

- LEP to ensure maximum use is made of Growth Hub intelligence and ensure that the LEP Board is updated on its activities.
- LEP to ensure that opportunities for collaboration with other LEPs are explored as part of Local Industrial Strategy development, particularly on agritech, medtech as well as continued work on 5G/cyber.

Next Steps

The previous sections of this letter set out some areas where we would like you to focus over the next twelve months and my team will be in touch to follow-up this letter. If you have not already done so you should publish the joint assurance statement you wrote with the LEP Chair ahead of your Annual Performance Review on the LEP website. You will receive further information on the decisions relating to your Local Growth Fund and core funding allocations for the 2019-20 year shortly.

As part of the Annual Performance Review preparation we asked you to provide us with information on where Government could better support you to fulfil the ambitions of your place. We have noted this feedback and will continue to work with you to explore these issues over the coming months. Further, we are committed to working with you over the coming months to support you to deliver local priorities and develop your area's Local Industrial Strategies.

I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of following the communication and branding guidance as Minister Berry stated last year. This will continue to be a term of your grant offer letter.

Thank you once again for participating positively in the process.



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cc. LEP Chair and Section 151 Officer.