





# State of the Region

**Andy Street** 

Mayor of the West Midlands

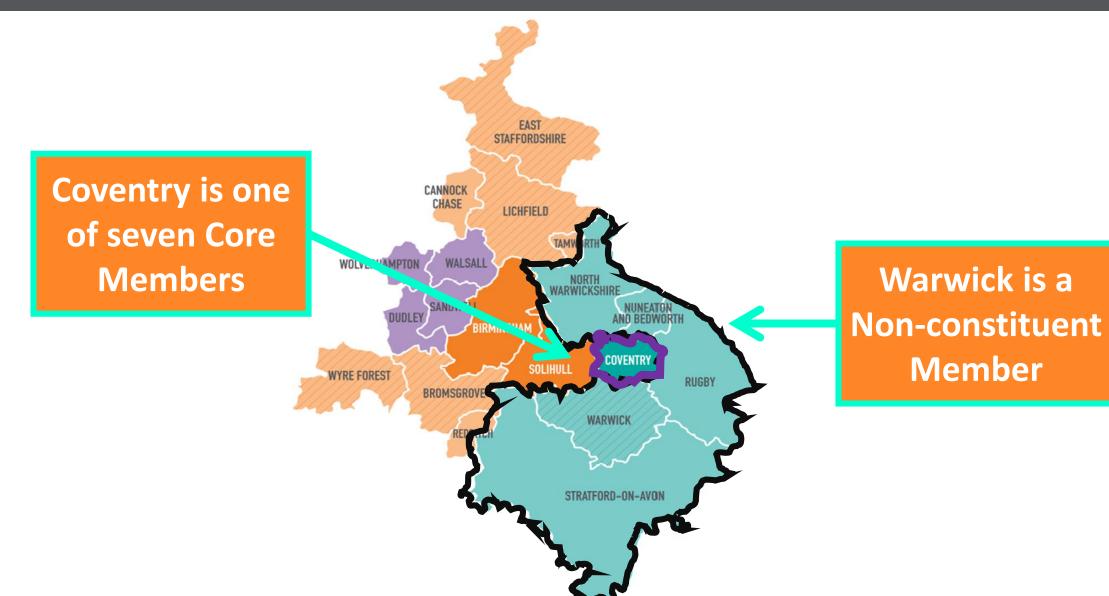
# My Background





### **West Midlands Mayoral remit**





# Agenda



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Our Plan for the West Midlands

Reflections on the last two years

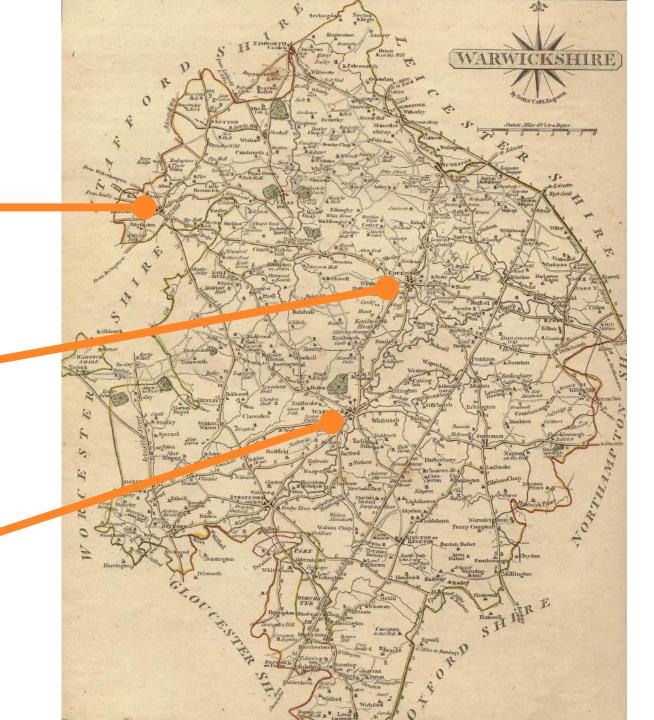
# Warwickshire 1787

Birmingham

**Coventry** 

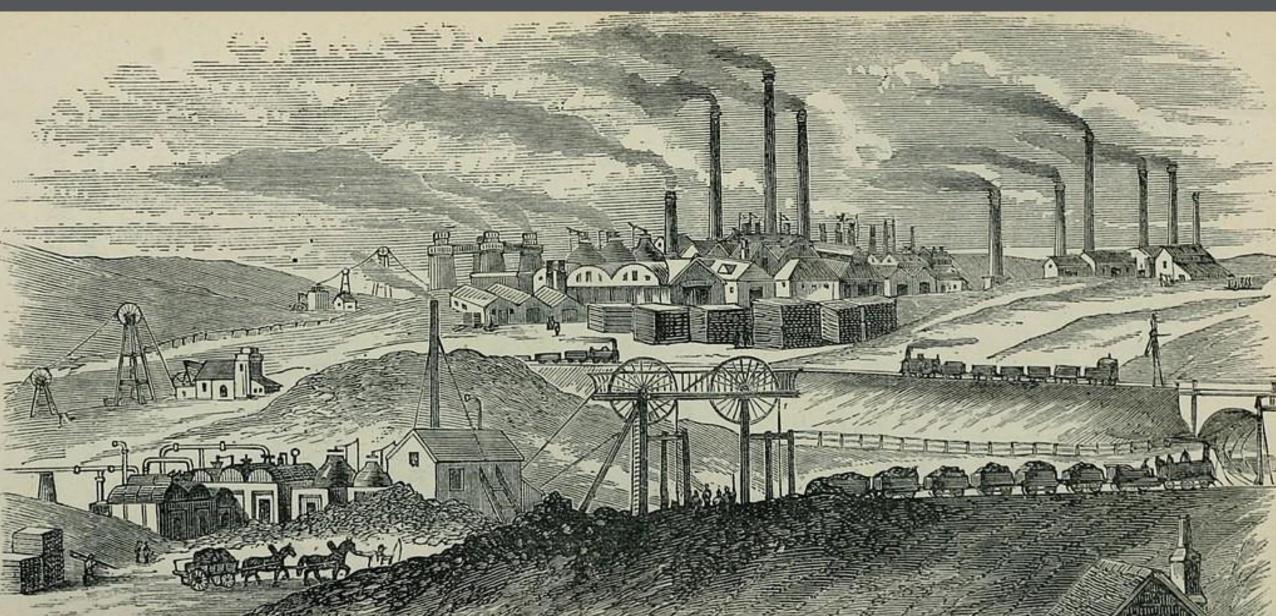
Warwick





### Then came the Industrial Revolution





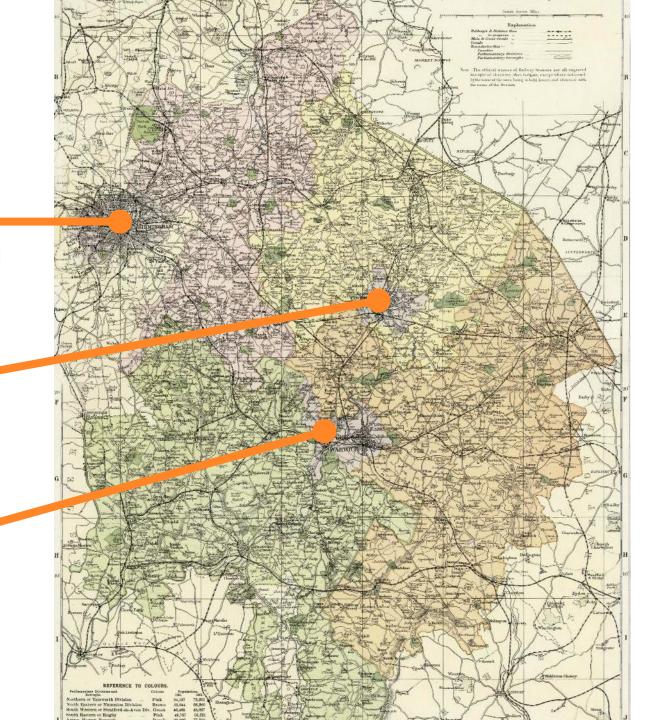
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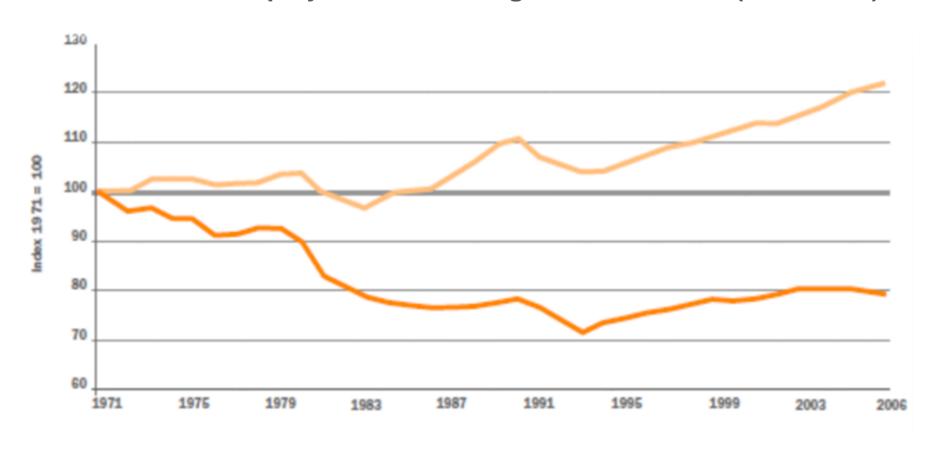




### We fell behind...



#### Indices of employment in Birmingham and the UK (1971-2003)



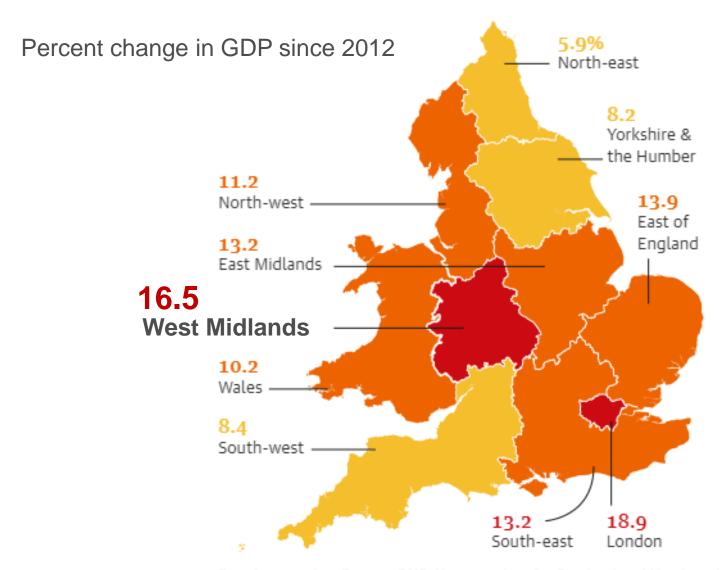
Birmingham

**United Kingdom** 

Source: BEIC, Employment Census, AES & ABI

### But now we're back in business





Guardian graphic. Source: ONS. Note: no data for Scotland and Northern Ireland

### Progress is visible

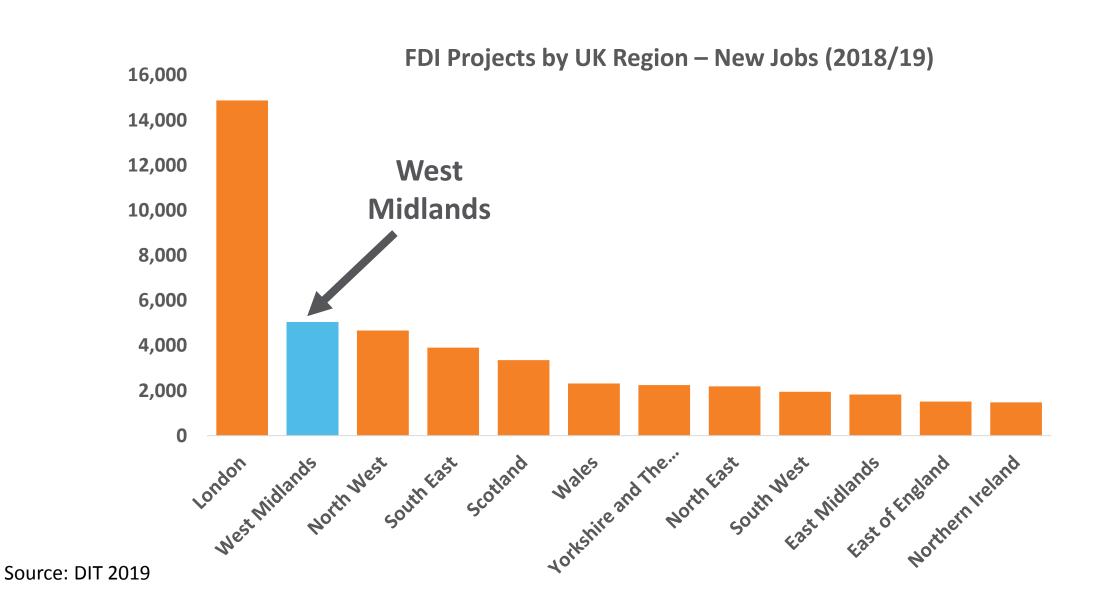






### Inward investment remains strong





### Two of the Top Five most Entrepreneurial Cities



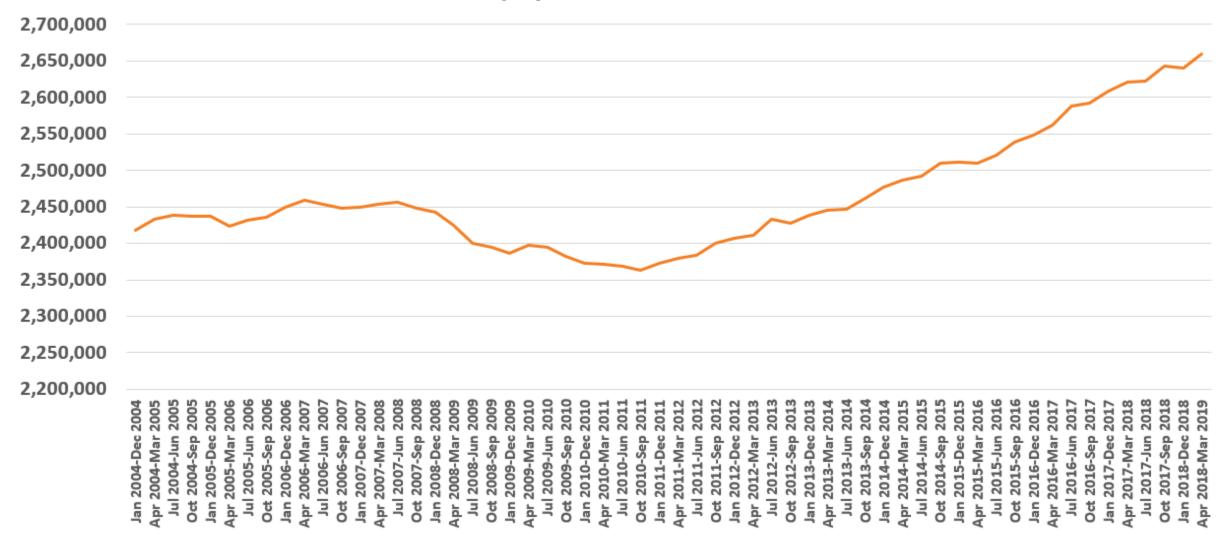
Entrepreneurial Cities	Ranking
Birmingham	1
London	2
Leicester	3
Coventry	4
Manchester	5

Source: Instant Offices (2019)

### Total employment is rising





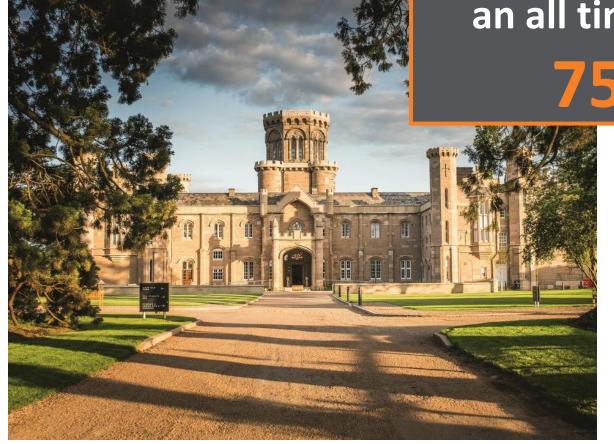


### Tourism is booming





**75%** 





### Restoring pride in our region



### The Telegraph

Why is Leamington Spa the happiest place in Britain?









Royal Learnington spa is a middle-class haven CREDIT: ALAMY

#### The Boston Globe

### Once an industrial eyesore, Birmingham, England, is now kind of hot for travel

With a world-class food scene, a dazzling new public library, and a cool attitude, "Brum" is suddenly hot.

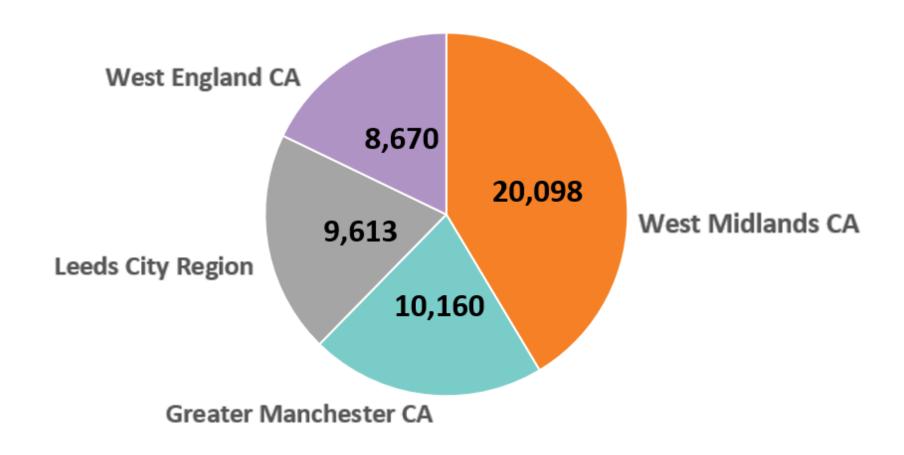




### Londoners are voting with their feet



# Internal Migration from Greater London (Year Ending June 2019)



### Major events to look forward to















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### The UK's first Local Industrial Strategy





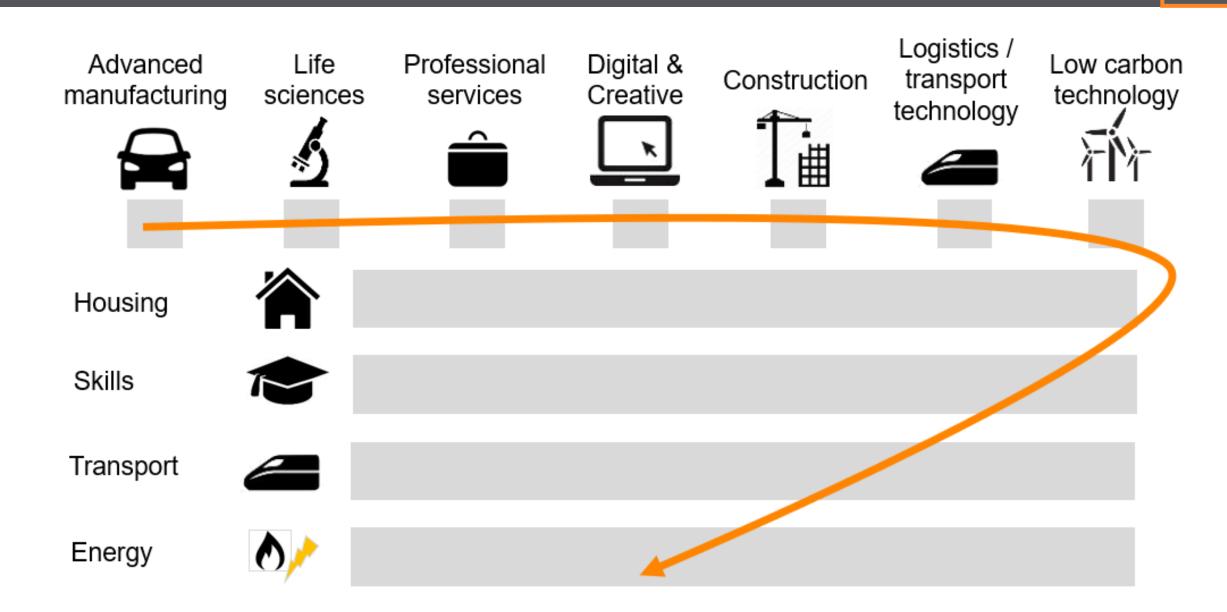
### **Driving Productivity across our Sectors**





### With Digital as the Golden Thread





### Connecting our sectors with 5G





### **Create Central** to boost our screen industry





### Creating a world-class automotive cluster





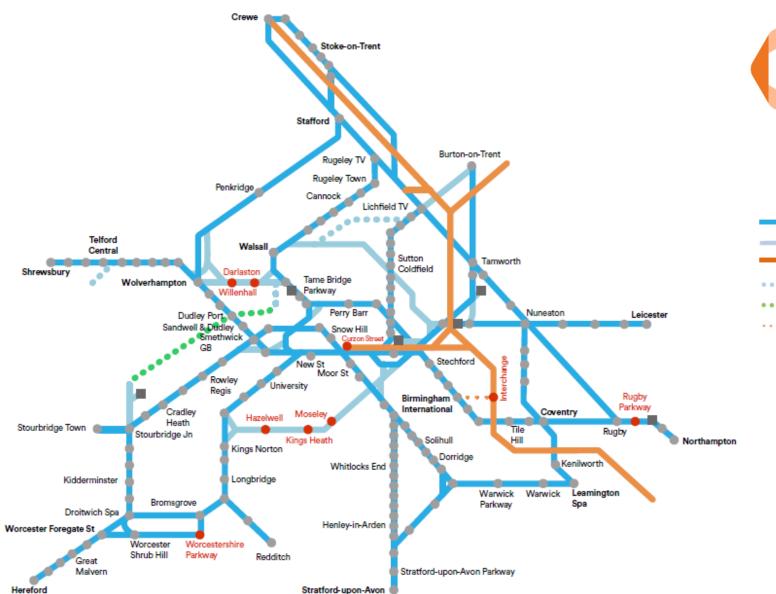
## Supported by UKBIC, Coventry





### Pressing on with our transport strategy







- Local Passenger Route
- Route without local passenger service
- --- HS2
- Disused former freight route
- · · · Former freight route being used for Metro
- ···· People mover link
  - Station
- New station under active development and in funding programme
- Principal Freight terminal

### Reopening our Historic Rail Lines







## A new station for Coventry







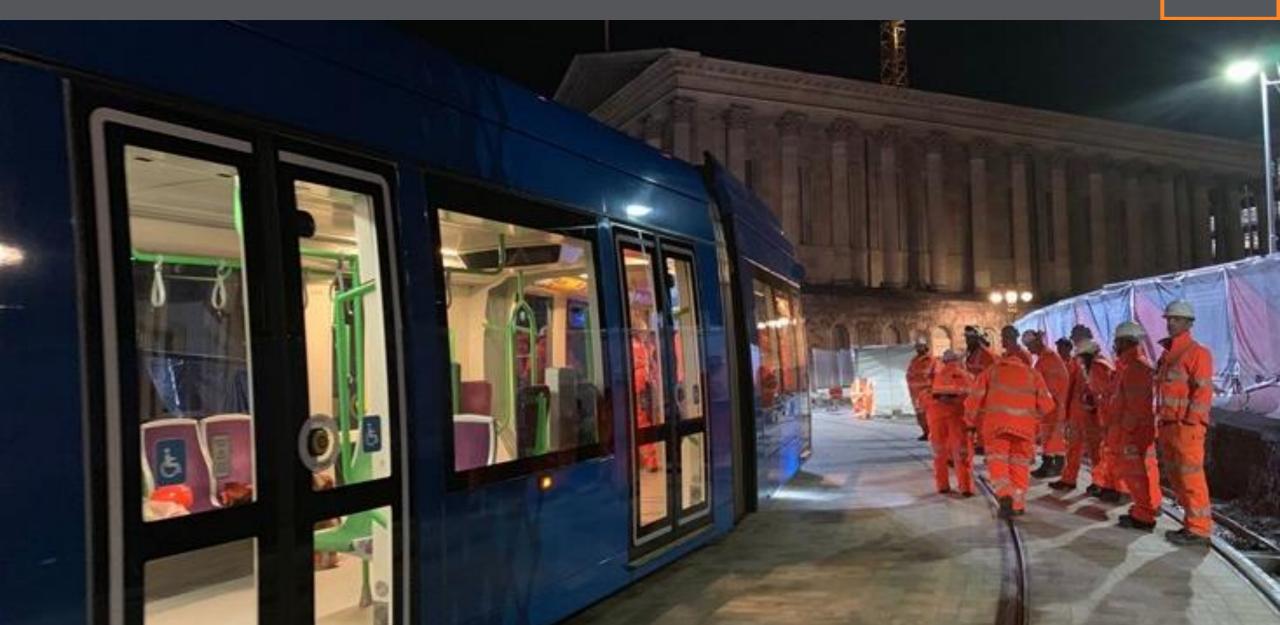
### A new station for Rugby? Rugby Parkway





### Metro expansion progressing well





### **Ambitions for Very Light Rail**

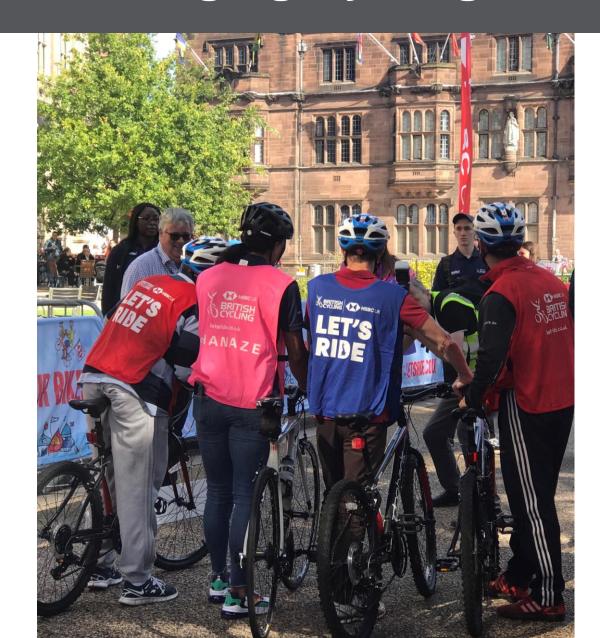






## **Encouraging Cycling and Walking**







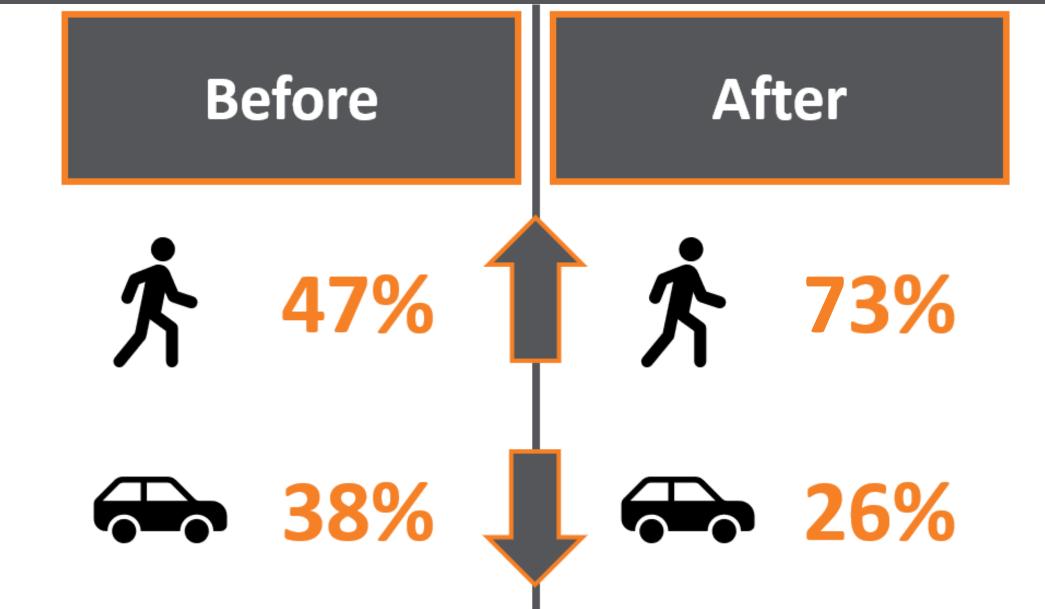
### Walk to School - Working with Living Streets





### The Results:





### The results so far...



#### Percentage change in Patronage (1 year)



+3.5%



+1%



+8.3%

# Coventry - the UK's Future Mobility Zone



# THE TIMES

# Motorists to earn £3,000 by ditching car for public transport

March 23 2019, 12:00am,



# Developing an ecosystem for CAM testing







# Delivering £126m Adult Education budget





# A new Construction Skills training fund





## Taking control of our Apprenticeship Levy



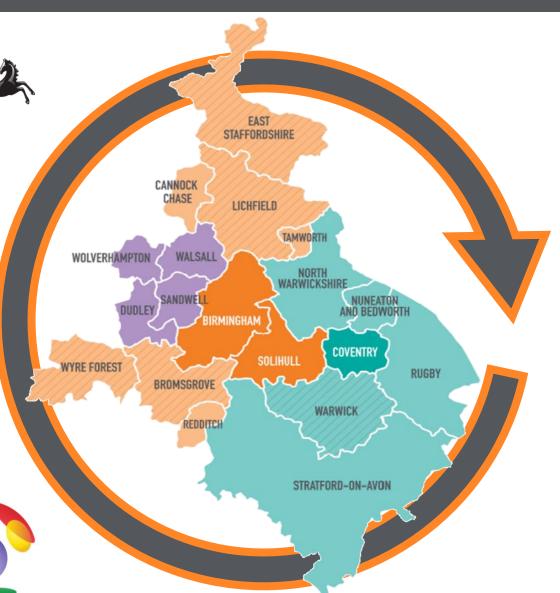




**WESLEYAN** 









## Digital retraining with our £5m 'Beat the Bots' fund

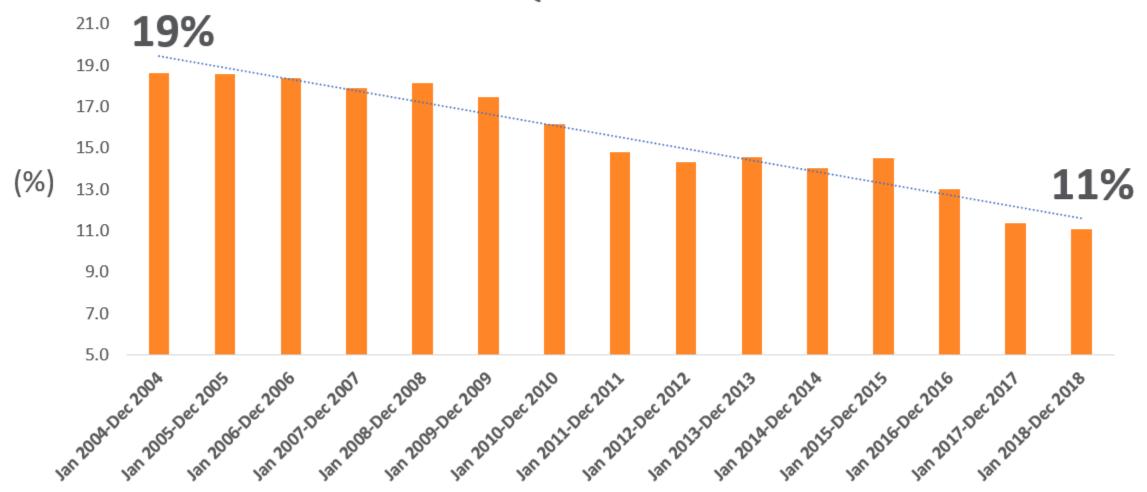




### Making progress... but more needs to be done



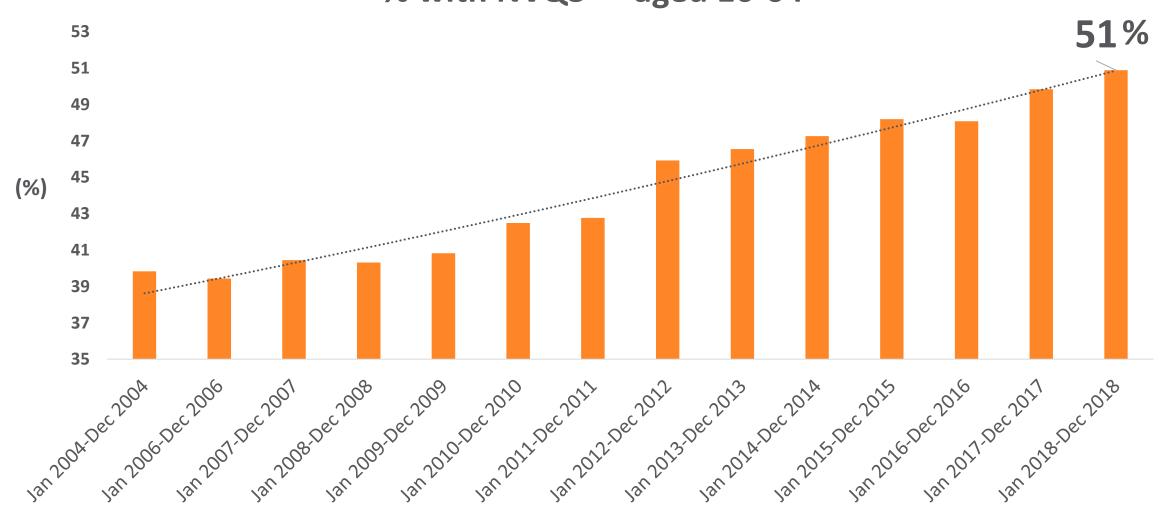
# Percentage of West Midlands (3 LEP) Population with No Qualifications



## More people with NVQ3+ Qualifications







# Working to meet our housing target

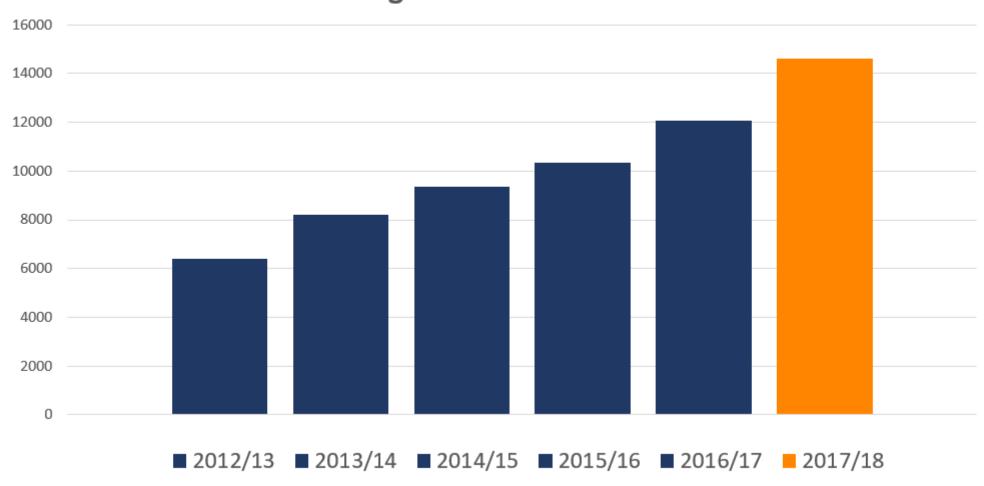




## The results so far....



#### Additional Dwellings in the West Midlands 2012-2018



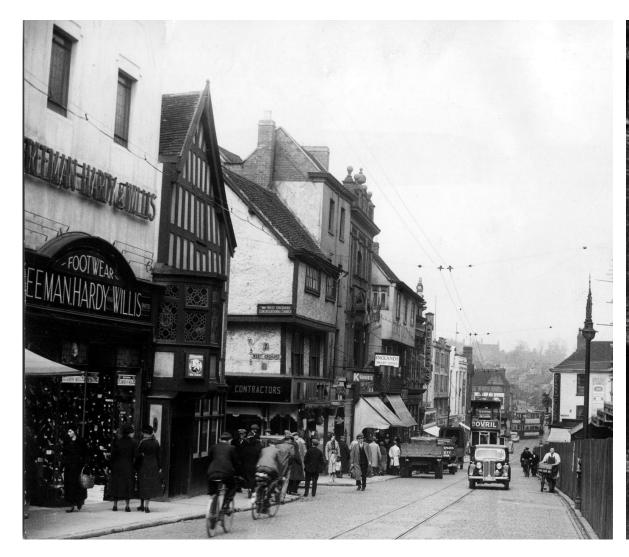
# Sticking with a Brownfield First approach

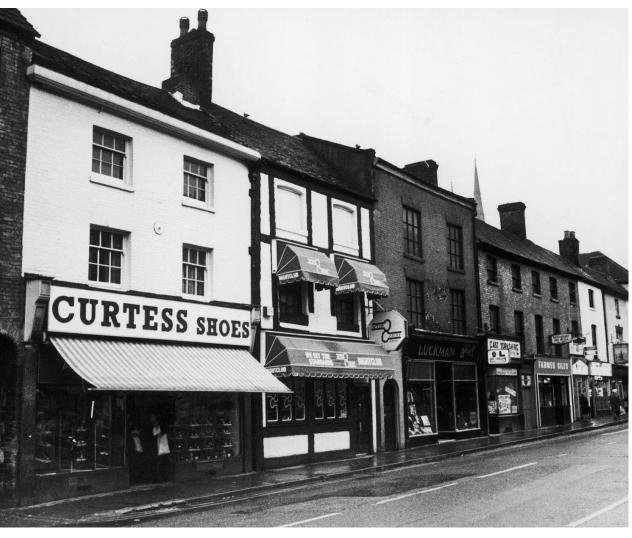




# Government funding for historic High Streets







### All supported by continued devolution of funding



#### **Devolved Funding Influenced by WMCA (millions)**



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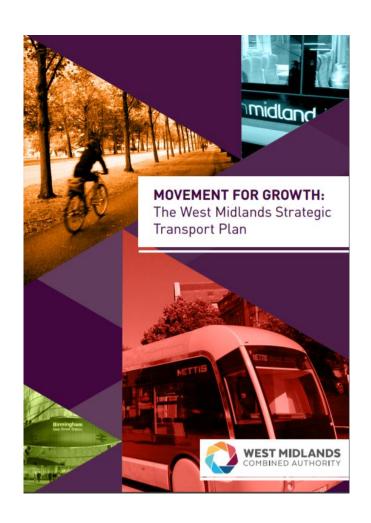
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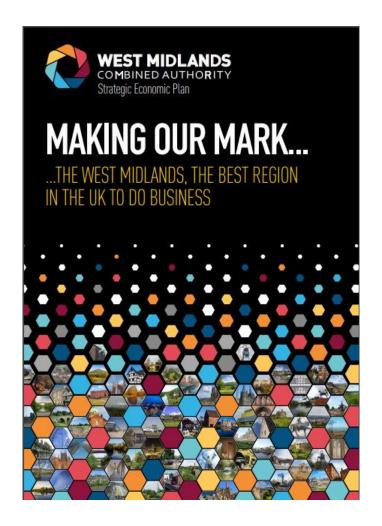
Major Milestones

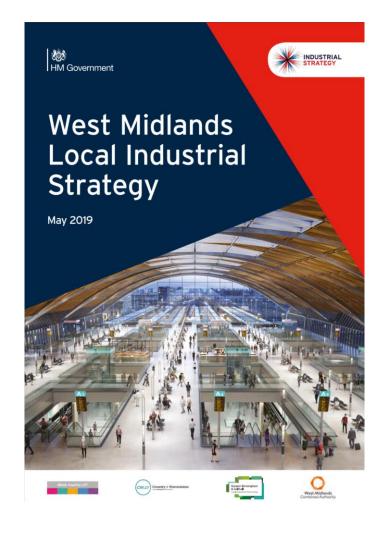
Reflections

# 1. Setting a clear plan









# 2. Working as a Team





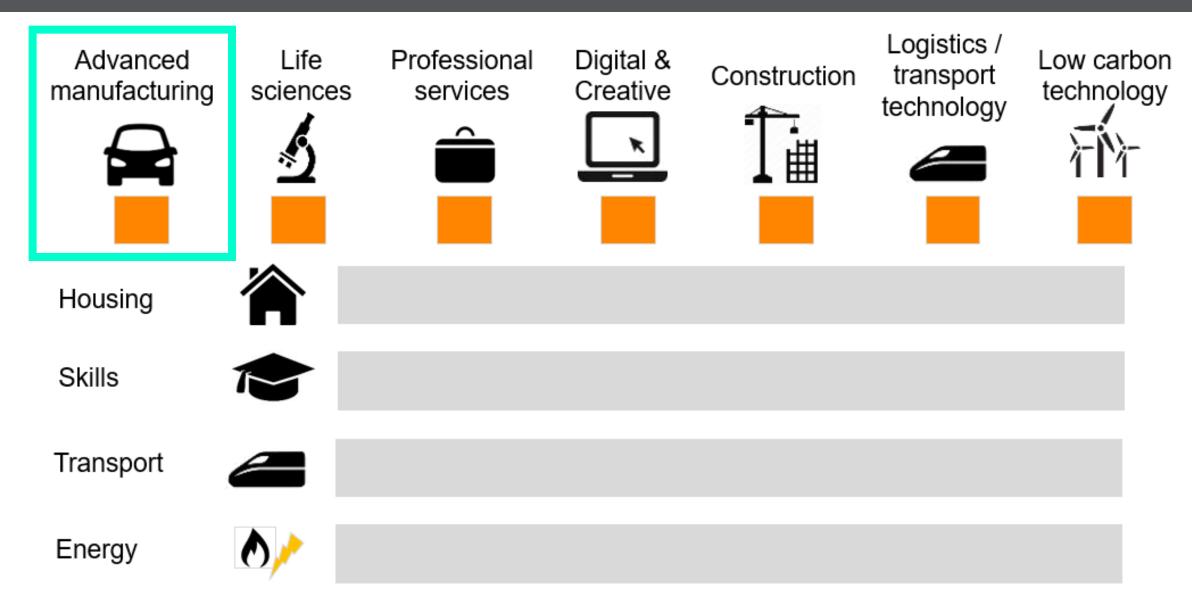
# 3. Telling our Story





# 4. Critical role of Key Sectors





# Our Automotive businesses have contributed hugely to regional growth







# 5. Diversifying our economy







# 6. Making growth inclusive





# 7. Managing uncertainty – HS2





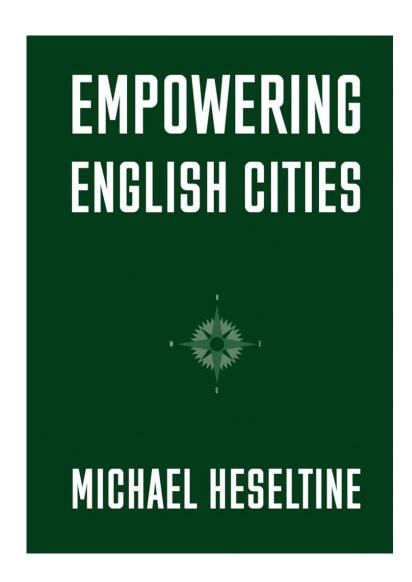
# 8. Managing uncertainty - Brexit

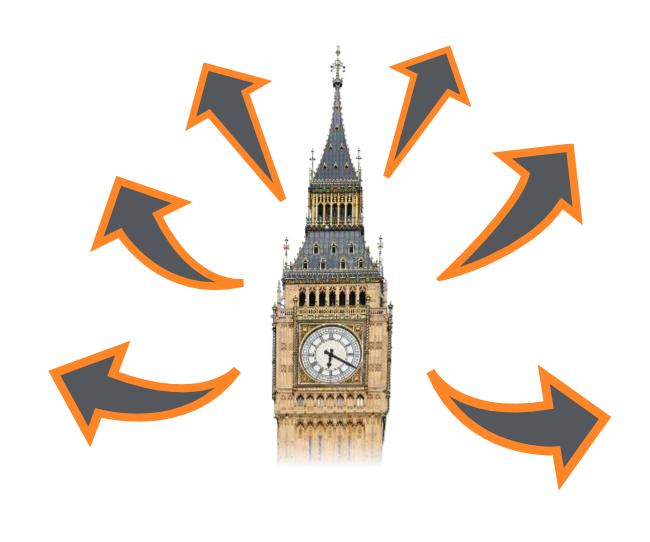




## Means we press on for further Devolution







# 9. Managing certainty





# 10. Keeping it ambitious



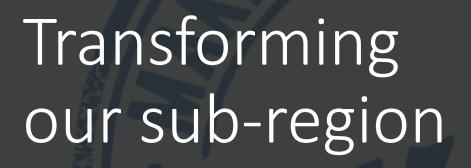


## And lastly from me...



# Thank You





Andy Williams
Director Business, Investment & Culture
Coventry City Council

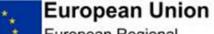












European Regional Development Fund

# Coventry & Warwickshire – Fastest growing LEP area economy in England since 2009

- Real GVA increased by 33.4% during the last 6 years
- C&W is the fastest growing economy outside the South East and Coventry is the fastest growing city outside of Greater London
- Economy is worth £26bn and has grown by 31% over 5 years
- Coventry ranks as 8th of 42 as the best City to live, work and do business in the UK
- Coventry 2nd highest patents per head of English cities
- West Midlands retains position as leading region for attracting Foreign Investment outside London and the South East

# Why do business here...



- **UK City of Culture 2021** will celebrate Coventry's contribution to the world from design and innovation to peace and reconciliation
- C&W has unrivalled connectivity
- 100,000 graduates and 16 universities within 1-hour drive time
- Global R&D and Design Centres for Aston Martin, Geely, London Electric Vehicle Company & JLR
- 35 OEM Vehicle and Off-highway Brands

# Why do business here...



- 75,000 new homes and 714 hectares of employment land to be developed by 2030
- £108m UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC) opens 2020
- £1bn+ R&D Facility Pipeline
- 11 Automotive, 4 Aerospace, 4 Rail Centres of Excellence and 2 internationally recognised universities
- West Midlands 5G Test Bed
- Coventry & Warwickshire accounted for 54.9% of all jobs created across the West Midlands in 2018

# What do our businesses say....

Coventry & Warwickshire has an inspiring, world famous history and the manufacturing excellence available here is a massive asset which we harness the advantages of in our business every day. We can recruit the right people, with the right skills and that there is a steady stream of people leaving the city's two fantastic universities who want to show employers just what they can do.

DAVID KEENE CEO, RDM People recognise Coventry and Warwickshire on an international scale for its automotive knowledge and expertise

Richard Burke, Commercial Estates Group

Warwickshire is a renowned hub for technology entertainment companies. We chose to start Pixel Toys here because it offers an excellent support network of businesses operating in the same space as well as local government support, and importantly for our employees it's a great place to live. We wouldn't have chosen anywhere else.

ANDREW WAFER DIRECTOR, PIXEL TOYS

"It was the clear choice given it has the UK's largest regional urban economy and is the most popular destination outside the South East for mass millennial migration."

**Gordon Wilson, CEO** 



"Winning the title of UK City of Culture 2021 provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for Coventry and the wider region. The economic impact will be huge for the City and the West Midlands, encouraging new investment and infrastructure growth – while offering aspiration and support for local communities most in need. Never has there been a better time to invest in Coventry and the West Midlands"

David Burbidge, Chair of Coventry City

"With arguably the best two universities in the UK, Coventry & Warwickshire has the power to reach out to a global audience and attract the best talent the world has to offer"

Robert Casey, Senior banking Associate



of Culture







# Current ERDF Programmes 2019-2021

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE

GREEN

BUSINESS

PROGRAMME









#### Success so Far...

Grants that have been awarded to date to SMEs:

Green Business: £882,577

Innovation: £1,156,376

Business Support: £1,937,020

Total: £3,975,973

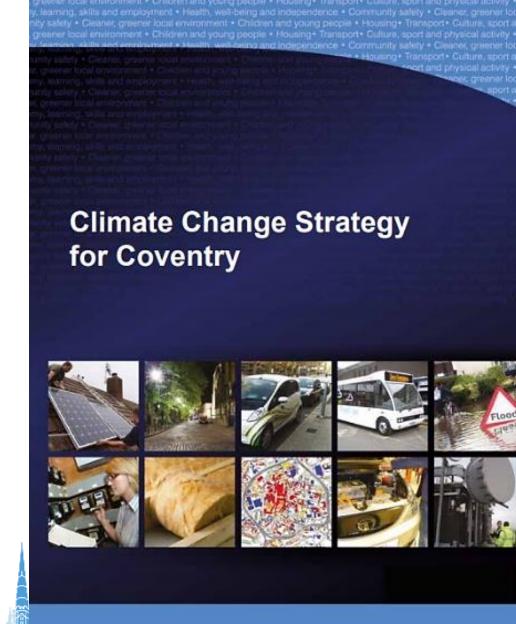
Business Assists – 965
Grants – 185
Jobs Created – 689
Carbon Saved – 2,500 tonnes
Start-ups supported - 575

### Continuing Support for Investment

- Access to Finance
- Bespoke 'soft landing' investment support service
- Commercial property / land availability searches
- Site visits / familiarisation tours
- Labour market profiles / local intelligence
- Relocation assistance for businesses and staff
- Business networks and supply chain connections
- Employment / recruitment support
- Developing international trade opportunities
- Employee skills and training assistance

# Our commitment to tackling climate change

- The Climate Change Strategy published in 2012 set a target to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 27.5% by 2020 - The targets were achieved by the end 2014
- In 2020 we will draft and refresh a new Climate Change Strategy for the City
- Engagement and collaboration with local businesses will be a key focus in the development and successful delivery of the NEW Climate Change Strategy



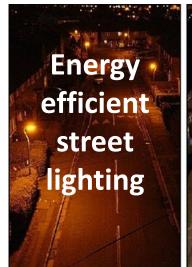




## Reducing our emissions across the City



Heatline – energy shipped from waste plant via 6.6km pipelines to major City Centre buildings.





**Existing Street Lighting** 

**New Street Lighting** 





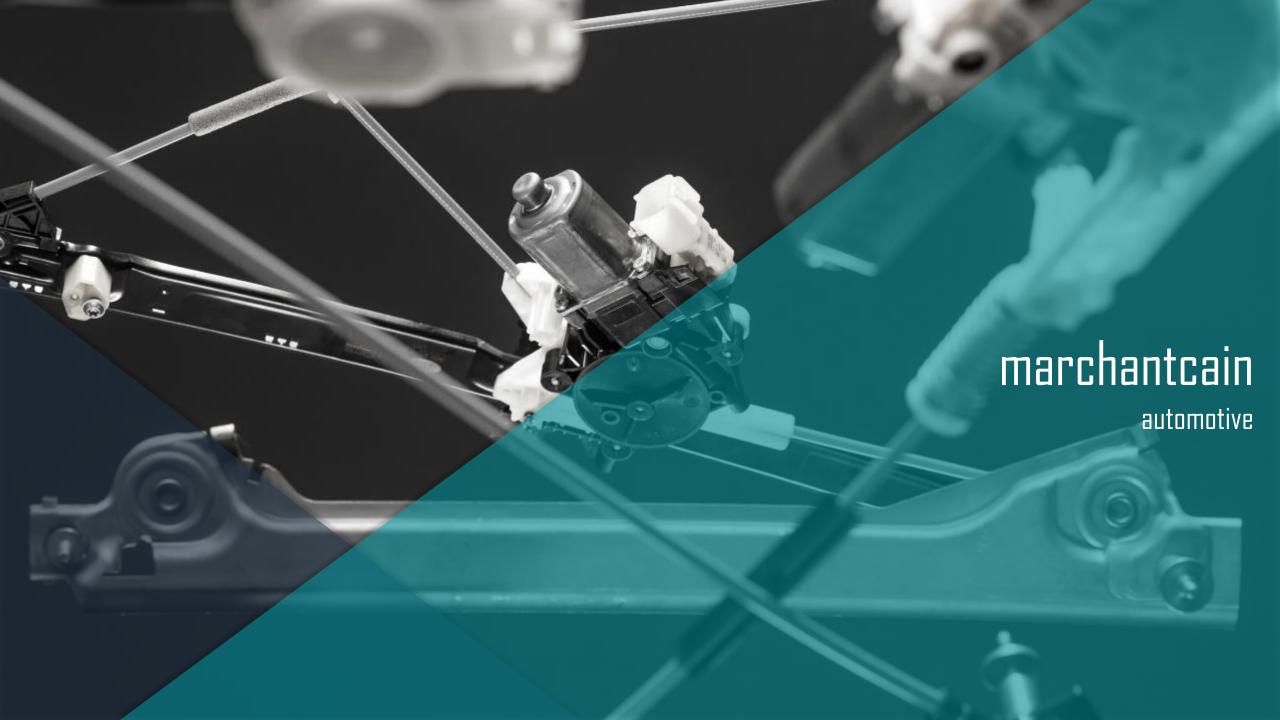
10 electric taxis
operating in
Coventry with more
on the way.

## Challenges moving forward

- There is still lots to do
- Adapting to business feedback, needs and opportunities
- Government uncertainty
- Increasing overseas trade into new markets
- Increased focus on Climate Change and its impact
- Making the most of the 5G and Digital opportunities
- Diversification SMEs supplying more than one sector

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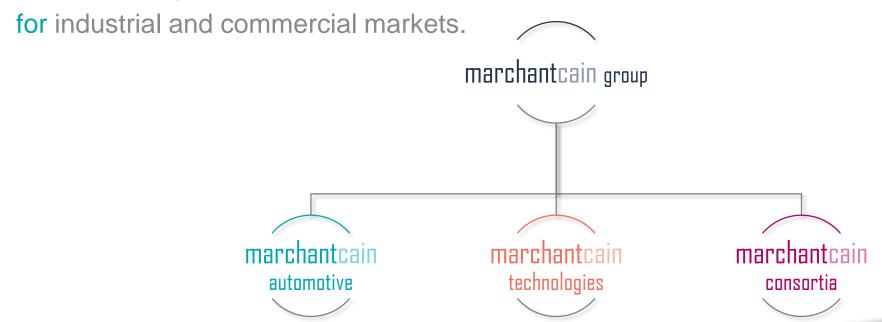




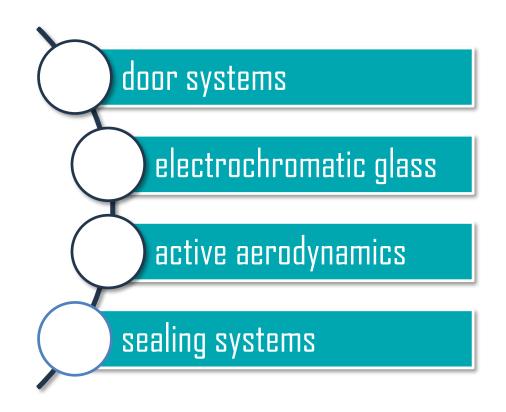
#### INTRODUCTION

MarchantCain Automotive (MCA) is part of MarchantCain Group, an innovative group of technology companies

providing engineering design and development services PLUS bespoke low volume manufacturing



## BACKGROUND



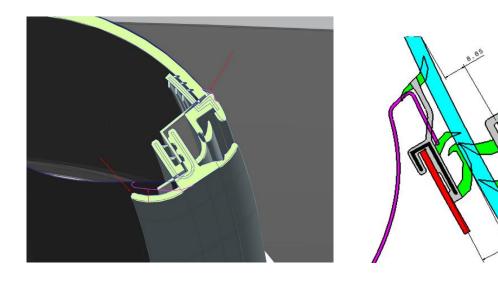
International standards ISO9001-2015.

ISO14001 and TS16949 in progress.

# Door Systems – Window Regulators and Seals



Window Regulator systems



Door and Window Sealing systems

# Wiper Systems



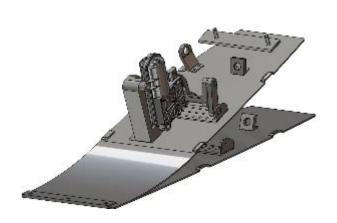
In this case study we worked closely with a customer to adapt our extensive window regulator knowledge to developing a number of wiper systems. We had some very difficult packaging geometry to work with, whilst ensuring the system the delivered the legal, weight and cost targets.



# Active Aero Dynamics - Underfloor

An immensely proud moment in Marchantcain history was the design development and series manufacture of the front underfloor active aerodynamics for the Porsche 918 Hybrid Supercar. Again a low volume product but working within the processes of Porsche / VAG group we delivered on time and to Quality. The product featured a live hinge aero flap connected to a gearbox designed in house and driven by a motor specified by ourselves.







# Active Aero Dynamics - Spoilers

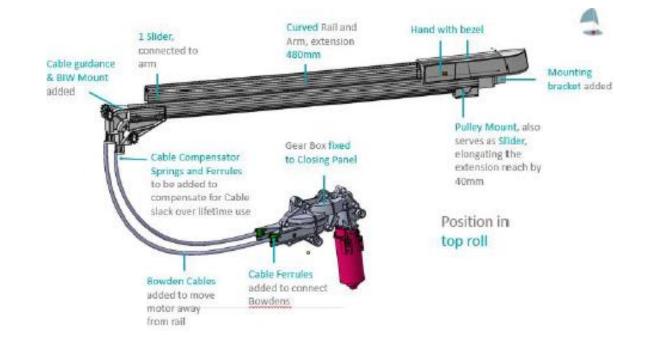
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The next logical step from the underfloor active aero is the rear and front spoiler mechanisms. This is an area that we have worked in on several occasions for customers but also an area that we saw could benefit from a system driven by cables. Having a wealth of experience with cables and cable drums in window regulators it was a natural progression to develop a system showcasing our ability to adapt and integrate technologies.

#### Seat Belt Presenter

Yet another adaptation of Window Regulator technology was realised in the design and development of a seat belt presenting device for a coupe vehicle variant. Again our ability to think freely and adaptive approach meant that we could address many of the issues found with current systems in the market.

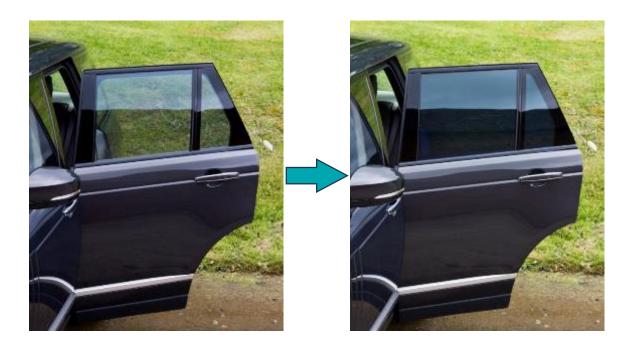




#### Electrochromatic Glass

A joint venture is in place between Isoclima and MarchantCain to supply total solutions for Electrochromatic side window glass and divider glass as in the new Bentley Mulsanne limousine.





# Support Received

#### LOTS!

Most recently £9,000 from CCC/CWChamber/LEP for:

- Computer equipment Server and Product Lifecycle Management system
  - Necessary to keep pace with the expansion of the business

#### Previously £24,000 for

- Office equipment work station chairs
  - Necessary to accommodate new staff
- Building work rest room and kitchen facilities for staff
  - Necessary to get all workers away from their desks at lunchtime and socialise
- Production equipment drills and benches
  - Necessary for production of our own in-house parts
- Tooling for window regulator components (MC in-house parts)
- Van
  - Necessary to enable quicker response times and to eliminate van hire charges

# Without the Support

- Slower updates of systems
- Missed opportunities to quote
- Slower responses

# Tips and Recommendations

- Don't be shy!
- Get a Growth Hub Account Manager as a first port of call
- It's not difficult, you will get help, but ....
- Set up systems to track the spend and growth at the beginning

### Growth of Our Business

- The support has helped us grow;
- Turnover
  - £552,000 FY15/16
  - £1.5million FY18/19
- Staff
  - 10 April 2017
  - 24 November 2019
- And ...

# PREMISES

January 2019 we moved from a 4,400 ft<sup>2</sup> building in rural Allesley



## **PREMISES**

..... To a 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> building in Bannerbrook, encompassing design, development and manufacture.

The space is flexible to allow for varying production volumes.



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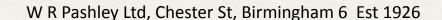
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"Manufacturers of every type of bicycle"



### Pashley Holdings Ltd



- Continuous production since 1926
  - Pashley is UK's longest established manufacturer of bicycles.
- Pashley manufactures high quality, high added value bicycles into 3 segments:
  - Independent Bike Shops, where Pashley is perhaps best known for range of Classic bicycles with leather saddle and wicker basket & iconic stylish bikes like the Guv'nor and recent developments with Morgan.
  - B2B Work/Delivery Bikes Businesses and fleet operators, where Pashley supplies delivery bikes and site bikes to over 250 businesses including TNT, Royal Mail etc.
  - Public Bike Hire Schemes Currently Santander London Bike Hire Scheme and Edinburgh Just Eat Schemes, with more expected!

"Different by Design & Distinctive by Nature"

## The Pashley Princess





# The Pashley Morgan 8





# Taking Advantage of Non Traditional Market Opportunities.



Grant / Facility Assistance provided by:-

- Niche Vehicle Network Grant +2 Tech. Partners
  - » Large Capacity Cargo e-Trike Design & Prototype Development
- WMG Additive Manufacturing + Rapid Prototyping
  - » Original Prospect Hire Bike prototyping.
- WMG Market analysis Public Hire Bikes
- CW LEP Capital Grant 2019
  - » Wheel building Investment Grant
- CW LEP Innovation Grant 2019/20
  - » Smart Bike Controller and IOT
  - » Smart Lock & Light

# The e-Cargo Bike Market Growth of Last-Mile Urban Delivery



### Pashley Hire e-Bike - London



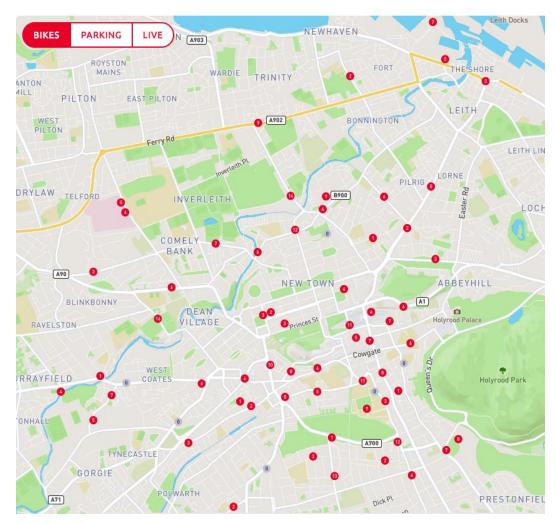


# PUBLIC BIKE HIRE FROM 'JUST BIKES' TO MAAS



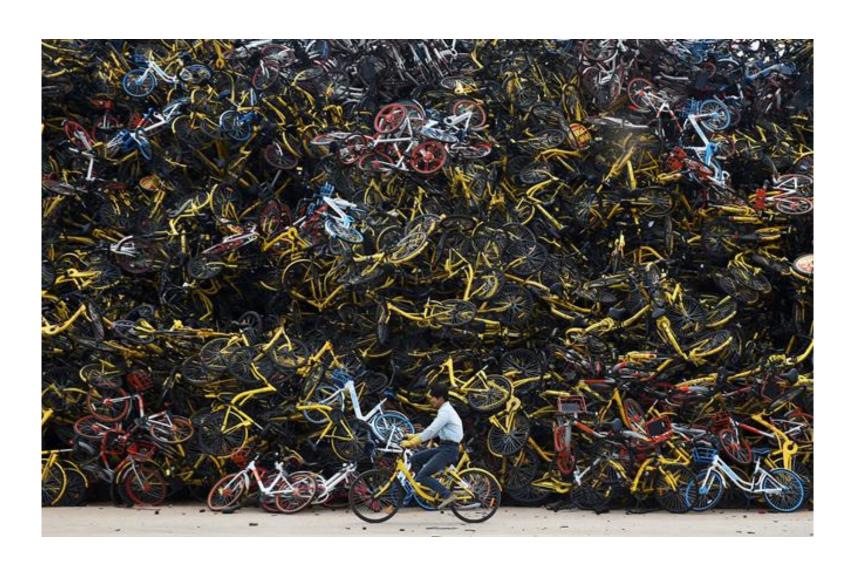
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- LIGHTING
- COMMS. / IoT UNIT
  - GPS
  - GPRS
  - ACCELEROMETER
  - POWER MANAGEMENT
- SECURE VPN COMMS
  - BIKE TO CLOUD
  - APP TO CLOUD
  - WEB TO CLOUD
  - OTA UPDATES
- BACK OFFICE SYSTEM
  - CUSTOMER ACCOUNT
  - BILLING
  - ASSET MANAGEMENT
  - ASSET MAINTAINCE HISTORY
  - REPORTING
  - DASHBOARDS
- PHYSICAL DOCKING STATIONS
- MAINTAINANCE DEPOT
  - TRANSPORT
  - STAFF





#### BIKESHARE Market in Chaos?





### Bikeshare Chaos?- NOT HERE



