



CloS LEP AGM 2 March 2023 - Q & A Session

Online Questions	
Question 1:	<p>Question: If not answered in general business: What is the future role of the CloS LEP?</p> <p>Answer: The LEP will be liaising with Cornwall Council on how the private sector can inform negotiations of County Deal. We will be talking to business and sector groups to inform those discussions. The LEP role/function will continue even if under a different guise.</p>
Questions from the floor	
Question 2:	<p>Question: Position of other LEPs?</p> <p>Answer: There is cohesion with the other LEP areas. The Great South West opportunities will allow additional unity and purpose for the whole of the South West in this changing landscape.</p>
Question 3:	<p>Question: Will the Great South West make it more difficult to communicate with Government?</p> <p>Answer: No, in fact it will be an opportunity for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly to have a stronger voice within central Government given that most of the people involved already have access to other government departments. The Cornwall Council Leader then added to say as a GSW Partnership Board Member will ensure that every opportunity for Cornwall to have a voice will not be lost.</p>
Question 4:	<p>Question: What is the opportunity for Green Energy?</p> <p>Answer: The scale of green energy opportunities is huge but we need to describe these opportunities to unlock opportunities in other industries such as tourism.</p>
Question 5:	<p>Question: What is the future for Business Support and access to business finance support?</p> <p>Answer: The Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Economy responded to say that as of 1 April 2023 CloS Growth Hub will be the single point of contact going forward for business support for the whole of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. The Growth Hub has now been given the funding to commission business support and offer grant support. The Portfolio Holder continued to say that under Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) there will be more opportunities available to more sectors and inward investment through Cornwall Trade and Investment will be increased.</p>