

INVESTING IN TALENT, BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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OF THE SOLUTION



Planning Skills and Capacity

THE PROBLEM

- Businesses are being held back by planning system delays, as Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) fight to recruit and retain qualified town planners.
- Planning skills shortages are:
 - slowing the pace of delivery,
 - damaging business confidence,
 - jeopardising investment decisions.
- **Councils struggle to provide the speed, quality and consistency of service that businesses and local economies need.**



Our Solution

TRAIN MORE PLANNERS

- Better resourced planning services will support business and local economies.
- Our industry-led programme will boost council skills and resources to help unblock the planning system.
- **We will fund a 5-year planning skills and jobs programme. It will train and upskill more town planners. They will boost planning skills and capacity in councils across the UK.**



Our Ambition

BUSINESS PROVIDING SOLUTIONS

- Our business coalition aims to raise over £3 million from the private sector to fund a five-year planning skills and jobs programme.
- Contributions are invited from businesses of all sizes, sectors and regions.
- **Be part of the solution and support this initiative with a contribution commensurate to the size of your business.**



Founding Partners

JOIN US TO MAKE AN IMPACT

- As a Founding Partner of the programme, Aviva has already committed £500,000 to the programme fund, and we hope other businesses will donate too.
- All contributors will be recognised. Founding Partners will also receive Kitemark status.
- **We will provide regular reports, programme updates and opportunities for donors to convene on issues of national planning policy.**



OUR BUSINESS COALITION

OUR PARTNERS ENJOY:

- Brand Association: PR and Media
- Engagement: A regular branded roundtable on planning issues.
- Data and Insights: Policy research and reports
- Invitation to a parliamentary reception



Fund Management and Eligibility

- The programme fund will be managed by the BCC, with the training bursary process delivered by the professional body, the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). This is on a cost-recovery basis.
- The BCC programme bursary is accessible to learners from all parts of the UK.



Training More Town Planners

BOOSTING SKILLS

Our targeted training programme will:

- Fund at least 100 individuals to gain a degree or post-graduate qualification in town planning.
- Support the upskilling of mid-career and senior professionals to gain additional technical planning skills. This will help business compete in a competitive global market and transition to the net zero economy.



Training For Planning Roles in LPAs

ENTRY LEVEL AND MID-CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- The fund will pay for the learner's training and in return, they must be willing to work in a council planning department for at least two years post qualification.
- Existing council planners can apply for funds to upskill.
- The programme is open to learners, councils and businesses in all parts of the UK.



Local Government

- We welcome interest from councils who can offer work experience and job opportunities, as well as those looking for support in upskilling their planning teams.
- We hope to engage with a wide variety of locations and administrative models.



Planning Schools

- We will deliver degree and post-graduate qualifications in partnership with planning schools throughout the UK.
- We also welcome agile and innovative training solutions that enable the rapid upskilling of existing qualified planners.



Investing in Talent, Building Communities

BUSINESS PROVIDES SOLUTIONS

- More planning capacity will help people, communities and the economy.
- Planning shapes every aspect of our lives, including education, homes, health, jobs, communications, trade, investment, growth and the environment.
- **Businesses and the local communities in which they operate are inextricably linked.**
- **Invest in your local community**



Get Involved

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