

EMCCA and Inclusive Growth

A vision for the region

We will make our region more **prosperous**, **sustainable** and **fairer**, helping our people and businesses to create and seize opportunities.



Grow our economy faster, through targeted long-term investment, so that it is resilient enough to withstand future challenges



Match skills to economic need to increase productivity and wellbeing



Support businesses to create more and higher paid sustainable jobs so that our citizens are able to access the jobs they want within the area



Create a net-zero economy with a resilient energy supply



Create modern and robust infrastructure that releases the private sector to deliver new homes and businesses

10 inclusive growth objectives



Build new and coherent transport links for better and more sustainable access to our economic hubs such as our cities, market towns and major employers



Reduce inequality and promote social mobility to allow people to achieve their potential



Improve healthy life expectancy and reduce inequalities, especially in communities and groups who are most disadvantaged



Support enhanced green spaces to welcome nature back into our communities



Use our devolution powers to bring decision-making closer to those who live and work here, increasing the visibility of these decisions

National Policy

Industrial Strategy (Invest 2035)

- 10 year plan
- Drive Growth Sectors (Place based)
 - Key Sectors; Advanced manufacturing; Clean Energy; Creative; Defence; Digital and Technology, Financial Services, Life Sciences; Business Services
- Boost Investment
- Scale up Growth
- International Trade

Get Britain Working White Paper

(27th November 2024)

- Ambition - 80% employment rate (economically inactive)
- Integrating Health and Work support
- Youth Guarantee Trailblazer (£45M across UK*)
- Apprenticeship Levy Transformation
- Foundation apprenticeships
- Connect to Work
- Promotion of Healthy and Inclusive Workplaces

levelling-up
closing the gap
social mobility
tackling deprivation
place based working
inclusive growth
disadvantaged communities
left behind places
more and better jobs
inequality
quality jobs

Current model

Grow now,
redistribute later



Our current model assumes a 'grow now, redistribute later' approach to tackling inequalities

This has created a divided society, with many people feeling left behind from our economy

This compounds the UK's poor productivity problem, holding down real wages and living standards

A new
model is
needed

New model

Inclusive growth



Where investment in social infrastructure is an integral driver of growth

Where as many people as possible can contribute to and benefit from a new kind of growth

We call this **Inclusive Growth**

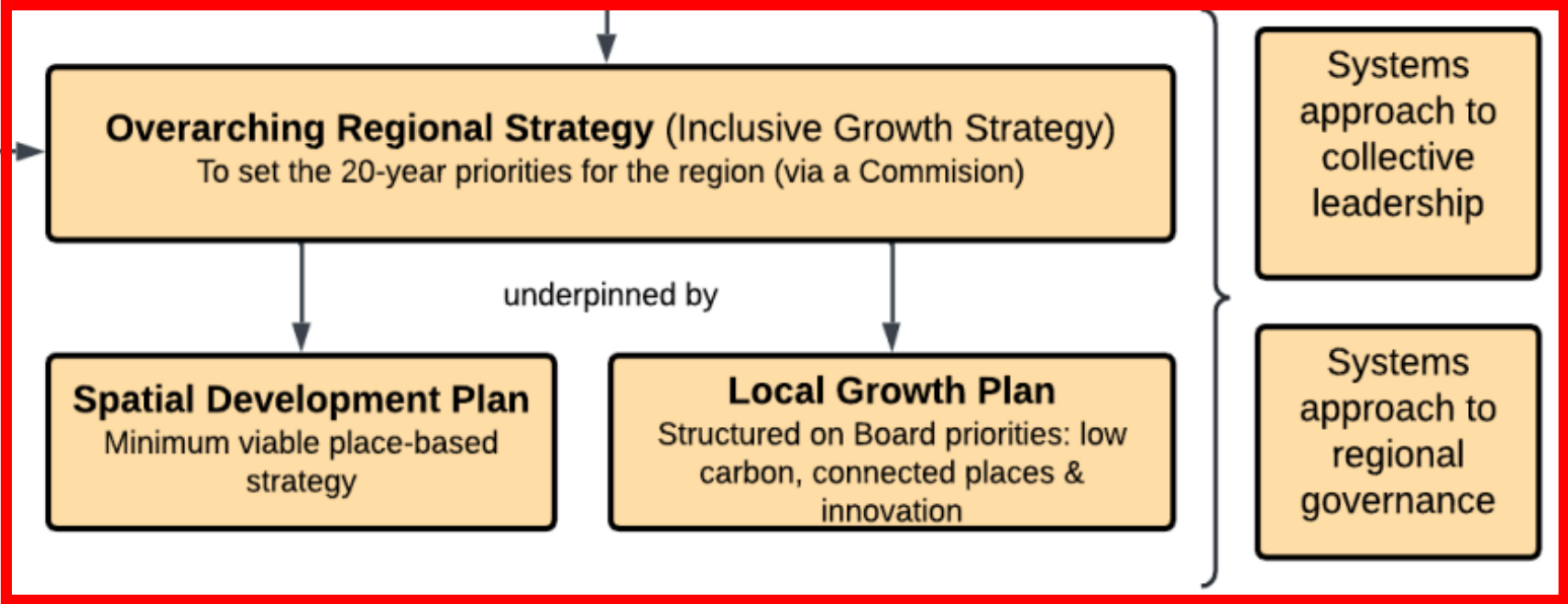
Vision statement for the EMCCA region
'to make our region more prosperous, sustainable and fairer,
helping our people and businesses to create and seize opportunities'



Interim Strategic Framework agreed by EMCCA Board (March 2024) to guide
initial development of corporate delivery plan, policy development and investment



**Initial round of strategy
and policy development**
(.e.g. Strategic Skills Plan,
scoping the LTP etc)



Systems approach to
collective leadership

Systems approach to
regional governance

Inclusive Growth Commission

- Independent; challenge
- Fresh perspectives and expertise
- Root causes; long-term
- Time and space to focus on the exam questions



Meet the Commissioners



Andy Haldane

Chair of the IGC
CEO of the RSA



Marvin Rees

Former Mayor of Bristol



Dame Julia Cleverdon

Chair of Place Matters



Sarah Gordon

Former CEO of Impact
Investing Institute



Sir John Peace

Chair of the East
Midlands Engine



Dr Andy Haynes

Exec Lead of Notts ICS



Gillian Sewell

CEO of Derbyshire
YMCA



Sir Keith Burnett

Chair of Nuffield
Foundation

Questions for the Inclusive Growth Commission

1. What does inclusive growth **mean** for the region? What will communities **feel** is different in ten years' time from a successful inclusive growth strategy?
2. What are the region's unique combination of **strengths**? How can it best leverage its economic assets across cities, towns and rural areas to growth these?
3. What are the root causes that sit behind the region's well-established challenges in achieving inclusive growth? How can the region tackle these challenges to enable its **full potential** to be unleashed?
4. What role can EMCCA play to effect change, alone and with its partners, including as part of the systems of public services?

The Approach



Commissioners meeting regularly, including liaison with EMCCA Board



Evidence and analysis gathering; fresh research



Wide engagement, on the issues and solutions, including citizen survey and panels



Regular communications, including opportunities for key studies and reports to be submitted

Interim report: March 2025

High level recommendations on areas of focus for the East Midlands to drive inclusive growth

Final report: Autumn 2025

Roadmap for the future of the East Midlands, with investable propositions, grounded in citizen insights and cutting-edge data



Questions