

Industrial Strategy

The Government is developing a modern Industrial Strategy to build on the UK's strengths and enable all parts of the country to succeed. Its aim is to help deliver a high wage, high skilled and competitive economy that works for all.

To ensure it becomes a reality the Government is asking for ideas and feedback and has published a green paper that sets out its vision. It wants to hear from every part of the country, every sector of industry and businesses of every size.

In Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, the LEP has been asked to co-ordinate the response from the business community.

We want to have a genuinely open and collaborative conversation about the things we need to get right to drive long term economic growth and productivity in our area. This builds on our own strategic economic plan and will identify nationally important opportunities in Cornwall which might secure national investment in the future.

That's why we are organising a series of Industrial Strategy workshop events to which local businesses are being invited. These will focus on various themes including skills, finance, research, infrastructure rural issues and priority sectors.

Each workshop will agree a set of key priorities and these will then be widely circulated for further comment in an online survey. The survey will be promoted by the LEP and its partners, including local business groups.

We will then gather the survey responses into a collaborative feedback report that will be sent as the response from Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to the Industrial Strategy green paper.

The workshops take place in the next few weeks in Pool, St Austell and Launceston. You can book your place via our website at www.cioslep.com

Another date for your diary is Friday 3rd March when the LEP and a panel of experts will be hosting an event at the Royal Cornwall Showground looking at the changes to apprenticeships in England. From April this year the way apprenticeships are funded, managed and tested will bring about a major shift in how employers access and pay for their apprenticeship training, so this event is a must for any employer who currently employs apprentices or is thinking about doing so in the future.

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