



Developing a Science and Innovation Strategy for Cheshire and Warrington

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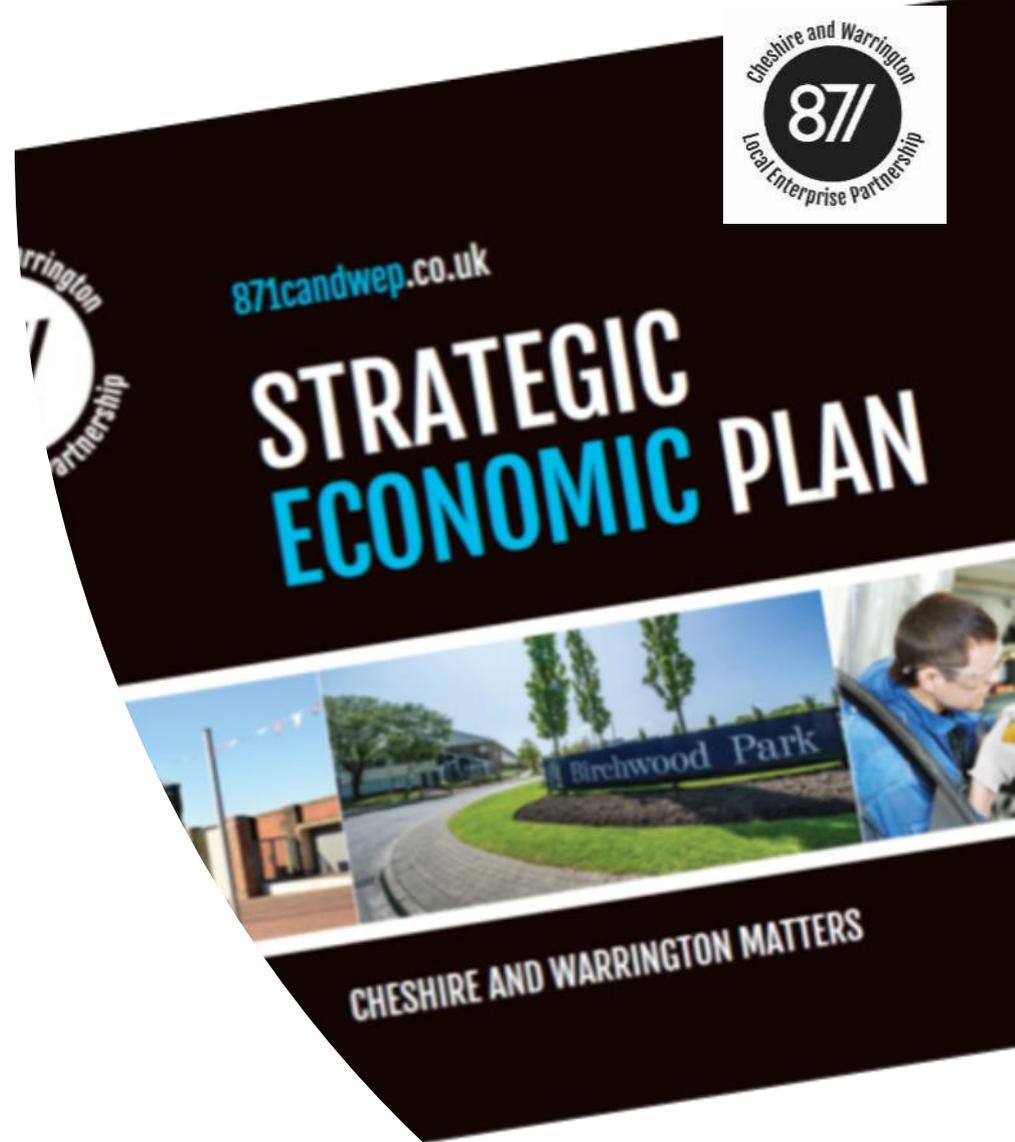
What will the Strategy Cover...

The Science and Innovation Strategy will...

- Set out, from a Cheshire and Warrington perspective, why science and innovation matters
- Set out what our aspirations are – and how they align with the growth agenda and existing strategies
- Outline the current position – and what projects are in the pipeline
- Set out how we're going to realise our ambitions and where we should focus our efforts
- Develop a clear narrative about the benefits of Cheshire and Warrington as a destination for science and innovation R&D
- Set out a clear plan of delivery and how we will measure whether the strategy has worked.

Science and Innovation in the SEP

- Innovation is critical to maintaining and improving productivity
- We are home to many innovative businesses and key science assets – some of them of global significance
- Business investment in innovation, research and development in Cheshire and Warrington is high; public sector investment lags behind many other areas
- The Cheshire Science Corridor is the key spatial priority for Science and Innovation in the SEP.



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Cheshire Science Corridor



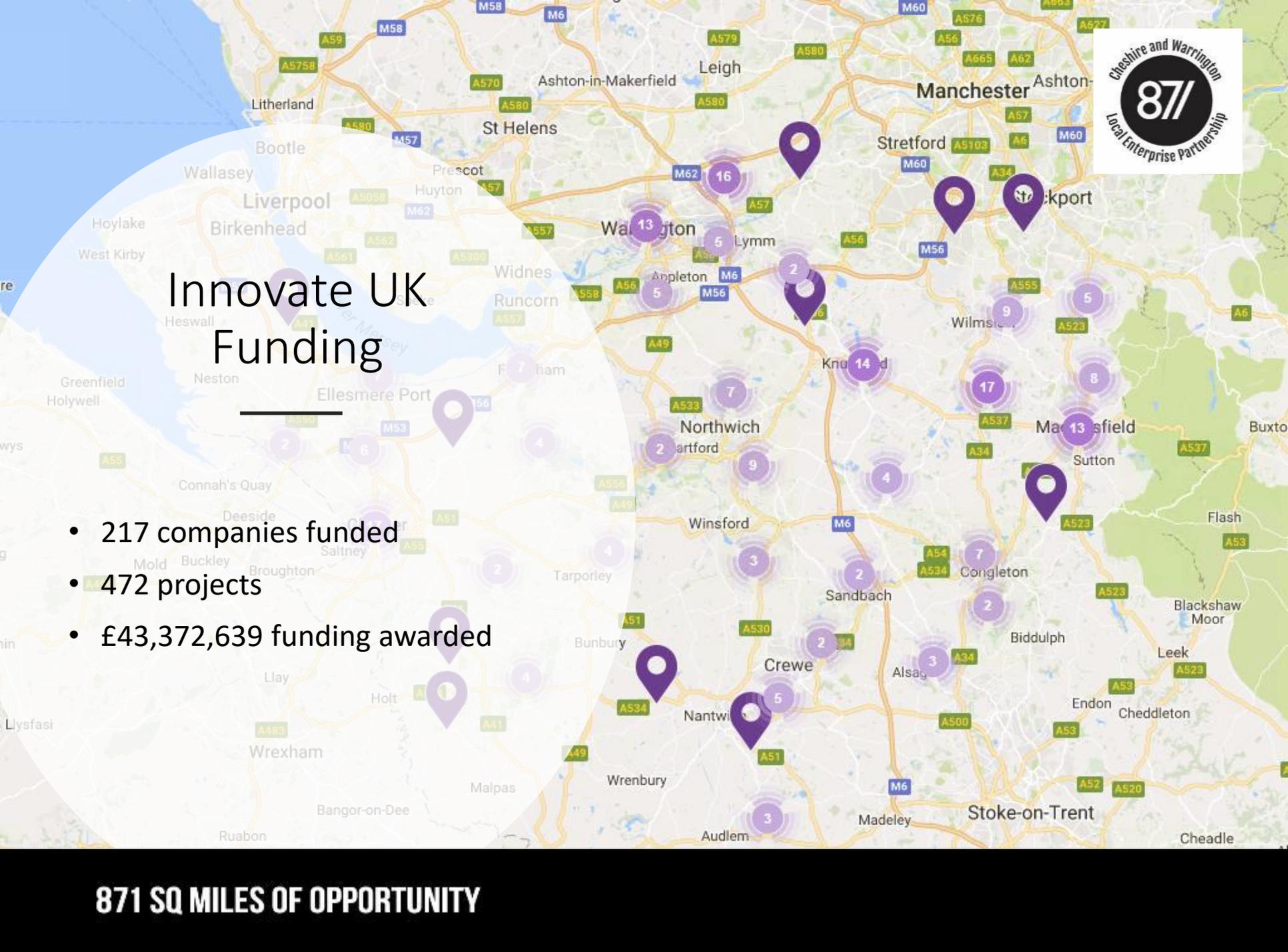
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Innovate UK Funding

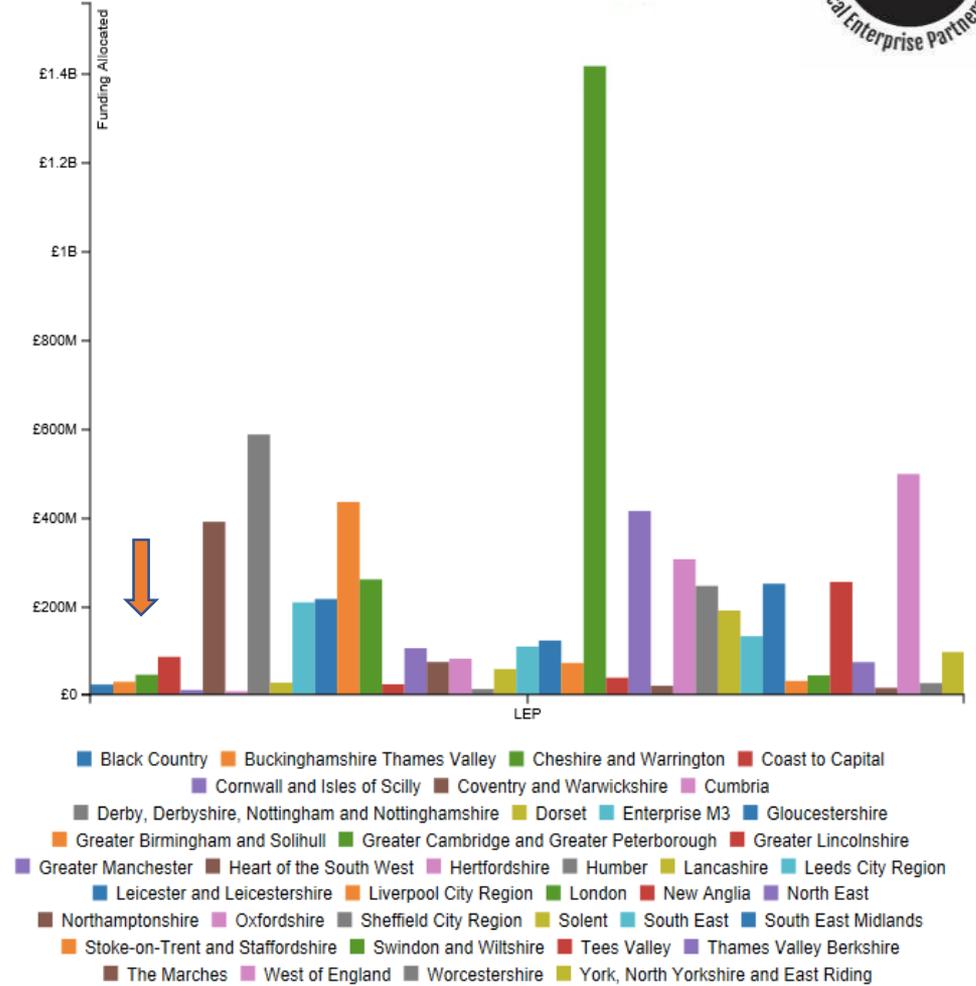
- 217 companies funded
- 472 projects
- £43,372,639 funding awarded

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Funding by Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)



Science and Innovation Objectives

Creating a place
where innovation and
new thinking is
encouraged and
supported



Science and Innovation Objectives

Offering a fertile location for academic and industrial research and development, working to support a strong ecosystem that can develop and deliver practical commercial solutions



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Science and Innovation Objectives



- Use the Cheshire Science Corridor as a foundation to develop and maintain innovation and knowledge networks and linkages with Centres of Excellence (including Catapult Centres) elsewhere in the UK and internationally.
- Identify and support those areas where we can demonstrate a track record of innovation excellence and which could be developed, through working with Government, into nationally and internationally-leading resources.
- Build stronger links to those research-intensive Universities in neighbouring sub-regions and beyond which are undertaking academic research of relevance to our business base



Science and Innovation Objectives

- Build on the strengths identified in Science and Innovation Audits undertaken with Greater Manchester LEP and Liverpool City Region LEP and others
- Work with education and skills providers to ensure business has access to a workforce with the qualifications and skills they need



Making it Happen

- Stakeholder workshop – March 2018
- Potential to commission external support to facilitate this
- Agreeing our ambition
- Mapping and gapping – what's our evidence base?
- Areas of potential 'excellence' – and future investment
- Areas of potential collaboration with others



