Summary of Proposals

Review of business support to include a focus on a national website and national call centre

Review of business regulation to support rather than impede growth

'Growth hubs' to be funded to target and support firms with high growth potential

Encouraging local enterprise partnerships to provide more locally targeted business support

Government Skills Strategy to be published shortly. Business-led Sector Skills Councils and National Skills Academies to work with employers to ensure skills provision meets employer needs.

Investment in R&D supporting green, low carbon technologies to be undertaken at the national level. Local infrastructure projects to be considered by LEPs

Government will seek to stimulate green technology supply chains with a local co-ordinating role for LEPs to establish low carbon business clusters.

Government to place emphasis on local leadership for tourism with national support from Visit England.

Destination Management Organisations to deliver tourism activities, led by tourism businesses and embracing existing tourism partnerships.

UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) to work with LEPs to maximise foreign inward investment and to assist business with international trade.

Greater consistency of approach to venture capital and loan schemes including local fund management in areas of need, a potential role for LEPs

Regional Grants for Business Investment (GBI) to be withdrawn, national exceptional funding scheme will operate

Job Centre Plus to work with LEPs to focus on worklessness within disadvantaged communities.

All funding for adult skills to be routed via the Skills Funding Agency. 16-19 provision to be organised at local authority level without the need for sub regional partnerships.

LEP to provide leadership on Broadband issues

LEPs to engage on transport infrastructure issues via local transport plans and funding bids.

HCA to work with LEPs to drive regeneration with an emphasis using resources to support local communities.