

# North East Local Industrial Strategy Progress Update

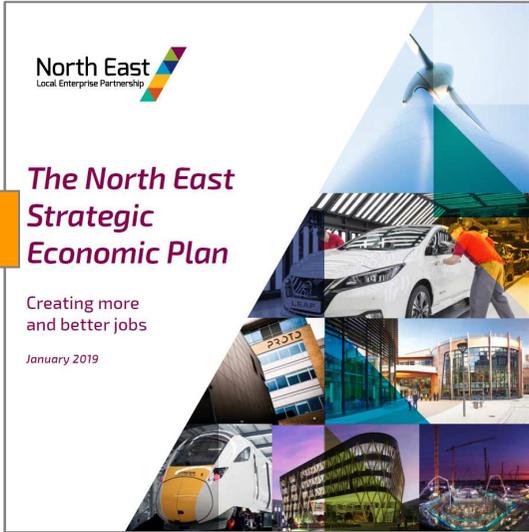
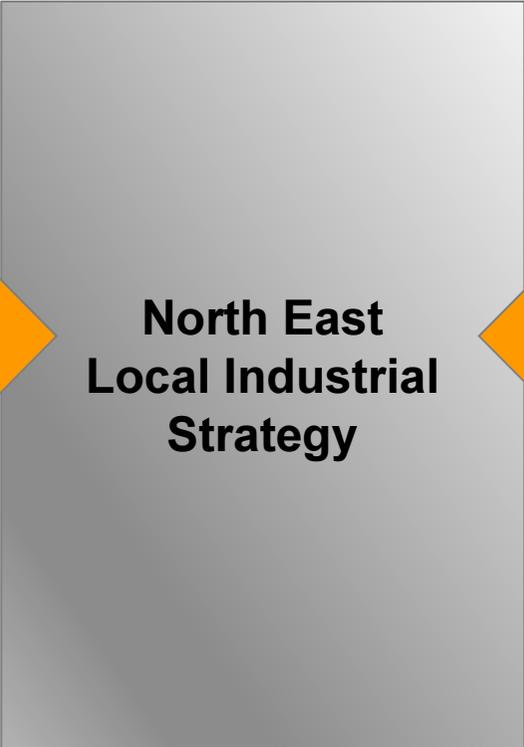
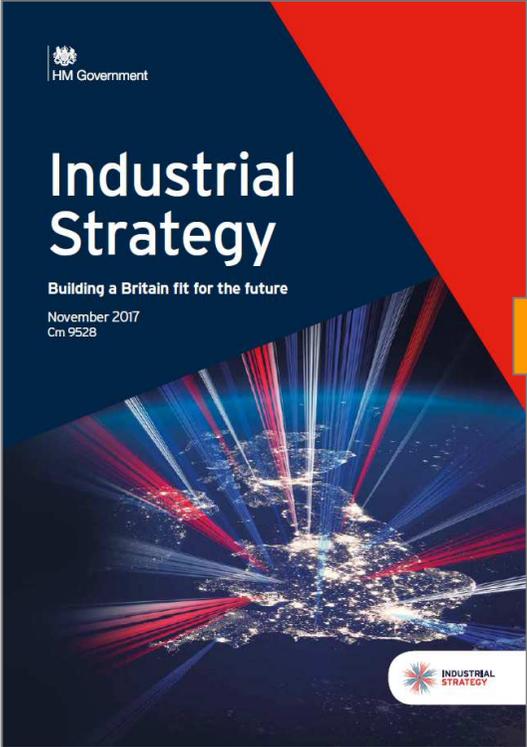
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# Overview



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## NE LIS Development Process

- **May:** Cross-Government panel to review LIS evidence. NELEP Board to review evidence, headline narrative and key propositions
- **June:** Cross-Government panel to review LIS headline narrative and propositions
- **Summer:** LIS consultation
- **Autumn:** LIS approval by Government

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## NE LIS Structure

- 9 'proposition summary packs' circulated by NECA for comment
  - 5 based on National Industrial Strategy 'foundations' (ideas, people, places, infrastructure, business environment)
  - 4 based on the NELEP SEP 'areas of strategic importance' (manufacturing, digitalisation, energy, health)
- Due for sign-off by end of September

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# NE LIS Engagement

- NELEP Board
- North East Combined Authority
- NE Local Industrial Strategy Evidence Forum
  - Via vice Chair of County Durham Economic Partnership
- NE Local Industrial Strategy Summit

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## Purpose

*“Local areas in England are being asked to prepare Local Industrial Strategies to prioritise long-term opportunities and challenges to increasing local productivity. This prioritisation will help local areas decide on their approach to maximising the long-term impact of the **UKSPF** once details of its operation and priorities are announced following the Spending Review.”*

James Brokenshire, July 2018

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## UK Shared Prosperity Fund

- Still awaiting official consultation
  - Originally due Autumn 2018
- Recent select committee consultations:
  - 2018: Rural Economy (BEIS)
  - May: Regional Growth (BEIS)
  - August: Devolution (MHCLG)
  - August: Regional Imbalances (Treasury)

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## UK Shared Prosperity Fund

*“Although the Government has not yet published its consultation on the Fund, a number of organisations have already made comments about the possible design... most organisations seem to agree that the level of funding should be **at least maintained at its current level**, it should largely be **allocated based on need**, and **local authorities and partners should be closely involved.**”*

Commons Briefing papers CBP-8527, 3 September 2019

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# Issues

- Unclear position of new Prime Minister and Chancellor on regional growth and funding
- Ongoing Brexit uncertainty:
  - Replacement of EU funding?
  - Merged with other funds?
  - Competitive bidding?
- Investment in combined authorities

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# Influencing

