

West of England Economic Development Needs Assessment

Note for readers

The West of England Economic Development Needs Assessment (EDNA) was produced by ATKINS on behalf of the four unitary authorities of Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City Council, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The EDNA forms part of the underpinning evidence base which will inform the production of the West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP).

In order to produce the EDNA and inform the demand side analysis, ATKINS used the 2013 Oxford Economic Forecasts procured by the West of England LEP. At the time the Study was prepared these forecasts, as the most up to date information available, ensured , consistency between the evidence used to inform the LEP jobs ambition and other elements of the JSP evidence base including the 2015 Wider Bristol Area SHMA. .

Since concluding the EDNA the West of England LEP has procured revised forecasts from Oxford Economics these can be accessed using the following link <http://www.westofenglandlep.co.uk/about-us/economic-intelligence/growth-forecasts>. These forecasts have been submitted by the LEP in response to the JSP Issues and Options consultation. In order to take account of these new forecasts an addendum will be made to the EDNA commencing in February 2016. This addendum will also take into account/consider any additional new evidence received as part of the Issues and Options consultation. The updated EDNA will then be taken into account in the preparation of the Draft JSP.