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Worcestershire LEP Priority Setting for 2023/24

WLEP Board

3 February 2023

Today's Objectives

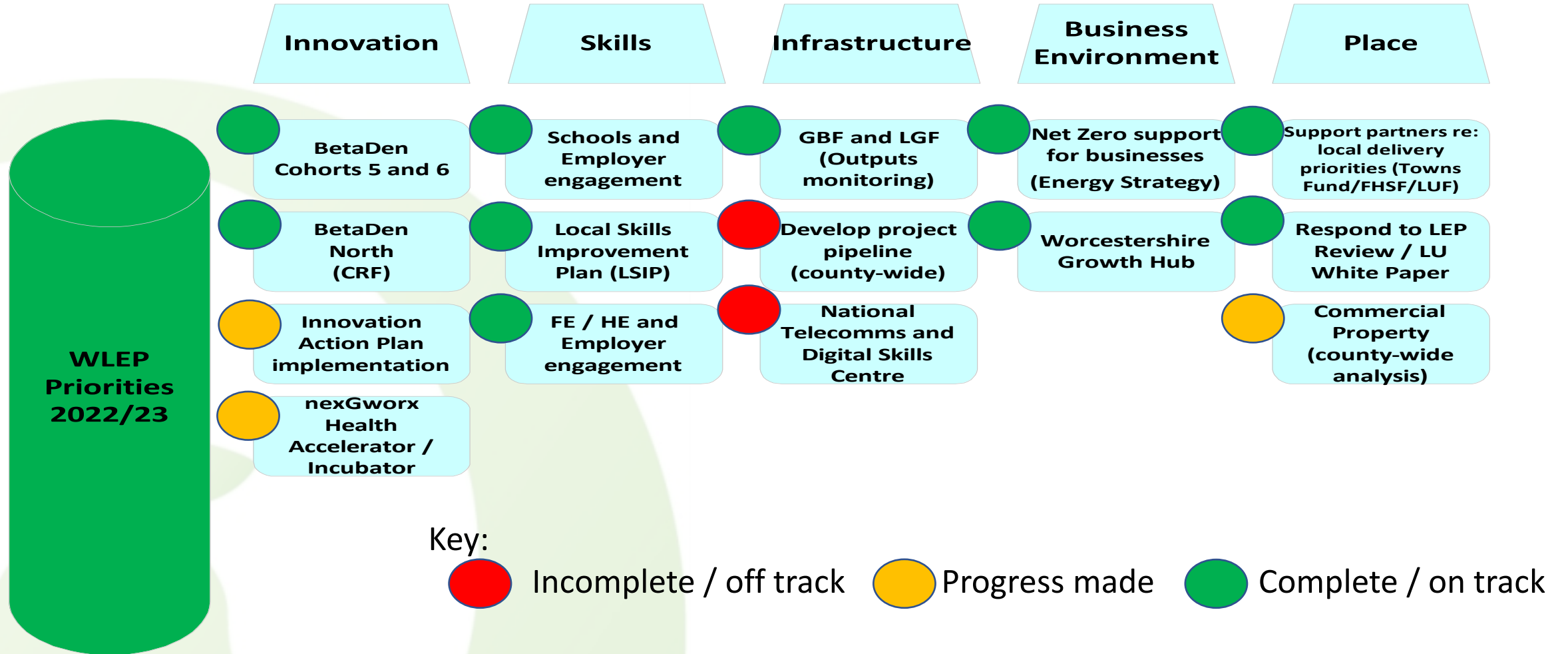


- To take stock of progress made against 2022/23 agreed priorities
- To discuss and agree local priorities for WLEP delivery in 2023/24
- To note recommendation for continuation of fully funded LEP model delivery for next 12 months
- Agree next steps re: ensuring a balanced budget for 2023/24

Progress against 2022/23 objectives...



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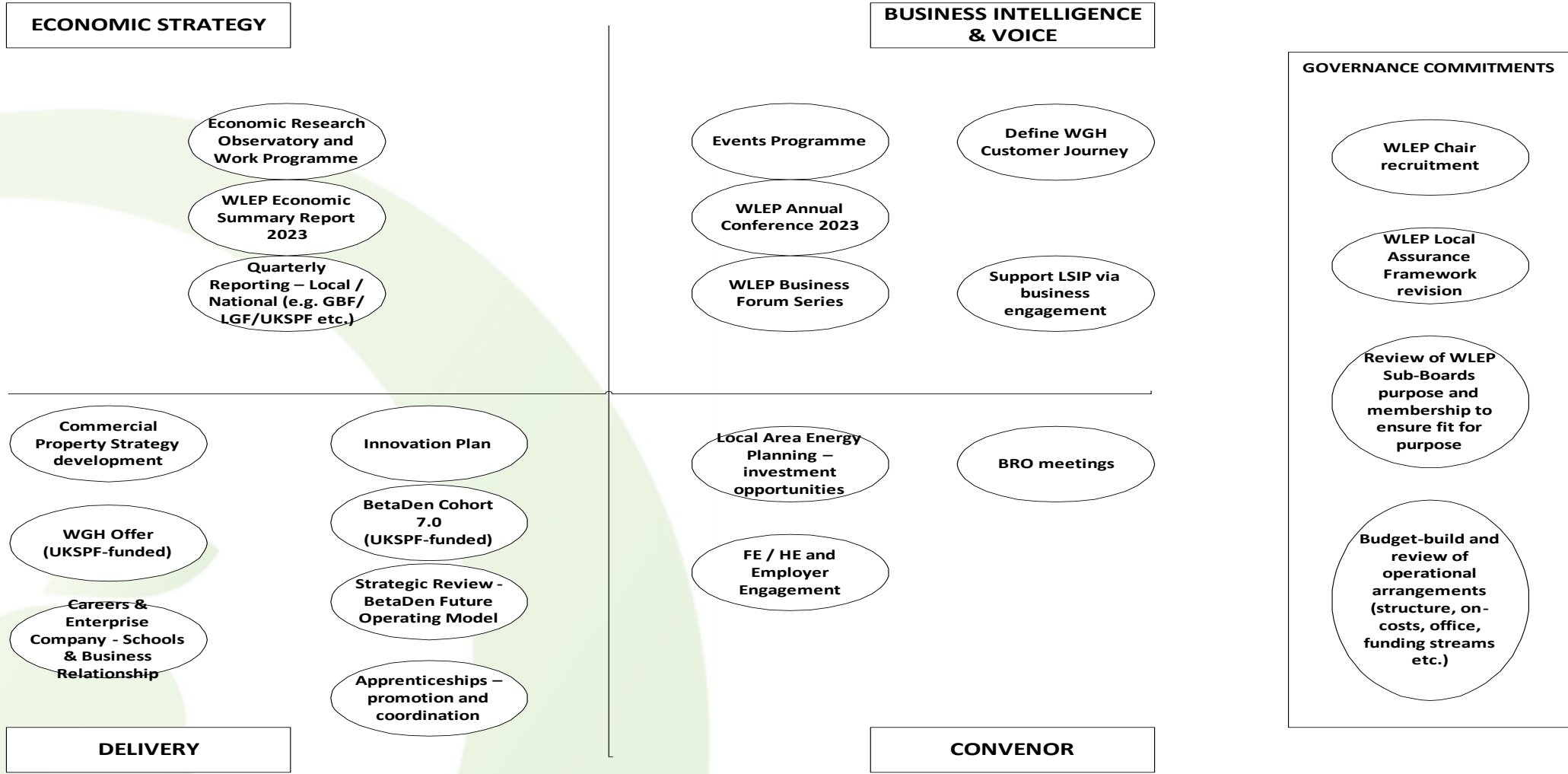
Plus additional activity...



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- Developed UKSPF proposals for WGH and BetaDen and engaged with LAs
- Attending and contributing to LA governance forums re: central govt funding
- Commenced evidence base gathering and mapping around Local Area Energy Planning
- Facilitated business roundtable event on hydrogen in partnership with DIT and Cadent
- Developed funding bid to HNDU for detailed project design work on a heat network at Hartlebury EfW Plant - ongoing
- Rolled out successful new business engagement model via WLEP Business Forum Series – widening reach and increasing business networks
- Launched Specialist Business Advisor offer via WGH
- Established network of meetings with Business Representative Organisations (BROs) active in Worcestershire to share insights and coordinate activity
- Return of a physical Apprenticeship Awards celebration event at WMSP in Nov 2022
- Youth Hub launched in Worcester city
- Launched inaugural annual county-wide economic ‘state of the nation’ report
- Midlands Cyber continuing to move on internationalisation agenda – France / America
- Digital skills strategy developed and draft ready for finalising

Proposed WLEP Priorities – 2023/24



Next Steps...

- Board to reflect on 2022/23 progress and if they have any concerns to raise
- Board to discuss and advise on WLEP priorities for 2023/24 – are there any gaps?
- WLEP Executive Team to incorporate feedback from Board and develop a quarterly planner to identify key resource and deliverables for 2023/24 based on priorities identified
- Return to WLEP Board with balanced budget proposal once funding decision communicated by Government



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Worcestershire 2040 Vision:

“A connected, creative, dynamic economy for all.”

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