

Birmingham Science City

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# Place and Partnership

## with a focus on Health Innovation

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*Birmingham Science City is an alliance of public, private and university stakeholders working together to stimulate and promote science and technology driven innovation for business growth and improved quality of life in Birmingham and the West Midlands*





## BSC Alliance Objectives

- Building and maintaining a thriving innovation ecosystem
- Catalysing collaborative activity that drives and demonstrates science and technology based innovation
- Acting as a voice for innovation – promoting, representing and providing strategic leadership



## Place-based (economic) structures

- **LEPs** – 39 Business-led partnerships in England through which certain national and European funding can be prioritised via Growth Strategies based on local business needs and opportunities
- **Combined Authorities** – legal structures established by local authorities with LEPs to gain powers and budgets from Whitehall via Devolution Deals eg transport, skills and public sector reform such as social care (Greater Manchester) and Mental Health (West Midlands)
- **Regional Brands/ banners** – Midlands Engine, Northern Powerhouse etc can build collaborative activity and impact at scale, but have no powers or funding *per se*



# DEVOLUTION

## HOW IT ALL FITS TOGETHER



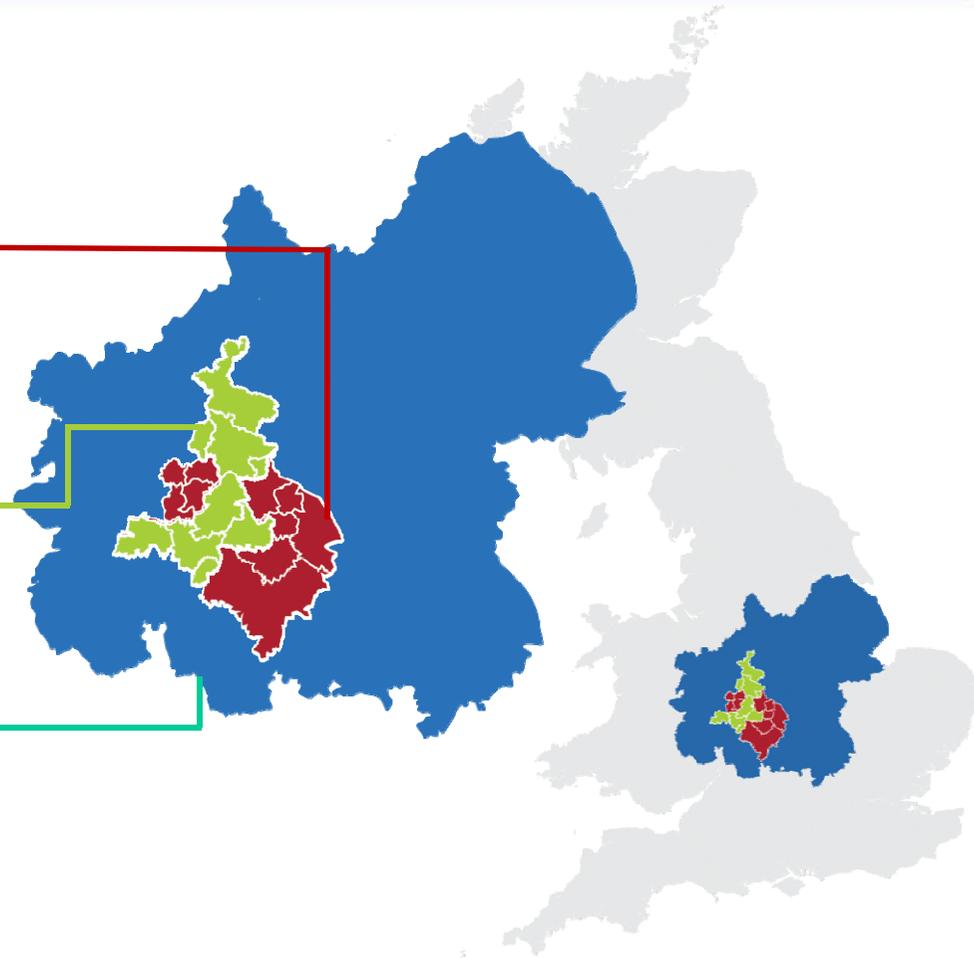
**LEGAL BODY  
WITH POWERS OF  
DECISION MAKING**

**Greater Birmingham  
& Solihull**  
Local Enterprise Partnership

**BUSINESS-LED  
PARTNERSHIP OF  
PRIVATE, PUBLIC  
AND ACADEMIC  
SECTORS**

**MIDLANDS  
ENGINE**  
HM Government

**COLLABORATION  
OF 11 LEPS,  
86 LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES,  
27 UNIVERSITIES**





## Other local/ regional alliances and structures

- Existing local structures adapting to evolving world eg Growth Companies, AHSNs, Science Cities, City Regions
- New Regional partnerships eg STPs, university alliances
- National bodies with or establishing regional presence eg DCLG, InnovateUK





## Case Studies of (WM) regional partnership activity

- The Institute of Translational Medicine - a new world class clinical research facility in Birmingham - opened in 2015. Led by Birmingham Health Partners, funded via GBS LEP City Deal. Expecting to expand with ERDF Medical Devices Testing Centre from 2016
- EIT Health Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) - WM region “health economy”, under the auspices of WMAHSN, came together to become one of 50 core partners, including leading businesses, research centres and universities from across the EU to tackle healthy living and active ageing in the UK and across the continent
- Consortium for the Demonstration of Intelligent Systems – Central to the innovation strand of WMCA Devolution Deal, CDIS will build on existing strengths and capabilities in universities, business, public sector and translational organisations to develop demonstration of the use of smart system in Health, Transport and Energy





## Reasons/ routes for STPs to engage with other place-based structures

- Public sector reform to ensure sustainable services is high on agenda of Combined Authorities – good fit with STP goals
- LEPs are preparing plans for Local Growth Funding right now and health sector is a key factor in increasing productivity for many
- BIS Science and Innovation Audits (various geographies) are rolling out - ensure role of health delivery is recognised as SIAs will impact national and local investments
- New alliances are emerging, led locally – need for cooperation has never been stronger - spirit of self-determination is tangible!

