



## Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) Briefing FAQs

### **1. Significance of the Local Industrial Strategy**

#### ***How are you working alongside the other two trailblazers? (Greater Manchester and West Midlands)***

We have held – and are continuing to hold – discussions with Whitehall regarding both trailblazers.

Regarding the Greater Manchester LIS, it is our understanding that there is more of a focus on the 'grand challenges' with more of a 'sectoral' focus with the West Midlands LIS. Our LIS will focus on the 'international strengths' and global assets within Oxfordshire.

#### ***Who are the 'stakeholders' within this project?***

The term 'stakeholders' within the LIS briefing document is a generic term, covering a number of audiences, including:

- Local authorities
- Universities
- Private sector partners
- Space agencies

#### ***How does the LIS relate to Oxfordshire's Joint Spatial Plan (JSP)?***

Our LIS should work 'hand-in-hand' with the JSP, giving clear evidence-based information alongside it.

### **2. Government input and relations**

#### ***How does the government intend to work alongside OxLEP?***

Whitehall has been clear that they will work with us, as opposed to working at 'arm's length' in the development of the strategy.

#### ***Are there any data sets that could be opened-up by government through this strategy?***

The Government will likely focus on relevant data presented through that fits central government policy.

### **3. Pricing**

#### ***Can you clarify the strategy development budget – is the £120,000 outlined in the LIS project brief exclusive or inclusive of VAT?***

The budget is inclusive of VAT and it is up to the supplier as to how you utilise this budget.

#### ***What budget input will OxLEP make?***

OxLEP may invest up to £100,000 in this strategy, though – at this stage – we are unable to commit exact details as investment will be based upon strategy responses.

***On weighting given to price, is there a specific formula as to how this is measured and assessed?***

The scoring criteria and percentage breakdown is outlined within the briefing document – it is up to suppliers as to how they wish to respond to the brief.

***How is value-for-money assessed?***

This will be outlined within responses and your individual methodology.

***How will an investment plan feed into the brief?***

An investment plan should set out what the LIS will deliver alongside key outcomes. We hope suppliers will present £20,000 investment in such a way that's creative.

## **4. The LIS in practice**

***Regarding sub-contracting elements of a proposed strategy – does OxLEP have a preference on approach?***

Given the potential size of delivery – we would ideally work with one team (i.e. one point of contact) on a day-to-day basis, though this could see further elements sub-contracted. We are open to suggestions.

***What governance will likely be put in place for the LIS?***

A stakeholder steering group exists and will meet fortnightly (made up of local authority, university and Advanced Oxford representatives).

***In terms of core processes, will the LIS be joint-branded and where will the report be published?***

The LIS will almost certainly be a ministerial-signed strategy and used as government evidence. In terms of its branding – it is likely that the document will be co-branded.

## **5. Available resources**

***What existing evidence and strategies are available to support strategy development?***

Many strategies – supporting LIS development – are already in existence, all of which can be utilised when responding to this brief. These include:

- Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)
- OxIS (infrastructure strategy)
- Science Innovation Audit for Oxfordshire

These documents are available via: [www.oxfordshirelep.com/lis](http://www.oxfordshirelep.com/lis)

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