

Appendix 1 – Contribution to achieving the key challenges of the LIIS

Key challenges for the City Region	How can the Green Infrastructure Strategy and Delivery Plan help to tackle these?
Productivity gap is increasing	<p>By supporting the key drivers of productivity including skills, innovation, investment and enterprise by creating new business and upskilling opportunities.</p> <p>By enhancing the City Region's attractiveness and profile by raising the quality of developments and town / city centres, and improving an accessible green and blue infrastructure network.</p> <p>By providing the environment that enables businesses to attract talent and investment.</p>
Innovation and research and development are very low	By connecting green and blue infrastructure expertise in universities and other institutions to business growth and the development of key projects e.g. energy, planning, engineering, construction.
Living standards have stalled	<p>By boosting quality of place, leisure and amenity aspects of quality of life and living standards.</p> <p>By encouraging high quality development, reducing flood risk on businesses, and supporting business and jobs growth.</p>
Stubborn deprivation exists	<p>By prioritising access to, and improvement of, green and blue infrastructure in areas of deprivation and poor health.</p> <p>By creating opportunities for work experience, employment and apprenticeships.</p> <p>By improving air quality, mental health and physical activity.</p>