

Meeting:	Coast to Capital Board Meeting no. 36
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Report Title:	Development of Strategic Economic Plan vision
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Recommendation

The Board is asked to note progress and next steps for developing the vision for our Strategic Economic Plan. A further paper or presentation will be provided in advance or at the meeting setting out our draft vision for discussion.

1. Progress to date

Following the Board meeting in July, Board members have taken part in a series of workshops to begin the development of our vision for the SEP. Discussion at the workshops has been very productive, strengthening the importance of the leadership role of the LEP and the need to be bold and ambitious. It has also highlighted a number of issues we need to think carefully about, such as housing, technology, Brexit and the ageing workforce. This leaves us with an excellent steer about our future vision and how we should position the region and frame the associated opportunities and challenges.

The slides we prepared to inform the discussions and the summary notes from the workshops are available in the secure portal.

We have also begun consultation with other stakeholders such as local authorities, Area Partners, rural representatives and various businesses large and small.

2. Next steps

The output from the Board workshops will be used to shape the draft vision that will be worked up and discussed at the September meeting. Following the Board meeting, we will review, redraft and refine the vision before discussing it with a wider range of partners and stakeholders, including the Partnership Board in late September.

Further work on each of the themes will continue over the autumn and will be informed by the draft vision. The work under each theme will develop the ideas in our Industrial Strategy response further, and explore new ones, to identify the challenges to growth and explore the investment and interventions that will unlock productivity and growth.

We will discuss any significant feedback on the vision, along with progress on the themes, with the Board at the November meeting.