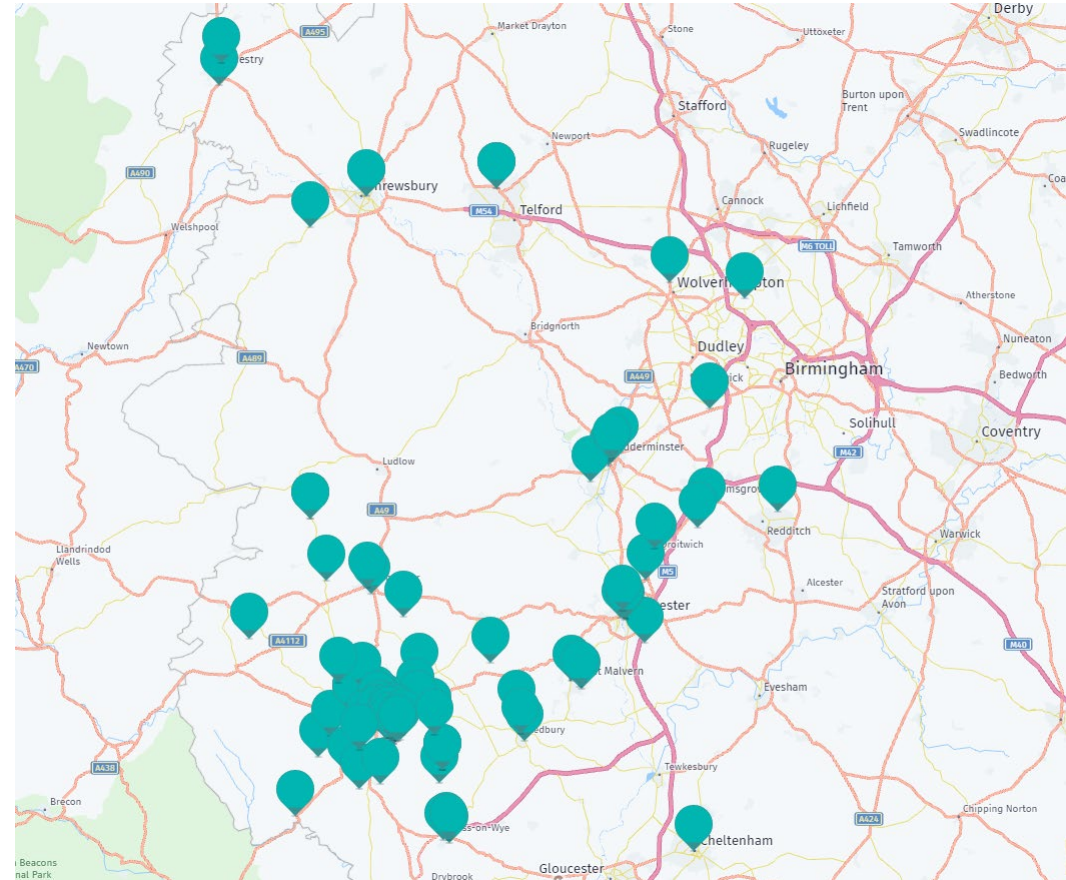
Gender often 50:50
40 year age range
With over 50% having
foreign connections it
enables a better
understanding of threats



Community: Distribution of assists

136 companies across
the LEP

*Register Addresses



Collaborations: Public & Organisational

- NCSC
- Police
- ROCU
- WMCRC
- IAWM
- NMITE



Sustainability & Future Plans

- Cyber Range
 - Cyber Quarter: Secure and Stress tested
 - Secure on premises: Data retained
- Training & Workshops
 - Cyber Security Skills
 - Business Resilience & Agile Project Manager
- Office Space
 - Increasing enquiries
- Consultancy
 - Collaborations with complementary specialists



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Thank You Questions?

Hugo Russell

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MARCHES LEP PRMC
April 2023

James Newby
President and CEO



Marches LEP Funded Projects

1.	LGF	NMITE Blackfriars	August 2019	£2,740,000
2.	LGF	Skylon Park	June 2020	£1,600,000
3.	GBF	Skylon Park	June 2020	£5,660,000



LGF NMITE Blackfriars

This project is to support the establishment of NMITE.

A brand new engineering based HE provider delivering University level teaching in Hereford.

A key requirement to deliver courses is having appropriate teaching and learning space for students to learn in.

NMITE secured a 50 year lease from the Department for Education on the former Robert Owen School building on Blackfriars Street in Hereford.

This project will allow the buildings to be improved, adapted and equipped to provide 3205m² of teaching and learning space at the Blackfriars site.

LGF NMITE Blackfriars

OUTPUTS								
Description	Previously claimed		2022/23		2023/24		Total Contracted Figures	Achieved to date*
	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual		
Employment								
Jobs Created/Safeguarded	37	37					37	37
Skills and Education								
Area of new or improved learning/training floorspace (m2)	3,205	3,462					3,205	3,462
Number of New Learners Assisted (in courses leading to a full qualification)	270	85		49			270	134
Business and Enterprise								
Number of enterprises receiving non financial support (Companies Supported)	60	66	15	40			75	106
Additional Outputs								
GVA (Added Annually)	3,240,000	6,979,582	1,620,000		1,620,000		6,480,000	6,979,582
Number of Undergraduates	250	27		34			250	61
Match funding	3,133,750	2,207,416					3,133,750	2,207,416

LGF and GBF NMITE Skylon Park

The Skylon Park Campus development is a pivotal component of NMITE

Comprising of two cutting-edge, world-class buildings and teaching facilities

The Centre for Advanced Timber Technology (CATT)

The Centre for Automated Manufacturing (CAM)

Located at the heart of Herefordshire's Enterprise Zone, each building will be a beacon for skills training.



GBF NMITE Skylon Park

GET BUILDING FUND OUTPUTS								
Description	Previously Claimed		2022/23		2023/24		Total Contracted Figures	Achieved to date*
	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual		
Employment								
Jobs Created/Safeguarded	26			26			26	26
Construction Jobs	95	95	5	5			100	100
Skills and Education								
Area of new or improved learning/training floorspace (m2)	2,500			2,500			2,500	2,500
Number of New Learners Assisted (in courses leading to a full qualification)			200	110			200	110
Business and Enterprise								
Companies Supported			125	85	125		250	85
Match funding					480,000		480,000	-

LGF NMITE Skylon Park

GROWTH DEAL OUTPUTS														
Description	Previously Claimed		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26		2026/27		Total Contracted Figures	Achieved to date*
	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual		
Employment														
Jobs Created/Safeguarded					85		84		26				195	-
Skills and Education														
Area of new or improved learning/training floorspace (m2)			160	221									160	221
Number of New Learners Assisted (in courses leading to a full qualification)			100	110	210		250		250				810	110
Business and Enterprise														
Companies Supported									125		250		375	-
Additional Outputs														
Number of Undergraduates					50		200		250		250		750	-
Match funding	1,854,579	1,854,579	3,292,827	3,292,827	2,618,844								7,766,250	5,147,406



Marches LEP Funded Projects

Blackfriars site

NMITE has been awarded additional funding from the government's Stronger Towns programme which should provide sufficient qualifying capital funds to address this shortfall by the end of the 2023/24 financial year.

Skylon Park

The CATT building has now been completed (September 2022) and NMITE is launching a full operational programme of activities which will be enabled by the new facility.

The building was conceived and planned before the pandemic so was seriously impacted by the lockdowns and the significant escalation of construction costs which occurred after the LEP grant was agreed.

To ensure the project was delivered, the building scope was reduced and additional value engineering reduced costs further to a point where the project could be viably delivered. The reduced size building and the planned activities it will support will meet all the outputs required by the LEP grant but does leave a significant matched funding challenge.

End