

Submission to Cabinet
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From Max Hunt CC

Item 5: LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY 2021-2030

I support the points made in Para 32 and note the criticism of the lack of clarity on so many areas.

I have several further concerns and queries which the LLEP might want to consider.

- As a strategy to deliver for the *next ten years* is it very clear which external changes are going to impact on our economy and which changes can be effected within Leicestershire?
- The document states that *60,000 skilled workers* are likely to be needed at the EMEGG Freeport. Should it say something about their training and travel to that employment?
- Will there be any fundamental changes to Leicestershire's economy due to *Brexit*? They are already affecting the agricultural economy.
- The strategy lacks a *sector by sector* analysis. Is it not important to assess each sector's economic needs and prospects?
- As the Cabinet paper says, climate change is not fully addressed but LLEP needs to decide whether to focus on the *Green Economy* (cf [Midlands Engine 10 point Plan](#)) or simply address mitigation.
- The *Circular Economy* is mentioned but not addressed. Is this something the LLEP needs to give more thought towards?
- Transport is rather left to Midlands Connect yet LLEP has funded major road works. Is LLEP continuing in that role?
- Are new measures including the [UK Prosperity Index](#), rather than strict use of GVA, likely to determine future public investment.
- Is major road building generating less economic growth than formerly anticipated?

It is not clear in what capacity *Cambridge Econometrics* have authored the draft document since it is not named in the report. A list of references to the any contributing evidence would be useful.

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