

# **The Role of the West of England Combined Authority**

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# Background

- » Established in February 2017
- » Chaired by Tim Bowles, West of England Mayor
- » Facilitates more decision-making on a local level on transport, housing and skills
- » Has potential to bring more than £1 billion investment to the region over thirty years.



# Interface with the LEP

## West of England Combined Authority

B&NES

Bristol

South Gloucestershire

## Local Enterprise Partnership

B&NES

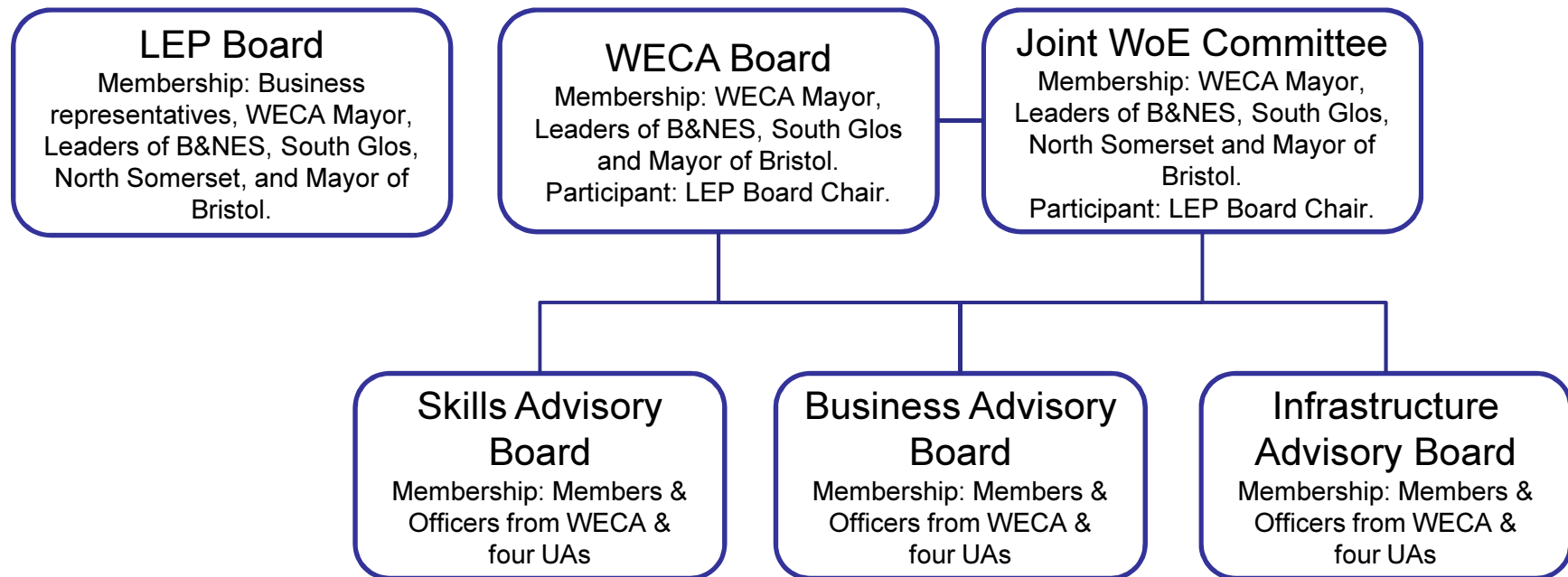
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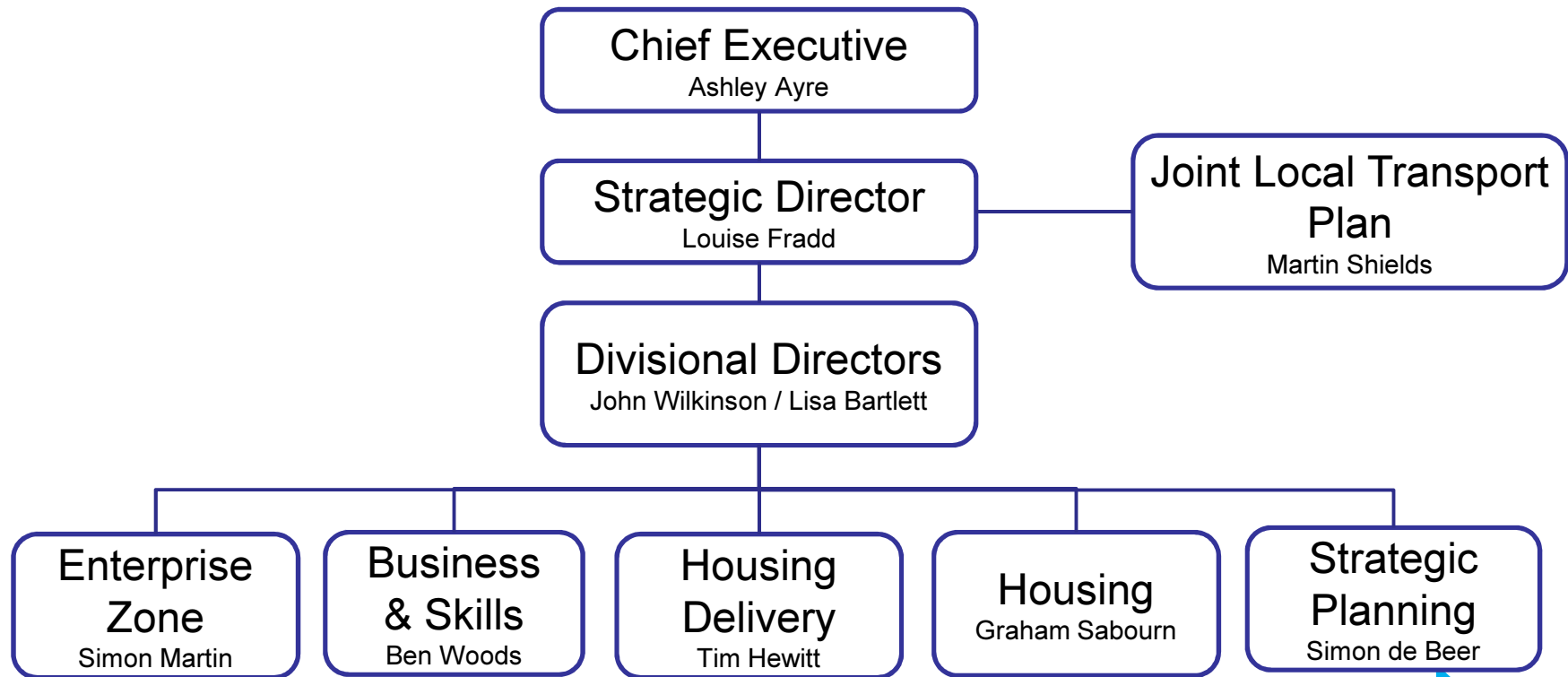
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Staff employed by WECA service both the LEP and the Combined Authority which are linked through their governance arrangements.

# West of England Structure



# B&NES Structure



This organogram covers only the Place Directorate. Other Directorates provide input, such as Resources and Legal.

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# Funding Streams

## LEP Funding

### Local Growth Fund

Grant money given to benefit local area and economy

### Revolving Infrastructure Fund

A loan enabling delivery of infrastructure required for economic and/or housing growth

### Economic Development Fund

Borrowing based on the uplift in business rates

### Sustainable Transport Package

For funding improved walking/cycling routes, and public transport improvements.

## WECA Funding

### Gain Share Funding

For improving transport infrastructure

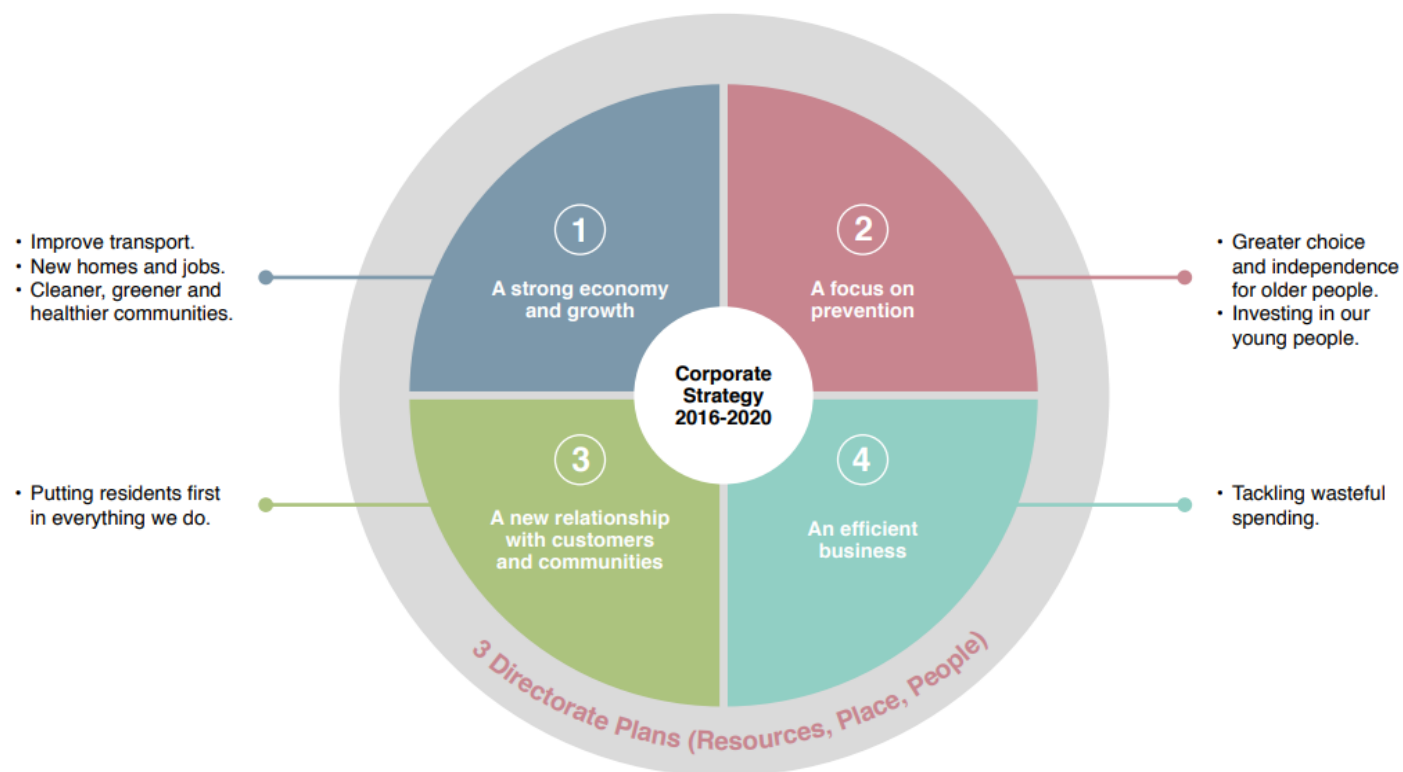
### Housing Infrastructure Fund

Grant funding for new infrastructure  
*(Details to be confirmed)*

### Housing Deal

To fund infrastructure to enable housing growth in the region  
*(Details to be confirmed)*

# B&NES Priorities



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# WECA Priorities

Delivering economic growth for all, under three pillars:

- » Businesses that succeed
- » World class skills for employment
- » Infrastructure fit for the future



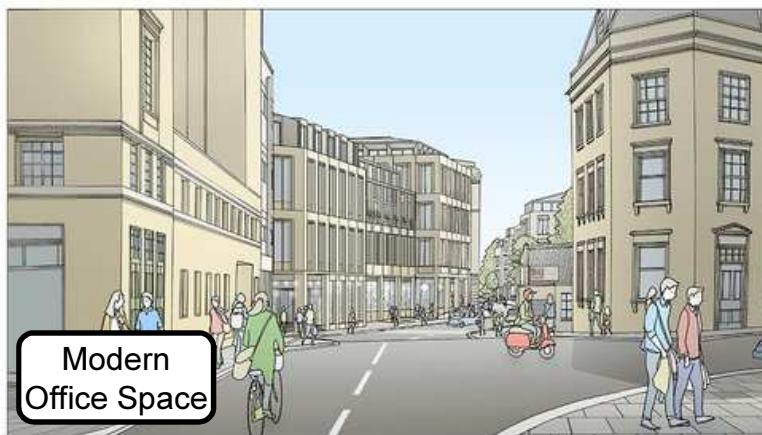
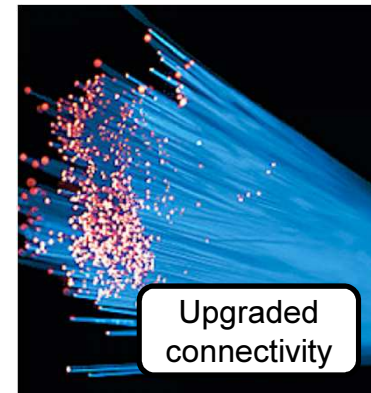
# WECA-Funded Projects

	Title	Description
1	Joint Transport Study Highway Infrastructure.	Developing options for the highway infrastructure required to support strategic housing developments in Keynsham North and Whitchurch.
2	East of Bath Link	To carry out a strategic study in collaboration with Highways England.
3	A37 to A362 Improvements	Will enable the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone to be delivered without further offsite improvements.
4	Hicks Gate Roundabout	Provision of a link from the A4174 to the A4 removing traffic from the roundabout.
5	Freezing Hill Lane Junction	We will undertake a feasibility study to assess options for access improvements from the A420 to Lansdown Park and Ride and Bath.
6	Employment Support Innovation Pilot	Funding to support residents to progress into work.

# LEP-Funded Projects

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1	Superfast Broadband	Supports delivery of superfast broadband. Possible future bid available to enhance provision.
2	Innovation Quay	Enabling works to deliver a new central business and commercial district.
3	Bath Innovation	Business incubation facility offering high quality leases on flexible terms for high-growth businesses.
4	Bath Quays Bridge	Infrastructure to link Bath Quays North and South, providing a vehicle-free route direct into the city.
5	Bath Flood Mitigation	Vital flood defence infrastructure to protect properties along the river. Also creates a new public park.
6	Bath Western Riverside	Decommission of Gas Station to enable future phases of Bath Western Riverside development.
7	Destructor Bridge	Provision of a new two-way bridge, replacing existing Destructor Bridge to make way for new development.
8	Saw Close	New public place linked to Casino development and Theatre Royal in Bath.
9	Bath City Centre Transport Package	To support development of key employment sites in the city centre.
10	Sustainable Transport Fund	Provision of mixed use and cycling schemes in Weston Village, Keynsham, and Midsomer Norton.
11	Metro West Phase 1	Will provide improved linkages from Severn Beach to Bath

# Expected Outcomes



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## Future Opportunities

We anticipate that more funding will become available over the coming months as WECA matures.

B&NES will continue to bid for opportunities where they allow us to progress economic growth in the region.