

**...creating the most
enterprising economy in
England**

South East

Local Enterprise Partnership

John Spence, Chairman



Vision & Focus

- A simple mission:

“to create the most enterprising economy in England”

1. Exploring / creating opportunities *for* enterprise; while
2. Addressing the barriers to growth.

- Recognise that businesses create wealth and employment – the LEP facilitates
- Private sector led, 3 vice chairs and local business groupings

Unlocking Growth

- **Delivering 2 Enterprise Zones**
 - Sandwich in Kent; and Harlow in Essex
 - Exploring opportunities for more
- **Allocated £49m Growing Places Funds** – stalled infrastructure projects
 - Up to 32,860 jobs; 25,133 homes delivered
 - Strong pipeline awaiting investment
- **Delayed Development**
 - Accelerating housing development, de-risking sites
 - Role of Government Agencies, Statutory & Non-statutory Bodies
 - Utilities – capacity & provision
 - Financial viability – renegotiating
 - Set aside land – addressing bio-diversity issues
 - Pro-growth culture
- **Connectivity**
 - Mobile telephony ‘not’ spots
 - Transport infrastructure
- **Securing Investment for Growth**
 - EU
 - Single Local Growth Fund
- **Skills & Work Readiness for Growth**
 - Addressing business needs now and in the future

Input: views

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