



The Three Southern Counties (the 3SC):  
The devolution proposition for  
West Sussex, East Sussex and Surrey

# The case for a 3SC devolution deal

- Rationale
- The prize and its benefits
- Workstreams
- Next steps



# The devolution opportunity



- A number of areas have already secured devolution deals – e.g. Greater Manchester, Cornwall and Sheffield City Region
- 38 areas, including the 3SC, submitted devolution bids to Government by 4 September 2015 deadline.
- It is important for East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey to take advantage of this opportunity

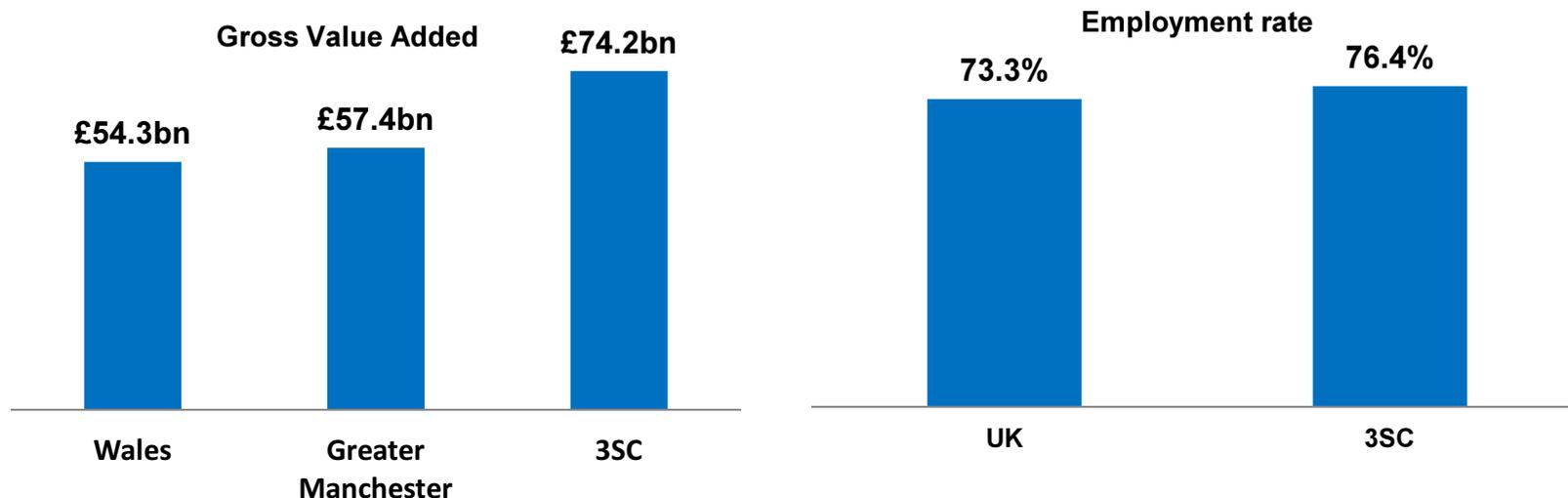
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- Cardiff
- Cheshire and Warrington
- Cornwall
- Cumbria
- Dorset
- Gloucestershire
- Greater Brighton
- Greater Essex
- Greater Lincolnshire
- Greater Manchester
- Greater Yorkshire
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight
- Heart of the South West
- Herefordshire
- Hull, Yorkshire, Leeds City Region and the Northern Powerhouse
- Inverness and Highland City
- Leeds City Region
- Leicestershire and Leicester
- Liverpool City Region
- London
- Norfolk
- Northamptonshire
- North East
- North Midlands – Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
- Oxfordshire
- Sheffield City Region
- **Surrey, West Sussex and East Sussex**
- Swindon
- Suffolk
- Tees Valley
- Telford and Wrekin
- West Midlands
- West of England
- Wiltshire
- Worcestershire
- York, North Yorkshire and East Riding

**Devolution bids submitted to Government on 4 September 2015**

# Why a devolution deal with 3SC?



- An internationally important economic engine:
  - A combined GVA of over £74 billion, more than Wales or Greater Manchester;
  - One of the highest employment rates in the country (76.4%);
  - Significant contribution to national exchequer.



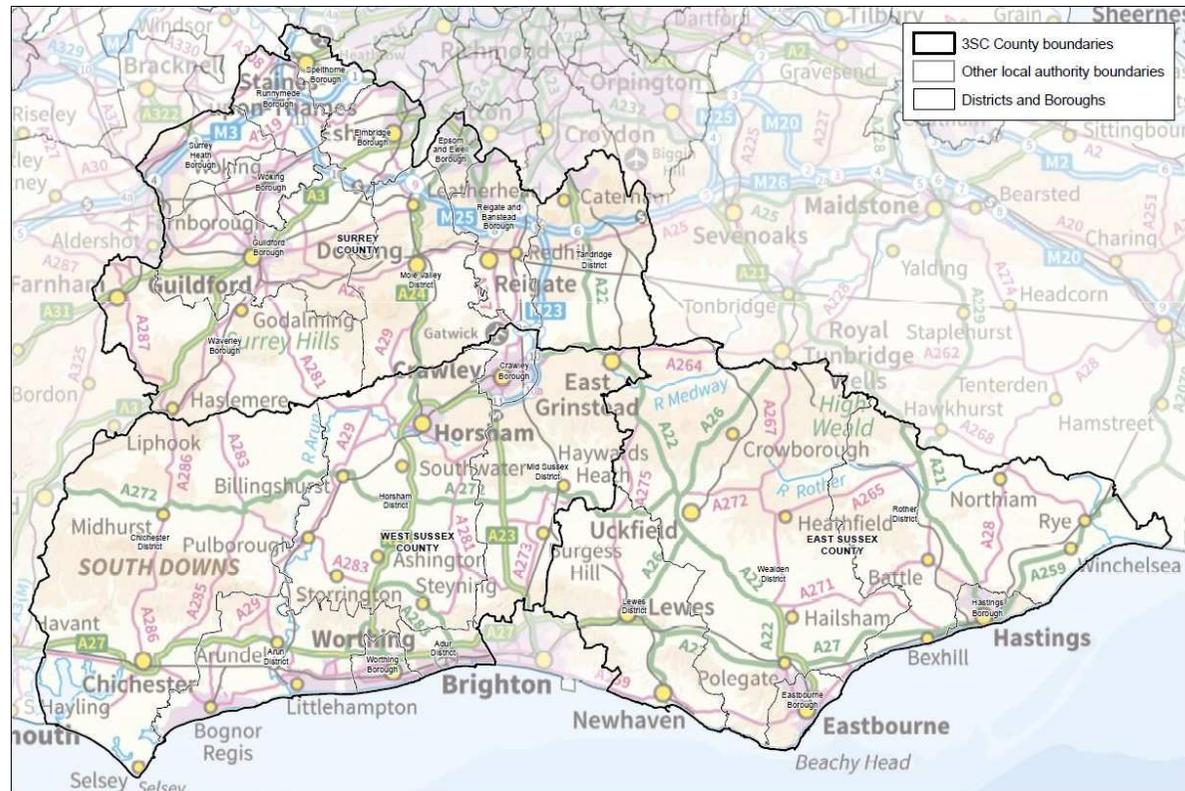
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- Action needed to sustain and grow the economy:
  - Infrastructure beginning to creak;
  - Growing demands on public services;
  - Businesses facing recruitment challenges requiring action on housing and skills;
  - Parts of the area with unfulfilled economic potential.



# Why West Sussex, East Sussex and Surrey?



- Scale
- Relationship with London and Brighton



# What's our track record?

- Track record of partnership working through SE7;
- Effective collaboration with the 3 LEPs;
- Proven delivery capability;
- Orbis, Waste Collection in East Sussex, shared services (youth offending, fire control, procurement, assets);
- Close collaboration with CCGs on Better Care Fund and integration of health and care;
- Public service transformation work on troubled families and blue light.



# What's the prize?

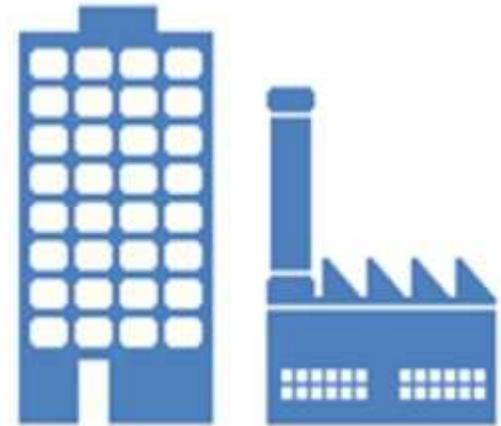
- Sustained economic growth, strengthening our contribution to national economy and exchequer;
- Releasing full economic potential of the area;
- Significant benefits for local residents;
- Making the 3SC area an even better place to do business and live in by:
  - A long term shared infrastructure strategy;
  - Accelerated house building;
  - Short and long term action on skills;
  - Smart specialisation in pioneering sectors such as 5G
  - Public service transformation.



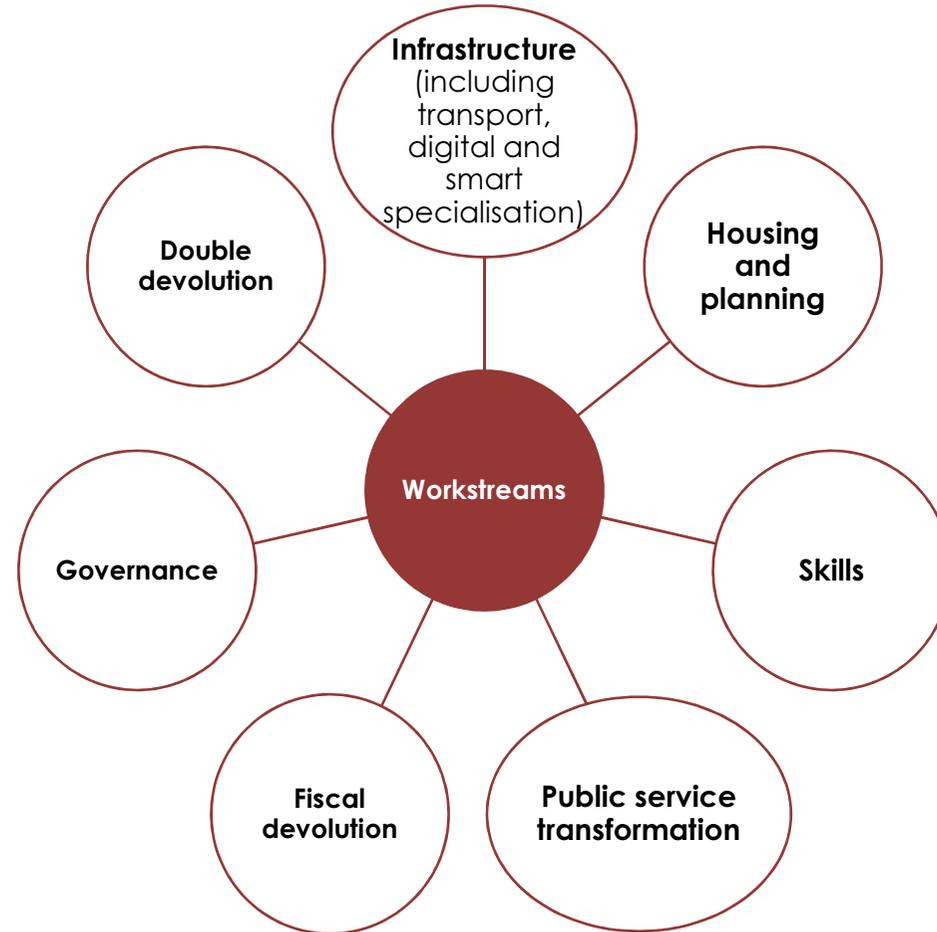


# Who will benefit?

- Residents
  - More housing for people to live closer to their work.
  - Less road and rail congestion, improved journey times and reliability.
  - Job creation.
  - Improved digital infrastructure.
  - Public services delivering better outcomes and improved value for money.
- Business
  - Improved transport and digital connectivity.
  - A more skilled, adaptable and flexible workforce.
  - Enhanced trade and inward investment by improving connectivity to our international links (ports and airports).
  - Strengthened support for business.



# What are the workstreams?

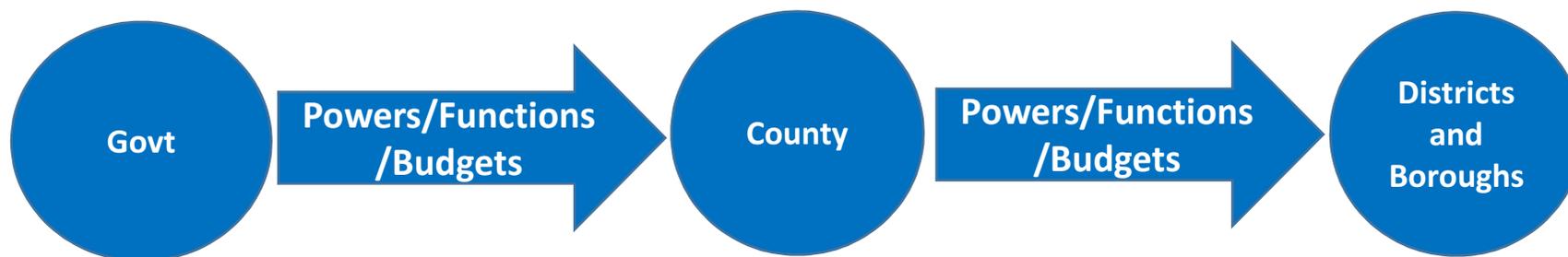


\* Each with a Leader champion, CEO sponsor and workstream lead.

# Double devolution



- The three county areas are committed to exploring “double devolution” in distinctive ways.
- Workstream will run in parallel to the devolution negotiations with Government.
- A new settlement between counties and districts will be crucial in:
  - Achieving a number of objectives from the proposed deal in relation to infrastructure, housing and planning; and
  - Securing public service transformation.
- Different District and Borough groupings are leading this work across the 3SC. Trevor Pugh from Surrey CC is coordinating work in Surrey.



# Ministerial challenge session



- Held on 14 January with Baroness Williams of Trafford.
- Very positive meeting.
- Gave confidence a devolution agreement can be negotiated with Government.
- Good discussions on housing, particularly on use of brownfield sites and surplus Government land and buildings.
- Important to make substantial progress on governance arrangements.





# What next?

- Develop the propositions in more detail with Government.
- All Councils take decisions in accordance with their internal governance requirements to support the 3SC deal.
- Prepare for a Governance review.

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