



Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal

Progress Update - March 2019



Governments' Funding Commitment

The Borderlands Partnership has welcomed the commitment in the UK Government's Spring 2019 Statement and the announcement of a £345 million deal from the UK and Scottish Governments, describing the news as a 'game changer'.

The multi-million-pound funding stream comes just six months after the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal proposal was presented to the two Governments.

It will mean thousands of new job opportunities, millions of extra tourists to the area, improved digital connectivity and unlocking investment in towns across the region generating a predicted £1.3bn return on the Governments' investment.

Detailed talks will now continue to establish the exact level of funding allocated to various schemes.

Now we know how much we're getting overall, we can start planning the detail to be able to deliver a range of projects across the region, all designed to boost productivity and to achieve inclusive growth.

What is already clear is that the long-term benefits will reach all parts of the Borderlands. This deal will directly benefit 1.1 million residents and will generate more job opportunities as well as attracting extra tourists to our region each year.

It will improve our productivity, help us to attract younger people to live and work in the region as well as improve the quality of life for our existing residents and communities.

This Investment Could Generate



Increased GVA to close the gap with the UK GVA



Directly benefiting 1.1 million residents



Generate more job opportunities



Additional tourism visitors per annum



Reduction in carbon emissions



New employment floorspace



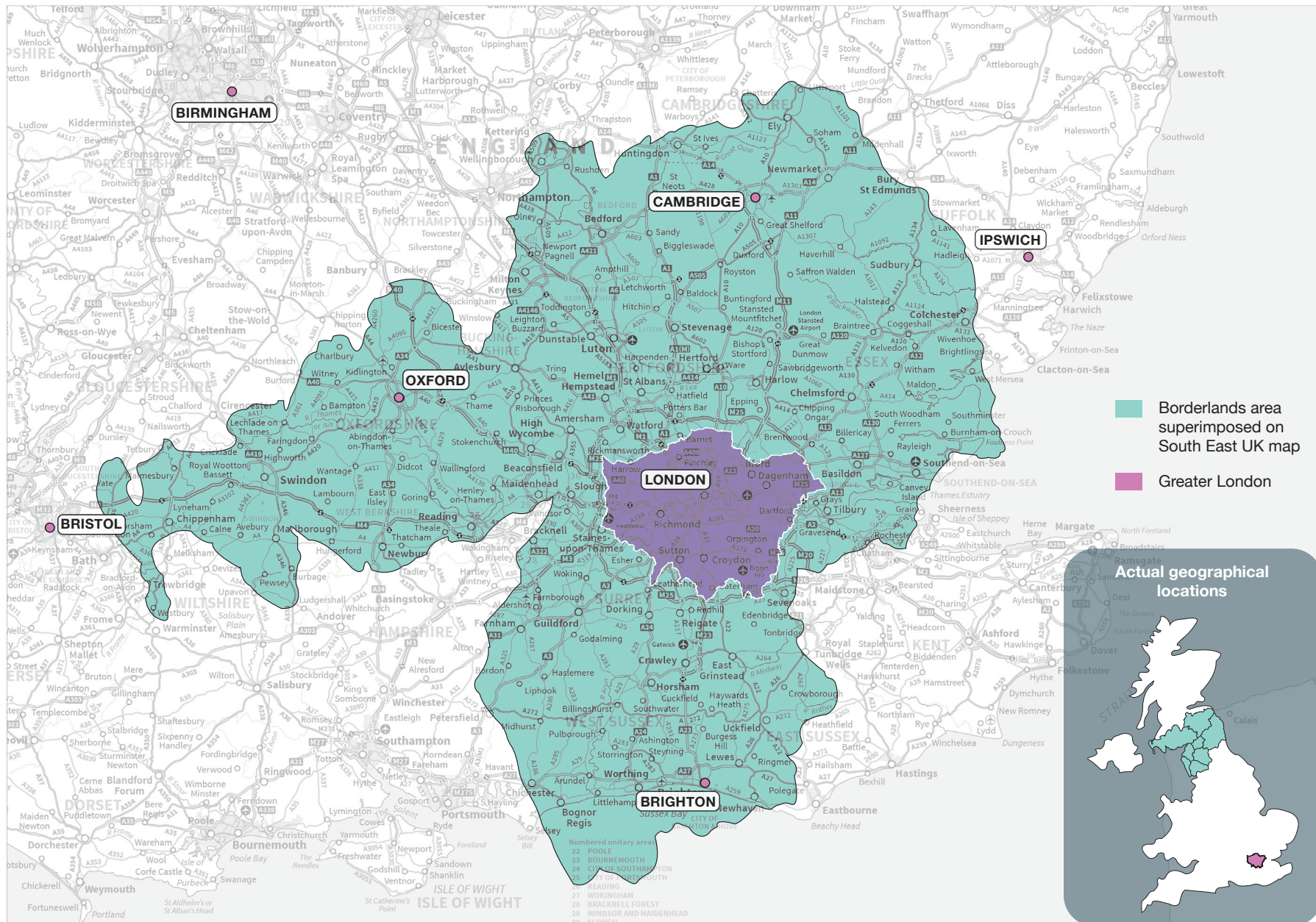
Improved transport and broadband connectivity



Increased student numbers and higher level skills

Our Geography

The Borderlands region is nationally significant, covering 10% of the UK and strategically positioned at the centre of the UK, linking England and Scotland together and covering an area larger than Wales. The area is home to significant national assets including several market towns supporting a population of 1.1 million.



The Story So Far

The Borderlands Partnership brings together the five cross-border local authorities: Carlisle City Council; Cumbria County Council; Dumfries and Galloway Council; Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council.

Collectively we drew together the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal proposal which was submitted to the UK and Scottish Governments at the end of September 2018. Its strategy-led approach reflects the unique characteristics of the Borderlands and provides clarity on how we will deliver transformational economic development.

It included four place-based projects: the redevelopment of Chapelcross former power station in Dumfries and Galloway; Mountain Bike Innovation Centre in the Scottish Borders; Berwick Theatre and Conference Centre in Northumberland and Carlisle Station Gateway in Cumbria.

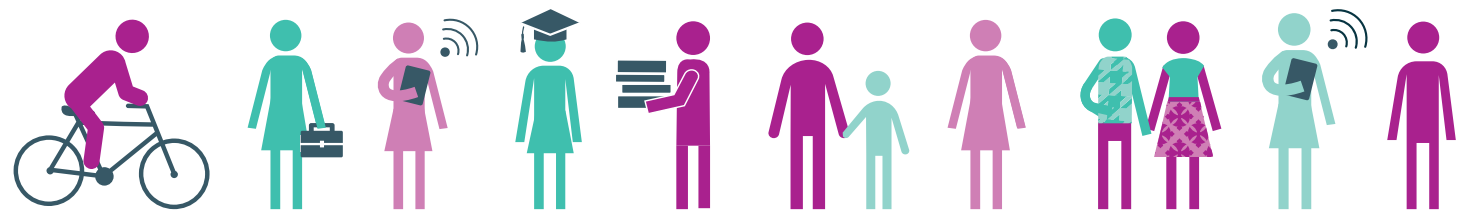
In addition, we have developed six Borderlands wide programmes: Digital Borderlands; Borderlands Energy Investment Company; Destination Borderlands; Quality of Place; Knowledge Exchange Network and Business Infrastructure Programme. We believe, that collectively, these will deliver benefits across the wider Borderlands geography. The document submitted to the Governments also highlighted areas where the Borderlands partners are seeking to work jointly with the UK and Scottish Governments going forward, linked to strategic transport schemes and land and marine management.

The key strategic cross-border project, to carry out feasibility work for extending the Borders Railway from Carlisle to Tweedbank, will benefit the whole region and is also included in the Borderlands proposal.

Next Steps

We continue to work closely with both Governments on the next steps to deliver on our ambitions for the whole of the Borderlands region. The next steps will be to achieve Heads of Terms with both Governments. We will let you know the outcome.

We will also provide updates at www.Borderlandsgrowth.com or email us at info@borderlandsgrowth.com



The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal is being delivered by the following partners:

