



# SOUTH LONDON PARTNERSHIP ECONOMIC RECOVERY AGENDA ON A PAGE


## OUR PRE-PANDEMIC ECONOMY (2019)

 **£32 Billion**  
Generated


 **440,000**  
Jobs

 **42%**  
of residents working  
in the sub-Region  
whilst 37% commuted  
into central London

 **Highly Skilled**  
**Workforce**  
with 52.8% working  
adults educated to  
NVQ4 (degree) level +


 **Low**  
**unemployment**  
at 4.1% (London 4.4%)

## THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC

 **12%**  
**Economic contraction**  
estimated in 2020 (London  
10.4%, UK 11.4%)

 **32,000**  
**Jobs lost**  
over 2020 and 2021


 **Rise in**  
**benefit claims**  
94.3% increase in Universal  
Credit claimants March  
2020 to May 2021


 **Greater**  
**unemployment**  
at 5.3% in 2020 and  
forecast to peak at 6.4%  
in summer 2021

 **Increased**  
**in-work poverty**  
forecast 37.9% UC  
claimants in work

## NEW AND EXISTING CHALLENGES

 **Lower**  
**Jobs Growth**  
0.4% growth from 2015  
to 2019 (London 6.6%)

 **A productivity**  
**challenge**  
pre-pandemic £31,144  
per head contribution  
to the London economy  
(London £47,534)

 **Higher levels**  
**of in-work poverty**  
pre-pandemic 44% of  
Sutton employees earn  
below London Living  
Wage (London 20%)

 **Public transport**  
**deficit**  
65% of residents in areas with  
the poorest public transport  
access – travel behaviours  
and choices may take time  
to resettle post-pandemic

 **Pressures on**  
**retail & high street vitality**

## OUR PRIORITIES FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

 **1** **Helping**  
**residents**  
into good work

 **2** **Supporting**  
**innovation**

 **3** **Improving**  
**infrastructure**  
and connectivity

 **4** **Addressing**  
**the climate**  
emergency

 **5** **Revitalising**  
**high streets and**  
economic areas

# SOUTH LONDON PARTNERSHIP ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACTION PLAN ON A PAGE

## 1. HELPING RESIDENTS INTO GOOD WORK

Supporting those who have lost jobs to get back into good work with upskilling, reskilling and other support to adapt to the changing labour market, while keeping a focus on those who have long faced challenges in getting into good work and addressing inequalities and in-work poverty.

- A** Gather and share labour market intelligence to support our own and partners' work.
- B** Secure delivery of our devolved employment support programmes (£13.5m Better Working Futures – the SLP Work and Health Programme and £3.5m Job Entry Targeted Support) and influence the commissioning and delivery of new DWP or other programmes.
- C** Deliver Constructing South London our Mayor's Construction Academy Hub to streamline pathways into construction jobs, including for under-represented groups eg women and ethnic minorities, and support green construction.
- D** Improve pathways into health and care jobs through the South West London Integrated Care System Strengthening Communities Anchor Institution workstream.
- E** Work with partners to develop a 'No Wrong Door' to help people more easily to navigate and access the range of support available to help them get into good work.
- F** Bid to deliver the South London Careers Hub and if successful secure its delivery and contribution to a more integrated skills and employment offer.
- G** Work with businesses and skills providers to develop a Local Skills Improvement Plan and respond to other national policy and funding changes.

## 2. SUPPORTING INNOVATION

Improving business survival and renewal and increase productivity, and stimulate growth in knowledge-based businesses and jobs to create more higher skilled and higher paid work opportunities closer to home for our residents.

- A** Deliver the £6.04m BIG South London programme with universities, colleges and businesses to forge an innovation eco-system, deliver innovation support, and create seven new workspaces.
- B** Work with partners to identify and pursue opportunities for South London from the Government's Innovation Strategy and further policy and funding developments.
- C** Deliver the £4m InnOvaTe (Internet of Things) programme to pilot the use of small sensors to capture data to shape the most effective action to support economic recovery, improve services, respond and adapt to climate change, and support residents.

## 3. IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY

Supporting economic recovery and the climate emergency response by improving public transport, increasing cycling and walking, and improving digital infrastructure.

- A** Seek opportunities to improve transport connectivity including to strengthen orbital links and links into and out of the sub-region, increase active travel, reduce the climate impacts of transport, and shape approaches to new technologies.
- B** Recruit two sub-regional Digital Infrastructure Enablers, funded by the Mayor, to work with borough and providers to accelerate the roll out of full fibre digital infrastructure.

## 4. ADDRESSING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Sharing best practice and collaborating on common challenges to respond to the climate emergency and support a green recovery.

- A** Develop sub-regional sustainability and climate projects to accelerate the response to the climate emergency and position ourselves for future funding opportunities.
- B** Promote sustainability and climate actions through all SLP programmes.

## 5. REVITALISING HIGH STREETS AND ECONOMIC AREAS

Sharing best practice and collaborating on common challenges facing our high streets, town centres and areas of economic activity to support their adaptation and vitality.

- A** Develop a programme of activity to share best practice and collaborate on common challenges facing our high streets, town centres and other areas of economic activity.