Strategic Development Plan in Glasgow

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A familiar story ?

- **Dominance of one firm or industry** the Upas tree
- Industrial to knowledge economies old clusters into a new triple helix
- Cultural assets European Capital of Culture 1990, City of Architecture and Design 1999,SECC
- **Major events** Winter Olympics 2006 / Commonwealth Games 2014
- Image recreation Glasgow's Miles Better, Scotland with Style, People Make Glasgow
- Employment Rates 66%, over 30% of households workless
- Leadership and Strategy from McKinsey to international competitiveness







Cycles of strategy

- 1980s McKinsey / Scottish Development Agency city centre and the services industries
 - Final collapse and rediscovering an asset base
- 1990s Cultural regeneration and the intermediate labour market
- False Dawns green field sites, inward investment and the electronics boom
 - Reshaping perceptions, struggling with competition, tackling the social challenges
- 2000s The Boom Years an overexpansion into financial services and the IFSD (?)
 - The rebirth of central cities, private sector investment growth, ad hoc asset development
- Today Triple Helix building export potential from business, academic and government networks
 - Co-ordinated asset development, skills and infrastructure investment and messaging



Cycles of strategy

Employment rate as percentage of working age population (Glasgow City Region)



source : ONS Labour force survey 1995 - 2005 ONS Annual population survey 2005 - 2013



Some spatial challenges





Strategic development

- Engaging with business (and academia)
- Formalise structures and processes vs informal LECs to GEL
- Generic vs sectoral skills, business development and physical to 6 key sectors
- Guiding strategy vs bringing investment formal strategic consultation to workstreams, networks
- Recurring importance of international trade and investment



The current approach

- 1. Private sector leadership... greater focus and direction
- 2. Key sectors... where we can compete internationally
- **3. Global promotion**... of Glasgow's key sectors plus an 'in-Glasgow' investment team
- 4. **Connectivity**... to national and international markets
- 5. Innovative funding... to deliver infrastructure and investment
- 6. Further & Higher Education... to support key sectors (+ deliver growth potential)
- 7. Skills... to support growth in key sectors, across all skill levels



Key sectors





Next steps

Respond to Commission Recommendations

• Glasgow City Council, Scottish Enterprise, Chamber of Commerce, GEP etc.

Re-specify 'Step Change for Glasgow' Joint Economic Strategy

- GEP Working Group (GCC, SE, CoC, GEC) to review and re-specify JES
- new JES 'Business' / Action Plan to identify key actions, delivery responsibilities and required resources (incl. private sector)

Establish key sector groups

- industry/private sector-led groups to develop Sector Action Plans
- bring together businesses, colleges / universities + GCC, SE & SDS etc.
- identify priority actions for delivery, and by whom

Establish new leadership body

- build on high-level private sector engagement in the Commission
- drive new JES delivery, promote Glasgow, key sectors & the economy
- maximise business involvement in selling Glasgow / attracting investment



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