
Formal Response to the Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership's Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy Framework

Committee considering report: Executive on 13 June 2019

Portfolio Member: Councillor Hilary Cole

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To introduce West Berkshire District Council's response to the draft Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy Framework.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That West Berkshire District Council responds to the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership's consultation on the draft Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy Framework.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** None
- 3.2 **Policy:** None
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None
- 3.4 **Legal:** None
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None
- 3.6 **Property:** None
- 3.7 **Other:** None

4. Other options considered

- 4.1 Not to respond or support the TVB LEP BLIS.

Executive Summary

5. Introduction / Background

- 5.1 HM Government published a national Industrial Strategy published in late 2017. This tasked all 38 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in the country with leading the development of a Local Industrial Strategy for their respective areas.
- 5.2 The aims of these Local Industrial Strategies are to raise productivity and to ensure that local economic assets contribute even more to the national economy.
- 5.3 As the advocate for the area, Thames Valley Berkshire LEP (TVB LEP) has a responsibility to respond to this and shape a Local Industrial Strategy for Berkshire, commonly known as the BLIS.
- 5.4 The resultant framework document sets out five priorities and poses a number of questions to ensure that it meets the needs of local stakeholders. Its publication marks a key milestone in the process of developing the BLIS.
- 5.5 TVB LEP has asked the council to formally respond to the consultation on the framework's content as local authorities will be key stakeholders as it seeks to deliver the aims of the Local Industrial Strategy.

6. Proposal

- 6.1 That West Berkshire District Council responds formally to the BLIS consultation.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy will be a key document for the future of West Berkshire's economy, as well as that of the region, and the framework as published will have bearing on the council's own strategies, including the West Berkshire Local Plan to 2036 and the refreshed West Berkshire Economic Development Strategy 2019.
- 7.2 Given this and the fact that the TVB LEP, one of our key partners, has asked us to formally respond to its consultation, it is recommended that the attached submission (Appendix D) is given.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A – Data Protection Impact Assessment
- 8.2 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment
- 8.3 Appendix C – Supporting Information
- 8.4 Appendix D – BLIS response

Appendix A

Data Protection Impact Assessment – Stage One

The General Data Protection Regulations require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for certain projects that have a significant impact on the rights of data subjects.

Should you require additional guidance in completing this assessment, please refer to the Information Management Officer via dp@westberks.gov.uk

Directorate:	Economy and Environment
Service:	Development and Planning
Team:	Planning and Transport Policy
Lead Officer:	Gabrielle Mancini
Title of Project/System:	Response to Draft Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy Framework
Date of Assessment:	26/04/2019

Do you need to do a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)?

	Yes	No
<p>Will you be processing SENSITIVE or “special category” personal data?</p> <p>Note – sensitive personal data is described as “data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person’s sex life or sexual orientation”</p>		x
<p>Will you be processing data on a large scale?</p> <p>Note – Large scale might apply to the number of individuals affected OR the volume of data you are processing OR both</p>		x
<p>Will your project or system have a “social media” dimension?</p> <p>Note – will it have an interactive element which allows users to communicate directly with one another?</p>		x
<p>Will any decisions be automated?</p> <p>Note – does your system or process involve circumstances where an individual's input is “scored” or assessed without intervention/review/checking by a human being? Will there be any “profiling” of data subjects?</p>		x
<p>Will your project/system involve CCTV or monitoring of an area accessible to the public?</p>		x
<p>Will you be using the data you collect to match or cross-reference against another existing set of data?</p>		x
<p>Will you be using any novel, or technologically advanced systems or processes?</p> <p>Note – this could include biometrics, “internet of things” connectivity or anything that is currently not widely utilised</p>		x

If you answer “Yes” to any of the above, you will probably need to complete [Data Protection Impact Assessment - Stage Two](#). If you are unsure, please consult with the Information Management Officer before proceeding.

Appendix B

Equality Impact Assessment - Stage One

We need to ensure that our strategies, policies, functions and services, current and proposed have given due regard to equality and diversity as set out in the Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149 of the Equality Act), which states:

- “(1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:**
- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;**
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; this includes the need to:**
 - (i) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;**
 - (ii) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;**
 - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, with due regard, in particular, to the need to be aware that compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.**
- (2) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.**
- (3) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.”**

The following list of questions may help to establish whether the decision is relevant to equality:

- Does the decision affect service users, employees or the wider community?
- (The relevance of a decision to equality depends not just on the number of those affected but on the significance of the impact on them)
- Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?
- Is it a major policy, or a major change to an existing policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?
- Will the decision have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?
- Does the decision relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?
- Does the decision relate to an area with known inequalities?
- Does the decision relate to any equality objectives that have been set by the council?

Please complete the following questions to determine whether a full Stage Two, Equality Impact Assessment is required.

What is the proposed decision that you are asking the Executive to make:	That West Berkshire Council submits a formal response to the draft Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy Framework consultation
Summary of relevant legislation:	
Does the proposed decision conflict with any of the Council's key strategy priorities?	No
Name of assessor:	Gabrielle Mancini
Date of assessment:	26/04/2019

Is this a:		Is this:	
Policy	No	New or proposed	No
Strategy	No	Already exists and is being reviewed	No
Function	No	Is changing	No
Service	No		

1 What are the main aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the proposed decision and who is likely to benefit from it?	
Aims:	To shape a Local Industrial Strategy for Berkshire
Objectives:	To contribute to the consultation on the BLIS to ensure West Berkshire's views are considered as part of this process.
Outcomes:	West Berkshire's views will be reflected in the final document.
Benefits:	West Berkshire District Council and its residents and businesses are given the opportunity to contribute to a document that will have a bearing on the future of the local economy.

2 Note which groups may be affected by the proposed decision. Consider how they may be affected, whether it is positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.)		
Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this
Age	None	

Disability	None	
Gender Reassignment	None	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	None	
Pregnancy and Maternity	None	
Race	None	
Religion or Belief	None	
Sex	None	
Sexual Orientation	None	
Further Comments relating to the item:		

3 Result	
Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer:	
Will the proposed decision have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer:	

If your answers to question 2 have identified potential adverse impacts and you have answered 'yes' to either of the sections at question 3, or you are unsure about the impact, then you should carry out a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment.

If a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment is required, before proceeding you should discuss the scope of the Assessment with service managers in your area. You will also need to refer to the [Equality Impact Assessment guidance and Stage Two template](#).

4 Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	

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Date: 26/04/2019

Please now forward this completed form to Rachel Craggs, Principal Policy Officer (Equality and Diversity) (rachel.craggs@westberks.gov.uk), for publication on the WBC website.