

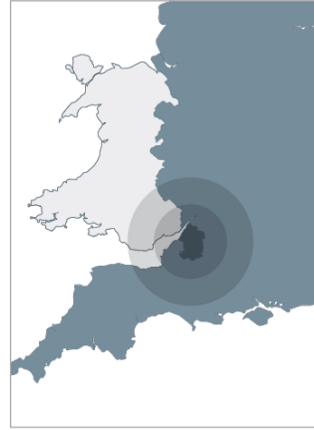
**WEST OF ENGLAND**

Combined Authority

Introduction

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# West of England Combined Authority



- Statutory body, established 1 Feb 2017
- One of six Mayoral Combined Authorities
- Builds on the partnership working that already existed in the region
- Enables the delivery of devolved powers
- Single office supporting WECA, Joint Committee and LEP

# West of England Devolution Deal

- £1bn investment to boost region's economic growth - £30m/year for 30 years from Government with additional funding from other sources.
- Full responsibility for the Adult Education Budget from 2019/20, helping to ensure adult skills provision meets business and learner needs.
- Enhanced powers to speed up delivery of new housing in line with the Joint Spatial Plan.
- Business Rates retention pilot, which allows the three councils to retain 100% of business rates rather than the current 50%.



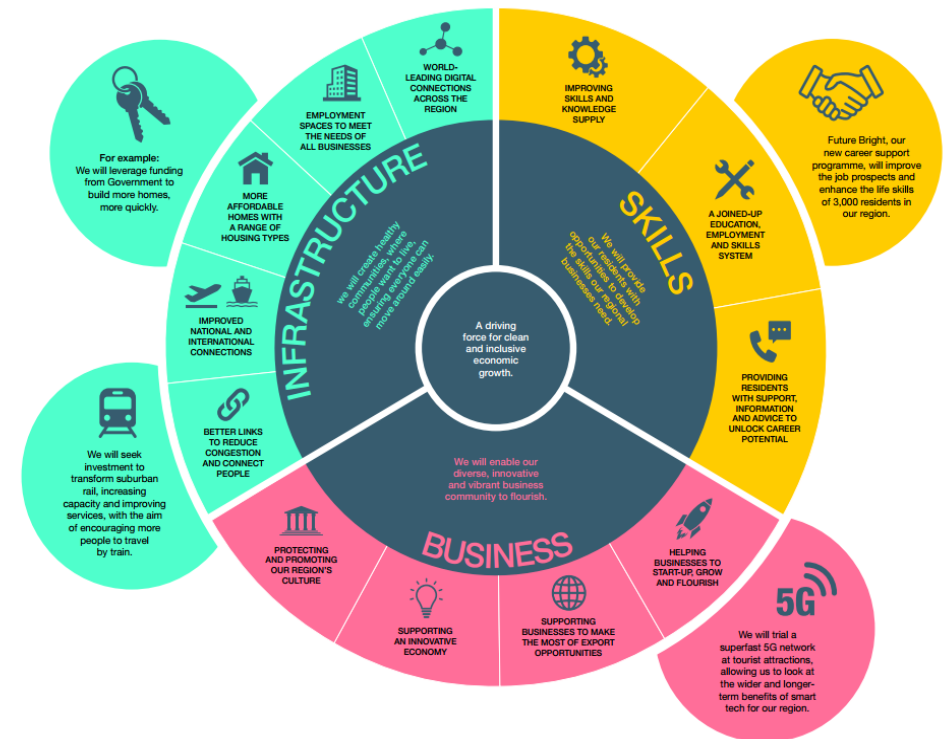
# Our Priorities

Our operating framework sets out our priorities and forms the basis of our 2018/19 business plan.

Our three priority areas for 2018/19 are:

- Infrastructure fit for the future;
- World class skills; and
- Businesses that succeed.

It will also inform our regional response to the Government's Industrial Strategy.



# Procurement within WECA

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WECA is still a very young organisation and therefore our procurement strategy is still not fully defined however..

- WECA recognises that SMEs will be essential to support our future plans.
- We are currently in the planning stages of projects so therefore have a significant requirement for specialist professional services.
- Soon we will progress in to the delivery stages of projects and our requirements will expand.

# Where to find opportunities

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- Like our constituent authorities, we will be using [www.supplyingthesouthwest.org](http://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org) to advertise many of our opportunities.
- WECA Staff are encouraged to advertise lower value opportunities, even when there is not a requirement to do so.
- We will also advertise opportunities over £25,000 on Contracts Finder.