

Economic Development Consultants Directory



The IED Consultants Directory is a live document that is continuously updated by the Consultants. The objectives are:

- * Assist organisations wishing to use the services of an economic development or regeneration professional to find the most appropriate to their needs
- * To enable Consultancies that employ or are owned by IED Members to showcase their skills and expertise to the range of economic development and regeneration organisations

The Consultancies listed in this Directory vary in size and the range of services offered but they have all pledged to operate within the IED Code of Professional Conduct **. The Code can be viewed and downloaded here (http://www.ied.co.uk/pdf/code_professional_conduct.pdf).

There is also a Consultants Group which exists to promote the interests of IED Members who are consultants and the value of consultancy to the wider economic development profession. If you would like to know more, please see our contact details below.

Please note that all organisations are listed alphabetically according to their choice and there is an index on the next page. If your organisation is not included and you believe it should be, please contact us ***.

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General Information

AECOM's Economics and Economic Development team provide services for public and private sectors in regeneration, economics, property, town planning services and infrastructure development. Examples include:

- Socio-Economic, Community and Health Impact assessments to support planning applications;
- The development of business cases and option appraisals for regeneration projects and programmes;
- Economic strategy and policy development focused on growth sectors, employment and skills, and Government support programmes; and
- Economic research and analysis to inform national and local economic development and regeneration priorities.

Main Services

- Business case development
- Business case appraisal
- Town Investment Plans and Strategies
- Socio-economic and Wider Economic impact assessment
- Population and health assessment
- Health impact assessment
- Policy development
- Employment land reviews
- Feasibility studies

Recent Projects

- AECOM are among the UK leading consultancies delivering socio-economic, community and health impact assessment with a track record that includes some of the UK's largest infrastructure and urban regeneration projects as well as being among the market leaders in the preparation of employment land studies, having undertaken over forty studies of this type over the past ten years. Project examples include High Speed 2 Socio-Economic Assessment, People and Communities assessment for the A303 Stonehenge DCO Application, Oxford-Cambridge Arc Economic and Housing Studies and award-winning economic evidence-based studies on proposed Crossrail 2 stations in London.
- Our team's experience includes involvement in Future High Street Fund and Town Investment Plan bids as well as a range of other high street / town centre related studies (e.g. London high street investment benefit appraisal study for the Greater London Authority (GLA)). The latter explored good practice and expected benefits to London's high streets of public investment and policy. This involved case study selection and research to demonstrate different typologies and identification of key drivers of high street and broader retail trends.
- Finally, through years of involvement in Green Book evaluations and appraisals, we have acquired in-depth knowledge of the techniques which may be used for the programme's final evaluation along with their limitations. Most recently, we evaluated the Local Growth Fund programme for Solent LEP and GBS LEP. As part of this, we have conducted a Covid-19 assessment to review the risks associated with the pandemic on sponsored projects.

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General Information

The success of BiGGAR Economics has been based on our track record of producing high quality outputs for our clients, on time.

Our overall aim is to generate sustainable economic growth and promote social equity by:

- providing high quality advisory, consultancy and research services; and
- building a company that provides high quality employment and generates substantial Gross Value Added.

The areas in which we specialise have been developed as a result of our consultants pursuing specific professional interests. We provide a range of services for central and local government, economic development agencies, other government agencies, universities, colleges, social economy organisations and private sector firms across the UK and Ireland.

Main Services

Our main services are:

- Strategy & Policy Development - Economic Appraisal - Economic Impact Assessments - Research & Benchmarking - Feasibility Studies
- Business Planning - Monitoring & Evaluation

Areas in which we specialise include:

- Life Sciences - Renewable Energy - Science & Business Parks - Colleges & Skills - Higher Education - Tourism & Leisure - Business Start-Up & SME Development - Social Economy - Commercialisation & Innovation - Regeneration - Economic Research for Planning

Recent Projects

- evaluation of Innovation Vouchers programme for North West Development Agency
- economic impact of Moredun Research Institute
- research on costs of new Forth Crossing for Scottish Parliament Financial Scrutiny Unit
- review of Business Gateway National Unit for Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (Cosla)
- evaluation of North West's Collaborative Innovation Partnerships
- education demand assessments in Scottish Borders, East Lothian & Edinburgh
- economic & tourism impact assessment of Glenmorie Wind Farm proposals
- economic impact of Robert Gordon University Aberdeen
- economic impact assessment of Highlands & Islands ICT strategy
- appraisal of Power Networks Demonstration Centre for Scottish Enterprise
- economic impact of Draft Land Registration Scotland Bill

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General Information

Built on over 25 years of economic and social regeneration experience, Blinkbright provides significant expertise and support for the public, private and not for profit sectors.

Our leadership team is highly experienced in delivering evaluation services, impact assessments, strategic reviews and development across the public, VCS, private and not for profit sectors.

Main Services

Blinkbright offers a comprehensive Research and Evaluation Service, with expertise in applied research techniques, economic impact assessment, policy and strategic reviews, qualitative methods of consultation and executive reporting.

We have delivered a range of evaluation projects to a variety of clients across the UK and EU, with key themes on economic development, community engagement, education and skills, and social inclusion. From a quantitative methodology context, our summative evaluation track record includes activity involved in detailed performance evaluation, focusing on cost/benefit analysis and return on investment.

In terms of qualitative methodology, we have experience of designing evaluation activity that employs both primary and secondary data sources. This includes detailed policy research/literature reviews to understand the policy context and impact of service delivery at a local, regional and national level and the utilisation of semi-structured interview techniques based on standardised key lines of enquiry.

We are particularly experienced in the design and delivery of evaluation consultation with beneficiaries either through 1-2-1 consultation, bespoke surveys and via focus groups (and a combination of the three) to inform evaluation aims.

Recent Projects

Sport England We Are Undefeatable Evaluations (2019-2022)

National NHS Talent for Care Evaluation (2019-2020)

National Lottery BBO and Talent Match programme review (2018 - 2022)

Community Health Champions review (2021/22)

Impact assessment - Social Prescribing (2022)

Evaluation of HLF programmes (2019 - 2021)

VCS State of the Sector analysis (2022)

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General Information

Services provided throughout the UK

Main Services

Advisors on:

* procurement to maximise best value and the socio-economic impact of public contracts

* tendering and marketing for businesses seeking to win public contracts

Recent Projects

Three multi-million contracts:

* Social care contract

* Social housing contract

* Civil engineering contract for the nuclear industry

Members

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General Information

Chilmark Consulting (CCL) is an independent firm specialising in town planning, development, regeneration and economic development advice. CCL works across the UK advising the private and public sectors on all aspects of strategic and detailed spatial planning and development. CCL often works at the interface of public and private sectors enabling complex, mixed-use projects to move forward.

Our vision is to build on our success to deliver wide ranging, innovative professional advice that are right first time, bespoke to each client and provide outstanding solutions generating value for our clients.

We work to shape and influence the sustainable cities, towns and neighbourhoods of tomorrow using our professional expertise and networks.

Main Services

Chilmark Consulting's main services are:

- Town planning advice
- Spatial strategies for cities, towns and neighbourhoods
- Strategic land promotion
- Policy and evidence base preparation
- Workspace strategies
- Economic and inward investment strategies
- Economic development
- Employment land review
- Housing market and land assessments
- Asset strategy, optimisation and management
- Delivery and implementation frameworks
- Consultation and engagement

Recent Projects

Recent projects include planning, employment land and economic case development work for clients including:

- Carmathenshire Council
- Ballymore Group
- LaSalle Investors
- Obsidian Strategic
- Masons Property
- Lochailort Investments
- South Somerset District Council
- Great Yarmouth Borough
- East Devon District Council
- Rushmoor Borough Council

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General Information

Established in 2001, Chimera Consulting is a specialist economic development research business. We deliver high quality consultancy support to clients in the public and community sectors and have now exceeded 284 successful assignments in the economic development and regeneration arena across the U.K. We are a small, flexible and socially responsible business that works pro-actively with clients to meet their goals. We pride ourselves on taking a pragmatic and solution-based approach to all of our assignments. Our clients have regarded us very highly for our professionalism, integrity, rigour and going the extra mile but also our enthusiasm and personable approach to doing business. The company continues to be led by its founder, Adam Jeffrey, who has 36 years of experience in the economic development field, including nine years in public sector roles (local government, central government and a regeneration partnership). Adam is also an Economic Growth Advisor for the Local Government Association and one of the Local Trust's measuring change/evaluators.

Main Services

- Evaluation
- Research
- Strategy development and action planning
- Sector studies
- Delivery (interim programme support)
- Business plans and bid writing

Recent Projects

- Black Country Impact (DWP/ESF YEI youth employment programme) - Evaluation
- Birmingham Youth Promise Plus (DWP/ESF YEI youth employment programme) - Evaluation
- SELCP (South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership) - Research and demand study for Creative Hub and Media Village (as LGA Advisor)
- Mansfield Place Board - Review and strategic planning support
- BRANCAB, Warwickshire - Evaluation of Breakthrough BBO
- Torbay Development Agency - Evaluation of Ready For Work project
- BES Ltd. - Evaluation of Stafford and South Staffordshire BBO
- Hartlepool Borough Council - Creative sector research study and action plan (as LGA Advisor)
- Stoke-on-Trent City Council 14-25 Employment, Skills and Careers Plan (as LGA Advisor)
- University of Nottingham - Evaluation of Creative Pathways Programme for graduates
- Walsall Council - Evaluation of Walsall Works+ Community Renewal Fund project
- Wolverhampton VSC - Evaluation of Skills Connect Community Renewal Fund project
- University of Plymouth, Plymouth City Council and Science Park - Research study and action plan for health and life sciences sector
- Prince's Trust - Evaluation of 5 Talent Match (youth employability) programmes
- Reading Borough Council - Evaluation of Elevate Berkshire youth employability programme
- Reading and West Berkshire Stronger Together Partnership - Interim and Final Evaluation of Building Better Opportunities programme
- Nottingham City Council – Evaluation of Ultraband connectivity project (creative industries)
- LLEP (Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership) – Evaluation of "Enterprising Leicestershire" business support programme

Members

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General Information

CNT Associates is a community & business services company who work with clients from the private, public, community and non-profit making sectors, delivering community regeneration, training, management consultancy, fundraising and business development projects and programmes. CNT Associates is a knowledge-based organisation; with offices in London and the north west of England. We have been working as consultants since 2000 and been formally constituted as a company since 2003. All of our current staff are active in the civil sector and are committed to promoting social responsibility & equal opportunities.

We are an approved centre for City & Guilds qualifications and associate members of the Institute of Fundraising, the Institute of Economic Development and the Chartered Management Institute and adhere to their professional standards and codes of conduct. We are also approved consultants for the NCV0 & Community Development Foundation and have been so for several years.

Main Services

CNT Associates and its consultants have worked on a wide range of assignments on a partnership basis with many different organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors in areas including:

Strategic consultancy, project management & support
Training and development
Fundraising & fundraising training
Business support for SME's, social enterprises and the civil sector
Business & management development
Community regeneration, community development & capacity building

Recent Projects

Review of Capacity building services for a large London Voluntary Service Council.
Business development and fundraising for a wide range of organisations, including colleges, universities, education business partnerships, schools, housing associations & RP's and SME's.
Bid and employment project for a London Local Authority
Development of customised training programmes for 2 Universities a Youth Research Trust and several community organisations.
Private sector training and business development
Research into Universal Credit for several clients
Development of a money management/universal credit 1 day workshop for a large housing association

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General Information

Adamian Group was established in 2000 as a professional advisory practice specialising in:

- client lead, principal advisory, interim and consultancy;
- supporting regional bodies, local authorities, housing associations, private sector partners, funders and landowners; in
- economic development inward investment, sustainable growth;
- land, housing, affordable housing and infrastructure;
- investment, development, asset optimisation and management, regeneration.

Main Services

Professional advisory, interim management, in-house Consultancy, consultancy and troubleshooting.

Creating, establishing and delivering individual or collective national, regional and local:

- Strategy
- Programme and project development
- Programme mobilisation
- Masterplanning, planning, design and delivery SRO
- Programme Office, programme and projects management
- Investment
- Development
- Asset management and optimisation
- Regeneration

for Government agencies, local authorities, housing associations, higher education, blue-light services and traditional and collaborative ventures with funders, developers and other private sector partners.

Core areas include; land, affordable housing, housing, infrastructure, property, renewable energy, utilities

Recent Projects

Recent experience includes significant roles in London, Oxford, Oxfordshire, West Midlands, South Midlands, Kent, West Sussex, Surrey, North East, Wales.

- University of Oxford
- Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal
- Accelerated Housing
- Black Country Garden Villages, Towns and Cities
- Ebbsfleet Garden City
- Woodberry Down Regeneration

Recent clients:

University of Oxford, City Council, Cherwell D.C., South Oxfordshire D.C., Vale of White Horse D.C., West Oxfordshire D.C., Oxfordshire County Council

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, City of Wolverhampton;

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation, SEEDA, BBC, South East Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb);
Surrey County Council, London Boroughs of Hackney, Barnet, Lambeth, Hillingdon, Newham, City of Westminster;
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General Information

CSR Brettargh Ltd, an economic development consultancy, focusing on visioning, strategy formulation, stakeholder engagement and business development, and sector and place shaping.

Passionate about facilitating strategy, vision and solutions to get to the heart of your potential for improvement to achieve sustainable business prosperity.

Adopting innovative, technological, agile, and customer focussed approaches.

Help clients building and sustaining effective relationships at C-level across many sectors with stakeholders to secure efficient investment and outcome grounded results.

Make things happen and make a difference.

Main Services

Vision and Strategy Development

Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement

Business Development

Sector and Place Development

Recent Projects

Interim Head of Business Development and Impact - Royal Holloway University of London

AI Collaborative Industry Workshop - Royal Holloway University of London

Interim Programme Director - EZ3 The London & South Innovation Valley Enterprise Zone

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General Information

Following the merger with DTZ, Cushman & Wakefield (C&W) is now the 3rd largest multidisciplinary property services organisation globally. Our Development & Planning Team operates across the UK advising public and private sector clients on a wide range of property, regeneration and economic development related challenges and comprises over 75 members of professional staff including Chartered Surveyors, Town Planners and Economic Development Specialists.

We advise clients on all aspects of economic development and growth, focusing particularly on where there is a distinct relationship to the built environment and the links between infrastructure and property. We are unique in that we are able to apply our market facing property expertise to our leading economic development offer to bring market realities to our offer. We are retained advisors to Homes England on its Economics Framework Panel and are also retained advisors to a number of LEPs and Local/Combined Authorities nationally.

Main Services

- Green Book compliant business case development and appraisal
- Funding bids and strategy/case making
- Economic appraisal/options appraisal
- Economic impact analyses
- Socio-economic assessments
- Feasibility/demand assessments
- Property market reports/analyses
- Economic strategy and masterplans
- Business planning
- Investment frameworks/growth plans
- Delivery advice/funding
- Viability appraisals
- Policy development
- Site appraisal/analysis/acquisition
- OJEU Procurement

Recent Projects

Retained business case appraisal advisors to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Lancashire LEP and Swindon & Wiltshire LEP

Advisors to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in relation to the HS2 Growth Strategy, leading on the funding and finance workstream

Northern Powerhouse Rail Economic Advocacy Study (WYCA)

Central Transpennine Corridor Connectivity - economic case for investment (on behalf of 3 northern LEPs)

Southend Airport Business Park Business Case - secured £20m from the SE LEP through the development of Green Book business cases

Markham Vale Enterprise Zone site – capital grant fund – business case which secured £14.2m from Treasury

Enterprise Zone Impact and Delivery Advice in relation to 20 of the 24 EZ sites nationally on behalf of DCLG

Enterprise Zone Business Case development – we supported 5 LEPs with the development of business cases

Historic England - strategy promoting the repurposing of textile mills across Yorkshire and the North West

Wiltshire College - secured over £20m of capital grant funding from the SWLEP through the development of two business cases

Northumberland Street, Newcastle - Retail and Economic Study

Wakefield Local Plan - Office and Industrial Market Assessments

Members

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General Information

DC Research Ltd is an economics, heritage and culture research and consultancy company, based in Carlisle and working throughout the UK.

DC Research was established in 2008 and has spent the last twelve years developing a national reputation for providing high quality research services to clients across the UK.

We primarily work in the economics, creative and cultural fields, including heritage and museums, and have carried out work for national organisations and agencies – such as Arts Council England, Association of Independent Museums, British Museum, Creative Scotland, DCMS, Heritage Lottery Fund, Museums Galleries Scotland, Welsh Government – as well as work for organisations in places across the UK.

We have a particular focus on applying economic research tools and methods to the cultural and heritage sectors – and have used these skills to support culture and heritage organisations in advocacy, funding applications, evaluation, organisational and action plan development, and assessing economic and social impact and contribution.

Main Services**Research:**

DC Research provide clients with independent, objective and rigorously researched evidence alongside the resulting advice and recommendations upon which to base resourcing decisions, develop policy and strategy, and take action. This includes the following: Assessment of Funding Bids; Issue Specific Research; Organisational Reviews; Project Appraisals; Policy Development; Performance Management Support; Supporting Funding Applications.

Evaluation:

The DC Research team have substantial experience in delivering a wide range of diverse evaluation studies.

From local projects to national programmes, from arts and culture to manufacturing and productivity, and from heritage attractions to creative workspaces, these studies have been independently and rigorously researched using a portfolio of methods and a range of techniques to engage with stakeholders, deliverers, beneficiaries and audiences in the most effective, efficient and appropriate manner.

Strategic Support:

Drawing on our long-standing track record, this service area offers a range of consultation and process approaches to support clients in scoping, making the case, designing, implementing and measuring the impact of, economic, creative and cultural interventions, initiatives and programmes as well as organisational development.

Studies can include making the case or demonstrating the rationale for intervention or action, establishing need and conducting feasibility studies, and action planning – incorporating project list development, funding, risk and strategic fit analysis.

Impact Assessment:

DC Research offers industry standard Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) services, as well as specialist culture, creative, heritage and museum impact assessment expertise.

The DC Research team have delivered HM Treasury 'Green Book' compliant EIA studies, across a range of fields – assessing both the potential impacts of new developments and the actual impacts of current developments, venues, projects and initiatives.

We have built up a strong portfolio of arts, culture, and heritage impact studies, applying and adapting the 'Green Book' method and additional government guidance where appropriate.

Recent Projects

Research:

Museums Galleries Scotland - Scottish Museums Sector: Current Situation and Future Issues

Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS) – Well equipped spaces in the right places

Historic Houses – Historic Houses Annual Member Survey 2019

Arts Council England - Mapping Museum Data in England

Evaluation:

The British Museum - Impact evaluation of the 'Desire, love, identity'

touring exhibition

Historic Environment Scotland - An Evaluation of the Delivery and Impact of 'Our Place in Time' - the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland

Arts Council England - Evaluation of the Museum Development Programmes 2015-18 and 2018-22

National Lottery Heritage Fund - Resilient Heritage Programme Evaluation

Strategic Support:

Historic Houses - Assessing the Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Historic Houses

Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust - Economic Impact Assessment of 'Dressed to Impress: New Costume and Textiles Galleries at Tullie House'

Dundee Heritage Trust - Economic Impact Assessment of Discovery Point Project for Tay Cities Deal (2019 Update)

Prestonpans Battlefield Trust - 'External Audit' of the Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust

Impact Assessment:

Prism Arts – 'Capturing rigorous data on our impact'

Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust – Social Impact of Tullie House

Shambellie House Trust - Potential Economic Impact of the Shambellie House Project

Association of Independent Museums (AIM) - Economic Value of the Independent Museum Sector: Toolkit (2019 Edition) and Economic Impact of the Independent Museum Sector 2019

Members

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General Information

The Deyton Bell Group of companies offers specialist economic development support to global public, private and not for profit organisations.

We offer a range of consultancy, in house and outsourced services to clients both in the UK, and overseas.

Consultancy services are designed to enable us to offer an independent, expert, advisory perspective on the challenges our clients are exploring.

In house services are designed to put us at the heart of the issue by leading, or working as part of, our clients own team.

Outsourced services are designed to take problems away from our clients as we take the strain as external service delivery providers.

We have developed a blue-chip track record since we were founded in 2005 and our Director led team offers a collaborative and transparent way of working designed to generate outstanding results and maximum value for our clients and partners.

Main Services

Our economic development work typically includes a range of specialist activities associated with local industrial strategy; economic development strategy; innovation and prosperity strategy; European funding; international trade; inward investment; investor development; enterprise stimulation; business support; skills development and grant scheme management/brokerage.

Recent Projects

Our team have worked on issues with international clients that include c15 US States/Cities and various foreign government agencies in Australasia, Europe and Asia.

Our team have worked on issues with domestic clients that include various HMG agencies and departments; c40 UK District, City and Unitary Local Authorities; various LEPs and RDA's; Universities; various Business Groups and Professional Bodies. Our domestic track record includes:

- South East LEP - development of evidence base & full strategy for the SELEP Local Industrial Strategy
- Solent LEP - development and leadership of inward investment strategy and delivery initiative
- SELEP Coastal Community - full proposition and strategic development for 17 Local Authority Partners
- Somerset West & Taunton Council - full economic development & prosperity strategy for new Council
- Hertfordshire LEP - Envirotech Enterprise Zone commercial feasibility study and ongoing support
- Dorset LEP - development of innovation strategy which was ultimately commended by Innovate UK
- Kirklees Borough Council - development of Inward Investment strategy and associated action plans
- Greater Cambridge/Peterborough LEP - drafting/submission of ERDF Inward Investment application
- Southend Borough Council - delivery of SEBB business support workshops across Essex.

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General Information

Durnin Research is a research and evaluation company that specialises in capturing and articulating impacts for heritage, culture, creative industry and economic development clients, based in Leicestershire and working across the UK.

Jonathan Durnin, who founded Durnin Research in November 2018, has led and delivered a wide range of projects for organisations across the UK, including The British Museum, The Science Museum Group, the Association of Independent Museums, English Heritage and Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Durnin Research is currently working with Luton Culture, the Natural History Museum, Heritage Lincolnshire, Arts Council England, National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Severn Valley Railway.

Main Services

Evaluation
Impact Assessment
'Green Book' and BCR analysis for funding applications
Business Planning, Sustainability and Supporting Funding Bids
Organisational Research and Review

Recent Projects

AIM Economic Impact Toolkit, and the 2014 and 2019 Refreshes, Association of Independent Museum
Evaluate the impact of the restoration of the Falling Sands Viaduct, Severn Valley Railway
Evaluating the Economic Impact of Dippy on Tour, The National History Museum
Evaluation of the Collecting Cultures Programme, National Lottery Heritage Fund
Evaluation of the conservation and redevelopment of the Old Kings Head, Kirton, Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire
Evaluation of the Nottingham Castle Project, Nottingham City Council and Nottingham Castle Trust
Hat District Project Evaluation, Culture Trust Luton
Manchester Science Festival Review, The Science Museum Group

Members

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General Information

The Economic Strategy Research Bureau offers a wide range of economic research, evaluation and strategic consultancy services to public, private and third sector clients.

The Bureau is uniquely placed to combine proven practitioner expertise with academic excellence - using the bureau model to make this capability accessible and affordable to a wide range of clients. The Bureau undertakes ad hoc research, evaluation and consultancy projects on an on-going basis. In addition, it offers a range of subscription based economic briefing products and analytical support allowing clients to draw flexibly on specialist economic expertise as and when the need arises.

Main Services

Particular areas of expertise include:

- Evidence based strategy / policy development
- Economic impact evaluation
- Scenario impact modelling
- Economic and labour market assessments
- Performance metrics / monitoring

Recent Projects

The Economic Strategy Research Bureau is currently working on a project for the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership - funded through a grant from the LEP Capacity Fund managed by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills.

The project combines production of a socio-economic profile of the D2N2 area, a review of available research on the economy of the area, capacity building activity with LEP Board members and officers, business engagement, and an economic appraisal of candidate priorities for action.

Members

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General Information

Edge Economics is a forward thinking economic service specialising in the economics of infrastructure, innovation and tech.

We are a small practice with an emphasis on providing clients with an experienced and personal level of service. The practice is run by Tom Congrave who has over 12 years of experience working as a professional economist across the fields of economic development, regeneration and growth.

Main Services

Economic policy
Economic analysis
Economic impact assessment
Economic Appraisal/Evaluation
Feasibility Studies
Demand Studies
Business Cases

Members

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General Information

Over the past 28 years, ERS has established a solid reputation for its work, borne out of a commitment to making a positive contribution to economic, social and cultural development through the provision of expert knowledge and practical support. All work is undertaken in accordance with quality assurance systems independently certified to ISO 9001. Clients span a variety of government departments, non-departmental public bodies, local authorities, universities/colleges, private companies and third sector organisations. ERS is now part of the RSK Group, through which it can offer a range of complementary planning, environmental and other services.

Main Services

Evaluation Studies, Economic and Social Impact Assessments, Support for Funding Bids and Strategic Studies.

Recent Projects

Evaluations

Evaluation of 'Our Bright Future', The Wildlife Trusts
Evaluation of Libraries Investment Fund, Arts Council England
Evaluation of Enterprise and Skills Project, Pembrokeshire College

Impact Assessments

Economic Impact of Business and Intellectual Property Centre, British Library
Economic and Social Impact of Fishing, Aquaculture and Fish Processing on Local Communities, Defra
Economic Impact Assessment for Innovation Quarter Development, Talbot Village Trust

Funding Bids

Drafting of Levelling Up Fund Bid, Gateshead Council
Economic Impact Assessment for Levelling Up Fund Bid, South Tyneside Council
Economic Impact Assessment for Future High Streets Fund Bid, Tamworth Council

Strategic Studies

Research Insights Project, Forestry England
Review of Area Partnerships, Durham County Council
Economic Development Strategy, Hartlepool Council

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General Information

Geonomics is a consultancy company which provides economic development and business support to a wide range of public & private sector clients.

It was established in 2007 by Geoff Edge, who is the Managing Director. Prior to founding Geonomics he was for twenty five years Chairman and Chief Executive of WM Enterprise, a consultancy and venture capital company, which he founded. He has held senior roles with PE International and WS Atkins plcs.

As well as private sector knowledge he has wide experience of the public sector. He was a Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department of Education and the Privy Council Office.

He later became Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the former West Midlands County Council and Leader of Walsall MBC.

Main Services

Economic Development and Regeneration.

Economic Strategy Production
Project and Programme Evaluations
Market Towns and Rural Regeneration
Deprived Area Strategies

Business Support Services.

Enterprise Skills Training
Business Start Up Support
Business Consulting
Business Innovation Consulting
Business Support to the Voluntary Sector
Advice on Creating Local Authority and Public Sector Companies
Temporary Executive Service

Recent Projects

Evaluation of the Wrexham Rural Development (LEADER) Programme. This looked at a wide range of business, heritage and community support projects in the rural parts of Wrexham Borough.

Evaluation of the Stafford and Staffordshire Moorlands LEADER Programme - looking at impact of community led projects in rural Staffordshire.

Business Planning for Brownhills Community Association. The Community Association were assisted with the production of a new business plan following a cut in funding.

ERDF and Big Lottery funding applications for Hazrat Sultan Bahu Trust. The Trust owns a large Victorian building in inner Birmingham. Help was provided to bid for funding to turn the top floor into small office units and to create a new community facility.

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General Information

GHD is a leading global professional services company operating in the sectors of urban and infrastructure development. As a trusted advisor, we support our clients through all phases of the business and asset lifecycle. This starts at the beginning of the project development process providing economic analysis, takes projects through project gateways and culminates in business case development to secure investment. We will work with you to understand your projects and achieve your infrastructure ambitions.

Main Services

Our main services include:

Infrastructure Advisory, Business Case Development,

Economic Impact Assessment, WebTAG, 5-Case Treasury Model, Project Development, Strategic Investment Planning, Land Use Appraisal

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General Information

Hardisty Jones Associates is an expert economic development consultancy that operates throughout the UK. We provide consultancy advice and support throughout the UK on economic development, often at the interface between the public and private sectors.

Main Services

Appraisal
Programme & Project Evaluation
Economic Impact Assessment
Strategy & Policy Development
Project Development
Funding Bid Preparation
Regeneration
Sustainability
Major Infrastructure Projects
EIA

Recent Projects

Successful LUF Rd2 economic case preparation in Torridge and Devon.

Economic Development Needs Assessments for Cardiff, Greater Exeter, Milton Keynes and Wiltshire.

Socio-economic assessment for major offshore wind farms in various locations around the UK.

Evaluation of ERDF and ESF funded projects in Wales.

Evidence to inform economic development strategies in Kent, West of England and Essex.

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General Information

Ingham Pinnock Associates is an economic development and regeneration consultancy.

Our strength is combining economic development skills with masterplanning, management and delivery. We improve the performance of places and organisations by planning and implementing great projects. Our approach is to provide practical and precise advice and comprehensive support for our clients.

We have a significant and successful track record of working with the public, private and third sector. Whether our client is an organisation seeking to relocate or a town team seeking to regenerate their high street, we bring a fresh and practical approach to consulting and ensure projects are both aspirational and deliverable.

Main Services

Economic development:

- Regeneration and economic development strategies
- Project evaluation and appraisal including Green Book
- Feasibility studies, outline and detailed business cases
- Social, economic and property market research
- Scoping, securing and managing grant funds
- Discount cash-flow modelling.

Masterplanning:

- Economic masterplanning
- Land use advice
- Urban design and landscape expertise
- Planning policy advice and formulation
- Preparation and co-ordination of major planning applications and statutory consents.

Management and implementation:

- Project leadership and organisation design
- Project management and co-ordination
- Land assembly advice including compulsory purchase
- Procurement and management of multi-disciplinary teams
- Major developer and investor procurements.

Recent Projects

- Delivery and Regeneration Strategy - Aylsham, Norfolk
- Relocation Outline Business Case - Newham College of Further Education (NCFE), Newham
- Upton Lodge Farmhouse Feasibility Study - Upton, Northampton
- Barclay Hall Options Appraisal - NCFE, Newham
- Sandby Land Promotion Business Plan and Marketing Strategy - Sandby Limited
- Regional Growth Fund, Round 3 - NEP, Northamptonshire
- NewVic Relocation Options Appraisal - NewVic College, Newham

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Established in 2006, Innovas is a rapidly growing consultancy whose mission is to 'Create a Competitive Edge for People, Places and Organisations.

Our group is led by professionals with the passion, and experience to ensure the highest possible standards of service delivery and client care building on a knowledge of international best practice. Each company within the group focuses on different aspects of competitiveness:

- Enterprise & Employability
- Market Intelligence & Internationalisation
- Organisation Development

With our network of over 100 consultants, our approach creates collaborative teams combining industry experts, enterprise support practitioners, international trade development specialists, leading academics, to combine local knowledge with national expertise.

Main Services

Working across the board to embed an Enterprising Culture in business, education, government and the community, enabling businesses to grow and prosper and helping agencies understand the drivers for change, Innovas Consulting is totally committed to delivering Enterprise-Led Regeneration. We are focussed on supporting the public sector to develop practical strategies and plans for enterprise and employment growth by producing excellent research, promoting collaborative working, trialling new evidence-led approaches and continually re-thinking and challenging the status quo. Our range of public sector support packages includes: Research, Feasibility Studies, Policy and Strategy development, programme design, evaluation and impact assessments.

Recent Projects

Yorkshire Forward: Formative Evaluation of Business Link Services in Yorkshire & Humber between 2008-2011

National Skills Academy for Nuclear Wales : Engineering Skills for the Nuclear Industry: Business Plan Formulation

WAG: Review and Forward 5 year Strategy for Business Eye

STEMNET NW: Regional Activity Mapping Exercise

Impact Assessment of Yorkshire Forward's and the 5 Yorkshire LEGI Programmes investment in Enterprise Education between 2009-2012

Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) ? Evaluation of Third Mission Funding Strategies and Actions for all the Universities of Wales

Nottinghamshire County Council: Reducing barriers to Public Procurement for SMEs

BIS: Full Global and National Analysis of the Environmental, Renewable Energies and Low Carbon Technologies.

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General Information

Prime Example Consulting Ltd (PEX) is an independent planning, property and sustainability consultancy. We provide tailored and authoritative advice across the planning, economic development, regeneration, health and education, renewables and infrastructure, and property fields. Our clients come from the private, public and third sectors, and our emphasis is on delivering outstanding quality and successful solutions. This has been developed over many years, with the quality and value of the advice being highly regarded by clients.

Main Services

- Economic studies
- Economic development
- Employment land studies
- Estate strategy advice
- Space management
- Regeneration studies
- Property market assessments

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General Information

With 30+ offices and over 1,000 dedicated staff, our multi-disciplinary teams can help you plan, fund, assemble and deliver transformational regeneration projects.

Our cities, towns and high streets are facing unprecedented challenges to their vitality and prosperity.

The impacts of the pandemic, the housing and climate crisis, planning reforms, political and economic instability, technological changes and the growth of online shopping are all transforming the way the nation lives, works, shops and plays.

Successful centres will be those that are valued for more than just their shops and services. They will need to promote health and well-being, tackle deprivation and climate change, and

provide beautiful and viable places that everyone can enjoy.

Our dedicated and highly experienced team can help at all stages of the regeneration lifecycle. Working in partnership

with the public and private sectors, key stakeholders, and

communities, we have a strong track record of unlocking the social, environmental, and economic value of places and property assets for the benefit of all.

Main Services

The services we offer include:

- Planning & Development
- Town Centre Strategic Visions
- Urban Design & Masterplanning
- Socio-economic Assessments
- Housing & Employment Land Appraisals
- Retail, Leisure & Town Centre Need Assessments
- Stakeholder & Community Engagement
- Land Assembly & Compulsory Purchase Advice
- Estate Strategies
- Development Feasibility & Viability
- Development Finance
- Green Book Appraisals
- Procurement
- Project Management
- Building Consultancy
- Valuation
- Agency & Investment
- Property & Asset Management

Recent Projects

TILBURY TOWNS FUND

We prepared the Town Investment Plan (TIP)

in 2020 that helped secure £23 million of

capital investment from the Government-backed £3.6bn Town Deal Fund, made available to 101 centres. Underpinned by wide-ranging engagement and consultation with stakeholders and the local community, the funds will help to kick-start key projects and interventions in Tilbury Town Centre; including new healthcare and youth facilities, improvements to the Station Hub Gateway, and stronger connections to the riverside and port.

BERWICK COMMUNITY TRUST

We provided creative urban design and commercial advice to assist in the delivery of the economic potential of the Quayside and capitalise on the town's historic connection with the River Tweed. Our unique regeneration vision and strategy identified the potential for a smokehouse, restaurant, bar and micro-brewery, as well as a fisheries based research and education facility.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Advised on the preparation of a Town Centre Masterplan and Delivery Strategy, providing a long-term vision for the town centre and identified key development opportunities. Our involvement has since extended to the Council's Future High Street Fund (FHSF) and Town Fund bids in 2020, which secured over £45 million of capital funds.

LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

We have supported the Council on the redevelopment and regeneration of the 180-acre Meridian Water site over three years to help deliver c.10,000 new homes, c.6,000 new jobs and significant new infrastructure. Our advice has included financial modelling, testing delivery and funding options, and land assembly. We also advised on the procurement of a development partner to deliver the first two phases of a new residential scheme.

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND

Providing on-going advice to the Council to deliver a high quality £30m mixed-use waterfront scheme at Twickenham Riverside. Leading on feasibility and viability services, commercial considerations, securing an affordable housing partner and addressing social value considerations.

URBAN SPLASH

Advised Urban Splash since 2011 on their iconic Royal William Yard redevelopment in Plymouth. Our marketing programme has secured lettings to a number of high profile restaurant operators. More recently we secured a boutique hotel and cinema, enhancing the place making.

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Lichfields is the pre-eminent planning and development consultancy in the UK. Our specialists offer insight, innovative thinking and expert advice to create great places for future generations.

We harness the power of data to help shape strategy and policy development, forecast growth and development needs, assess land use requirements, and test the feasibility and economic benefits of investment. Our team of experts present evidence to public inquiries and examinations. We apply rigour to our analysis, and know how to articulate what we find in clear, accessible and informative reports.

Main Services

- Economic impact studies and socio-economic assessments
- Economic benefit toolkits and footprints
- Economic appraisals and business cases (including HM Treasury Green Book)
- Economic futures and scenarios
- Employment Land Reviews and objective assessments of need
- Strategy development and delivery (including Local Industrial Strategies)
- Economic masterplanning (including Garden Villages)
- Investment prospectuses

Recent Projects

- Economic impact studies for Manor Royal BID and the International Advanced Manufacturing Park
- Business case development for Brierley Hill Metro Extension, North Cheshire Garden Village, and a major industrial/logistics park in County Durham
- Economic visions and employment strategies for Garden Villages in West Oxfordshire and Langarath, Cornwall
- Economic Footprints for Landsec, Intu and the Home Builders Federation
- Employment Land Reviews for Sheffield City Region, Durham County Council and Sunderland City Council
- Local Industrial Strategy for Tees Valley
- Infrastructure Investment Frameworks for North Northamptonshire and Gosport

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General Information

Mickledore is a specialist economic development advisory business made up of a team of experienced specialists and has emerged from 'big 4' consulting organisations.

Our work focuses on helping public agencies with their work on stimulating economic growth, adding value to regional economies and securing funding. A large amount of that work is now based on prioritising the approach, seeking different forms of investment, creating business cases and evaluating impact.

Main Services

Economic strategy

Developing economic and regeneration strategies based on an evidence base, stakeholder views and the drivers of change in the wider environment. Our work has set the pattern for development and investment in regional, sub-regional, Local Authority and smaller investment areas. Above all the work is based on evidence and leads to deliverable actions involving a wider stakeholder group. The most successful economic strategies engage local influencers and are focused on measurable success.

Understanding sectors and securing investment

Mickledore has developed a wide range of sector strategies and has an in depth understanding of the drivers of change in the UK's key sectors. The work is typically developed to determine the sector investment approach of an agency and to identify potential leads for investment. We have developed sector propositions for many of the leading investment agencies in the UK and this has included the sector propositions for the West Midlands Growth Company in advance of the Commonwealth Games but also identifying the leading global companies in some sub-sectors for MIDAS, the investment agency for Greater Manchester.

Developing business cases

Mickledore has a particular specialism in funding - whether for businesses, agencies or to allow the development of individual projects. We have developed a large number of HM Treasury Green Book business cases and also provide Green Book training and appraise business cases for the North of Tyne and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. We have worked on a large number of public sector funding programmes including Levelling Up Fund, Shared Prosperity Fund, devolution based city growth deals and Strength in Places Fund (amongst others).

Evaluating impact

We are focused on demonstrating that economic development programmes deliver results and as such undertake post-funding evaluations as well as determining the economic impact of specific organisations or projects. On programme evaluation we have carried out a large number of evaluations meeting the HM Treasury Magenta Book requirements.

Recent Projects

We have selected projects which demonstrate our experience in each of the areas identified:

Economic Strategy - developed strategy for urban Unitary Authorities such as Sefton and Rochdale as well as large County areas such as Wiltshire

Understanding sectors and securing investment - Mickledore was the lead partner in developing the investment propositions and commercial internationalisation events for the West Midlands Growth Company during the Commonwealth Games as well as preparing Internationalisation strategies for Liverpool City Region, Cumbria, Teeside and specific Northern Powerhouse sectors for the Department of International Trade.

Developing Business Cases - we have developed business cases for national, regional and local organisations including STFC, Oxford Heath NHS Trust, Warrington Council, Whitehaven Northshore. We have provided training courses for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and evaluate business cases for the North of Tyne Combined Authority

Evaluations - we have completed evaluations for a range of projects - including in the University sector (Liverpool John Moores, Chester, Bath and Bristol) and Local Authorities / LEAs including Chorley, Cheshire and Warrington LEA.

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General Information

Pegasus Group was established in 2003 and has grown to become a leading independent, national planning consultancy. Our Planning, Design, Environment and Economics teams specialise in every aspect of the planning process, ensuring optimal results for our clients.

We work for both the public and private sectors, providing robust, thorough and project specific advice. We are able to draw on our expertise across all scales of projects, ranging from individual properties to large scale urban extensions. Our wide experience encompasses many different sectors including: residential development, telecommunications, commercial, leisure and renewable energy.

Main Services

Pegasus Group has been involved in some of the country's highest profile development proposals, providing expertise across a range of areas including:

- Town Planning
- Environmental Planning
- Urban Design
- Landscape Design
- Retail/Commercial Planning
- Renewable Energy Planning
- Heritage
- Consultation
- Graphic Design
- Economics

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An independent consultancy offering integrated Economic Development and Town Planning services. Prior to establishing the consultancy principal Chris Collison managed the Economic Development function at Mansfield District Council for more than ten years responding to the collapse of the mining industry. During this time the local economy was radically transformed through skill development, inward investment, business growth and the establishment of social enterprises. Major projects included the development of several business parks, town centre improvement and the re-introduction of passenger rail services. Chris played a lead role in the establishment and work of a sub-regional partnership covering seven district council areas and served as a Member of the National Coalfields Taskforce.

Main Services

Development and support of cross sector partnership working

Service improvement plans and restructuring proposals

Development of shared service arrangements

Support in development of economic policy and strategies

Advice regarding town centre revitalisation, neighbourhood renewal and the development of visitor attractions

Advice regarding development of sites and premises

Recent Projects

Appointment to Independent Casino Advisory Panel reporting to Parliament

Membership of Joint Planning Authority Team for 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and input to employment legacy planning work

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Ribble Consultants is a small economic development consultancy specialising in public sector and community based projects. We have general skills related to:

- Strategy and policy development, dealing with people at all levels, and including policy support at governmental level.
- Establishment of new organisations and projects from scratch in unsupportive environments.
- Financial analysis including the performance of feasibility studies for new financial schemes and agreements with banks.
- Assistance in understanding of the problems of small private enterprises and ways of dealing with them.
- Ability to take an independent view - not linked to any large consulting company or long term project.

Main Services

Independent economic development consultant based in North East England

Evaluation, including testing cherished theories to destruction. Practical experience of setting up new projects and strategies from scratch in less than supportive environments.

Development of project ideas - turning vague ideas into clear propositions, particularly where there is a need for development of consensus between a large number of stakeholders, and where the objectives are not primarily financial.

Coaching the public sector and helping public sector organisations to facilitate meetings amongst partnerships.

Connections with Hungary including language skills.

High level computer skills (used to be a computer programmer).

Recent Projects

Defra - Feasibility of establishing a North East England Sustainable Fisheries Community Interest Company

Sunderland City Council - Elaboration of projects in the enterprise strand of the Working Neighbourhoods Strategy

Voluntary Organisations' Network North East (VONNE) - Regional ICY Strategy for the VCS

Back on the Map - Evaluation of projects in the spheres of Education and in Housing and Environment

Regional Infrastructure Consortium (of the Third Sector) - Communications Strategy

Leicester City Council - Advice on procurement from the VCS

North East Cultural Diversity Arts Forum (now Intercultural Arts) - Business Plan

Hartlepool Anti Social Behaviour Unit - Review of the Family Intervention Programme

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A niche property, land & regeneration consultancy established in Cardiff on 1st April 2001 by Chartered Surveyor Robert Chapman.

With twenty six years+ post qualification experience as a Chartered Surveyor, initially Robert worked as a Land Agent for Smith-Woolley, Strutt & Parker, The Severn Trent Water Authority, Powys County Council and The National Trust.

Over the last twenty one years he has immersed himself in the commercial property arena working for the WDA (Welsh Development Agency), Grimley International (now GVA Grimley) and Stephenson & Alexander before establishing his own niche practice over 11 years ago.

Main Services

Our consultancy focus is on the provision of:

- (i) Commercial property advice & solutions for businesses & organisations of all kinds;
- (ii) Regeneration & economic development advice & solutions;
- (iii) Development & investment advice & solutions

.....for all those new and existing organisations that recognise the value of our professional services & where our advice will have an economic impact.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of our work, please get in touch on 02920 553108.

Recent Projects

1. In association with others, town centre evaluation for Caerphilly CBC.
2. In association with others, town centre evaluation for Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC.
3. On behalf of the Welsh Government, an appraisal of a development scheme being promoted by Coastal Housing in Swansea.
4. On behalf of Merthyr Tydfil CBC, discreet consultancy work for a number of development projects in Merthyr.
5. Member of the task-and-finish group reporting to the Welsh Government on a Micro-Business Strategy for Wales.
6. Research project on city-regions as a means of providing innovative governance and enhanced economic performance.

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General Information

Stantec is a leading consultancy of engineers, planners, scientists, and economists delivering major development and infrastructure projects around the United Kingdom. Stantec UK Ltd was founded on providing consulting and engineering services within the built environment. Since then, our approach has developed to focus on creating sustainable, profitable and resilient outcomes for our clients.

In September 2018, Peter Brett Associates joined forces with Stantec to accelerate our client-led strategy and achieve our shared ambition for growth in the UK and Europe. Joining forces means we are able to offer a broader set of services and working experiences for our clients, and even better career development for our people. From 1 January 2020 we have consolidated this offering under a single Stantec banner.

Our development economics capability is regularly called upon by our private and public sector clients. With established national and international development economics experience spanning funding submissions, business cases, option appraisals, development strategies, sector profiles, economic impact analyses, programme evaluations and other services, we advance compelling economic and development arguments to help our clients realise their strategic ambitions.

Main Services

Buildings Engineering, Consulting: Business, Development & Infrastructure, Engineering & Technical Services, Environmental Services, Infrastructure Consenting, Planning Services, Programme Management & Integrator Services, Transport Planning Services

Recent Projects

New Routes to Good Growth, Medway: strategic road and rail infrastructure to enable the delivery of 11,000 homes, meeting over a third of Medway's housing needs by 2035. In December 2018, Medway Council invited us to develop its business case for an investment through the Housing Infrastructure Fund. In November 2019, New Routes to Good Growth was awarded Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government funding of £170 million.

Falkirk Grangemouth Investment Zone: We've worked with Falkirk Council, Scottish Enterprise, and its business partners over the last three years to build a vision for the area to 2040. We developed the Future of Grangemouth Vision outlining what the area hopes to achieve and led on the preparation of the strategic case for the Falkirk Grangemouth Investment Zone, which aims to position the area as a world leader in sustainable and innovative manufacturing. With a clear programme of projects, and submission of the £235 million Falkirk Grangemouth Investment Zone proposal for growth deal funding in September 2019, our team is helping the area and its key industries map the path to a prosperous 2040.

Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre (MMIC): The UK and Scottish Governments announced in 2018 that Inchinnan, next to Glasgow Airport, will be the location of the UK's Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre (MMIC). The £56 million project will be delivered by Innovate UK, responding to an identified market demand to maintain innovation in the medicines manufacturing sector and preserve the UK's industry-leading role. Our Glasgow economics and planning teams led the site selection process on behalf of the client. We identified potential locations by understanding occupier requirements, the offers of competitive locations, and focusing on locations which would have maximum strategic economic impact.

Glasgow City Region City Deal -Business Case Development: In the last 3 years, Stantec has applied its case making and business case development experience on City Deal, Tax IF and other projects. This has included the £114m Waterfront & West End Innovation Quarter which provides some of the enabling access infrastructure, and site preparation around the Clyde Waterfront Innovation Centre (CWIC); public realm at Byres Road (south) and improved connections to Kelvinhall Underground near Church Street Innovation Zone; and the Partick - Govan Bridge and pedestrian connections linking the main campus to the CWIC. Stantec also directed the OBCs for the £27m Collegelands Calton Barras; and the

£115m City Centre Public Realm Infrastructure projects. In Renfrewshire, we prepared business cases for the Glasgow Airport Investment Area; White Cart Corridor and the Renfrew - Yoker Bridge Crossing projects. We also prepared the OBCs for the Exxon project in West Dunbartonshire; the Cathkin Bypass, and Greenhills Link Road (both South Lanarkshire); and the Holytown and Glenboig OBCs for North Lanarkshire Council.

Chatham Masterplan: Stantec was commissioned by Glespies to support the development of the Chatham Masterplan. We were required to assess the economic drivers for change and growth in Chatham, drawing on existing and emerging Council, Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and other strategy, programs & initiatives as well as the Local Plan evidence base. We prepared a socio-economic baseline as the basis for assessing later scenarios to help shape the economy of the masterplan area over the next 10-15 years as well as identifying principles for maximising the masterplan's local economic impact.

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thinkingplace work with you and the people and organisations linked to your place. Through research and information gathering, our team gain an objective and sometimes surprising view of your place – its assets, attributes, development areas and potential. We particularly change the way the private sector views their place and energise them to be ambassadors for it.

Using our insight and experience we identify a small number of themes that have the opportunity to shape your place's future strategy, story and ultimate success.

We then bring these themes to life by developing a bespoke strategy and plan of activity that is for your place and owned by your place. Our support includes everything from marketing, design and photography through to more specific application of your story through things like signage, events and campaigns.

We have a tried and tested approach and techniques that get beneath the surface of your place to understand where it is now, what it needs to focus on and where it's going. What's more, there are plenty of other clients you can talk to and learn from in our 'place network' who have been on a similar journey to you.

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Main Services

Evaluations
ESIF Specialist Support
ERDF project Mobilisation and Compliance
Bid-writing
Business Resilience Advice

Recent Projects

ERDF Summative Assessment for North East England Chamber of Commerce International Trade project
ESIF Technical Advisor for Bradford City Council
Coronavirus grant scheme support for Scottish Enterprise (via UMI Commercial Ltd)
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Main Services

The preparation of:

- grant funding applications
- feasibility studies, business and marketing plans
- economic and community strategies and policies

The project management and evaluation of:

- grant programmes
- economic and community development initiatives

Advice, evidence and assessment for:

- planning applications, master plans and other planning matters

Recent Projects

- A £2 million SEMLEP LGF grant for the 3C Test EV EMC, Research, Test & Training Facility
- A £3.14 million SEMLEP LGF grant for the KW Special Projects Digital Manufacturing Centre
- A £2 million SEMLEP LGF grant for the Catesby Aerodynamic Research and Innovation Centre
- A £2 million Bucks LEP LGF grant for the University of Buckingham
- Funding updates and budget briefings for PBA (now Stantec)
- A £2 million Bucks LEP LGF grant for the Silverstone Sports Engineering Hub
- Carrying out grant appraisals for the EU LEADER rural development programme
- A socio-economic impact assessment to support successful planning applications for the regeneration of Tortworth Business Park
- Interim director Community First Oxfordshire, successfully launching new projects, fund raising, improving the quality of financial management information
- Preparing an impact study of the fusion energy research cluster in Oxfordshire for Tokamak Energy
- Working with Silverstone Park and Bucks LEP on the successful bid for an Aylesbury Vale Enterprise Zone
- Business case to support a successful bid for a £7 million grant for the Milton Science Centre
- Business case to support a successful bid to change the sites included in the Science Vale Enterprise Zone at Milton Park

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General Information

At Wavehill we provide impartial social and economic research, analysis, and evaluation. Our collaborative approach enables our clients to make better, more timely and well-informed decisions. We work with a wide range of organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors, with small community groups, and across all levels of government in the UK. We help our clients to navigate the changing policy and funding landscape across the UK. Drawing on three decades of experience we are an independent and trusted partner. We work in close collaboration with our clients to ensure the best outcome for their strategy, project, programme, or policy initiative.

Our values and ethos guide how we do business.

In 2020, Wavehill became an employee-owned company. This has ensured greater input and increased accountability across all levels of the business. Structures in place allow staff to articulate what matters most to them and better share in Wavehill's success.

The process of becoming employee-owned, has enabled us to explicitly embed our values as a company. It is an essential driver for how we conduct ourselves as a business as well as guiding the work we undertake. We are on a journey and are committed to improving our social value as a company including our environmental impact and by better incorporating equity, diversity, and inclusion into our work practices.

Main Services

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Wavehill offer a wide range of diverse expertise and services to our client – this allows us to draw on our range of skills and knowledge from across our broad portfolio of work to better support our client. Our services are designed to help our clients decide what to do, understand what they have achieved and also to improve what they do. They are grouped around the following disciplines:

- Business case and funding bids
- Consultation Analysis
- Economic Impact Assessments
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Policy Research and Strategy Development
- Social Value Assessments

Recent Projects

- Delivering the national ERDF (2014-2020) Programme Evaluation, DLUCH
- Completing the national Community Renewal Fund UK Programme evaluation, DLUCH
- Developing the economic case for a Levelling Up Fund bid, Denbighshire CC
- Completing an evaluation of the national Peer Networks programme, Department for Business
- Cornwall Business Start-Up Programme Evaluation, Oxford Innovation
- Summative Assessment Report, Keele University
- Mapping Social Enterprise and their impact in Wales, Cwmpas
- Assessment of the economic impact of Exmoor National Park, ENPA
- Evaluation of the Degree Apprenticeships Programme Wales, Welsh Government
- Evaluation of delivery and impact for the Marine Energy Engineering Centre of Excellence innovation support project, ORE Catapult
- Personal Learning Accounts Evaluation, Welsh Government
- ERDF Support for Business Evaluation Wales, Welsh Government
- Evaluation of the Working Wales service – the flagship employability/careers support programme in Wales, Welsh Government
- Evaluation of the delivery and impact of the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund
- Evaluation of the delivery and outcomes of the LEADER rural development scheme / community-led local development in Wales, Welsh Government

- Scoping study in advance of the ex-post evaluation of the EU funded Rural Development Programme for Wales 2013-2020, Welsh Government
- Tees Valley Business Growth Fund Evaluation, Tees Valley Combined Authority
- Evaluation of North of Tyne Community-Led Local Development Programme, Newcastle City Council

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