

Developing policy products to meet the needs and opportunities of LCR business and people in a post Brexit world.		
Theme	Supporting people, places and business	Further development of our business and people products to support growth in a post Brexit trading environment
Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Service is currently delivering ahead of target with demand for products remaining strong (this reflects wider macro economy with firm growth, formations and employment strong as we enter the period leading up to UK's departure). • LCR LEP is leading Northern work through N11 to develop and target growth in domestic supply chains spend by North's top 30 OEM's and Tier companies. • Capacity and capability has been built with LCR LEP (working with LA's) with dedicated aftercare resource using DIT funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear opportunities for city region businesses to exploit "on shoring" of supply chains to help mitigate short term disruption to supply chains caused by a regulation gap. • FDI owned businesses currently in the region may require further support especially in areas such as supply chains, planning related issues and engagement and advocacy with government – scale of current aftercare capacity will need to be reviewed and alignment and integration with Growth Service Resilience offer developed. • Articulate the city regions strong brand and location intelligence offer to key international investment markets through enhanced in market propositions marketing.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of re:boot program alongside support already available from Growth Service skills advisers. • Drawing down ESIF funding to support upskilling in the workforce – re:boot program will be ready to support businesses and individuals from April 2019. • Continuing to review the design of skills service offer to key sectors heavily reliant on EEA migrant labour especially after publication of the UK governments Immigration White paper in the latter half of 2018. • The ESIF allocation for Leeds City Region (excluding Barnsley) for 2014-2020 is circa. €398m grant (€796 with match funding). The Combined Authority is working to deploy the circa £100m still available to support businesses and our local communities with several ESIF funded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing EU labour in the UK protected under EU Withdrawal Act of Parliament. • Potential disruption to existing and new entrants to the labour market due to uncertainty, potential currency and wage devaluation – LCR LEP will work closely with DIT (Department for International Trade) and business representative organisations to make sure that the regions key sectors have access to workers with right skills to meet their needs. • Seize the opportunities around the MAC's (Migration Advisory Committee) recommendations focusing post UK economic migration policy on higher skilled EEA migrants by working with city region businesses to make sure that higher skills gaps are clearly understood, whilst ensuring progression through skills system targets local talent matching them to the needs of local

	<p>initiatives awaiting approval which boost our business and skills support offer to LCR businesses and citizens.</p>	<p>businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake detailed survey (as part of the development of our Inclusive Growth evidence base) which will provide insight on household sentiment in key highly relevant policy areas such as skills, training and connectivity. • Focus development of skills products to address vocational training and pathways for young people into key sectors and opportunities for progression and development.
Business support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant effects on the LCR business base have been discernible since the decision to leave was made – generally firm formation rates and business survival rates have trended around pre-referendum historical averages. • Development of ERDF funded Resilience extension to current Growth Service portfolio from April 2019 (subject to approval of current £1.8 million application to ERDF). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that Business Growth Service model is able provide tailored advice and support to local business if temporary disruption to UK trade leads to devaluation and cost pressures. • Ensure aftercare service options have been assessed to ensure • In anticipation of customs regulations and any delays, businesses may require support in storing or stockpiling resources / products support offer can widened beyond key large businesses •
Trade and international partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP International Trade Plan has clear target to increase the number of SME exporters in Leeds City Region, the trade team are working with DIT in this targeting and engagement. • Clear link with NP11 supply chain work stream and focus on raising domestic supply chain purchases from key Northern OEM's and Tier 1 suppliers. • The development of the Resilience extension to current Growth Service portfolio will help manage and respond to market, supply chain and regulatory and approval issues and enhance signposting, cross referral and direct support work. • Develop a clear forward work plan to ensure we have 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Combined Authority will update the LCR Trade Plan to consider key market opportunities building on detailed research already undertaken to identify key geographical export markets. • Work closely with firms in key sectors operating pan-European just-in-time supply chains face disruption focusing aftercare support in these firms. • Work closely with city regions major HE institutions to develop bi-lateral research and innovation relationships with European and global partners ensuring we support world leading research in our key sectors. • Continue to develop transnational European engagement to connect LCR to key research initiatives such as

	<p>robust intelligence on business and communities needs by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertaking an annual Leeds City Region Business Survey (traditionally this survey has been undertaken every other year).• Undertaking a quarterly business sentiment survey working closely with the regions Chambers of Commerce.• West Yorkshire Combined Authority has a longstanding involvement in European Regional Development Fund inter-regional collaborative projects such as 'Interreg North Sea Region' and 'EU Challenge', to share knowledge and understanding of policy issues and new approaches. These projects provide resource funding to spotlight best practice in developing policy and strategy, and share how other regional authorities can benefit and strengthen their own practices. These projects provide bespoke funding to test and appraise new mechanisms to influence behavioral change such as Shared Travel Plans in the latest 'Interreg ShareNorth' project.	
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