

# **Local Jobs from Inclusive Growth**

Presentation to the Economy, Skills and Transport  
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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# Local Jobs from Inclusive Growth Productivity & Skills Commission Update

- **The Commission** - launched by WMCA in April to increase Growth & Productivity in the West Midlands
- **Technical Reference Group** - established to review evidence, including responses to “Call for Evidence”
- **Productivity Leadership Group** - formed in July to examine data on the Productivity Gap between the West Midlands and UK, by Sector

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## **The Issue**

The West Midlands has the largest productivity gaps in the following sectors:

- Business Professional & Financial Services
- Digital & Creative Industries
- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering

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## **Suggested Hypothesis:**

- Lack of, or ineffective Capital Investment
- Problems with the Supply Chain
- Low Productivity per Hour Worked
- Lack of High Quality Housing & Schools

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## **Key Deliverables:**

- Education, Employment & Skills Strategy led by the LEPS - Autumn 2017
- Influence the devolved Adult Education Budget – interim arrangement for 2018/19 and full devolution in 2019/20?
- Develop sector focused plans and capitalise on employer engagement

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## Resources:

- **Budget** - £392,000
- **Staff** – Project Manager, Support Officer and Graduate Research Analyst, to be in post by autumn
- **Additional Funding** – £200,000 for joint work with the FE Sector to develop the sector focused plans and routes