



HAVEN GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

2009-2010

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD



If I need reassurance about the Haven Gateway Partnership's achievements in the past year, all I need to do is drive to our office, passing the A12 Cuckoo Farm junction for which the Partnership was a strong advocate. Community Infrastructure Funding was secured because the Haven Gateway is a Growth Point, and the Partnership is also making a capital contribution.

The junction will be open to traffic in Spring 2011. An excellent example of partnership in action, it will make North Colchester much more accessible, boost occupancy at Colchester Business Park and show, to use the Chancellor's words, that Colchester is 'open for business'.

The private sector, too, has continued to invest in major infrastructure projects. The Port of Felixstowe's deepwater expansion is nearing completion, while across the water it is easy to see the enormous towers and blades stored at Harwich International Port, ready for installation as offshore wind farms. There is substantial construction work under way at the University of Essex, another of our partners, and the university has committed itself to the development of the Knowledge Hub.



We have made significant progress on the skills agenda, to ensure that our businesses have access to the trained and skilled workforce they need. With our partners Essex County Council and Suffolk County Council, and the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, we have promoted apprenticeships in the construction and maritime and logistics sectors.

These achievements should be viewed against the background of the worst recession for over 60 years and I hope it is not too immodest to claim that they represent one factor which has preserved our area from the worst ravages of the slump.


The coming year will bring new challenges, particularly with the Government's objective of reducing the deficit; inevitably this will lead to public expenditure cuts, tax rises and a greater 'value for money' drive in the delivery of public services.

It is therefore right to look at the cost-effectiveness of our own delivery. Based on the total overheads of the Partnership, it costs us less than three pence to deliver £1 of Growth Point funding – efficient and cost-effective delivery which would challenge many organisations.

In addition, we have gained funding for our involvement in two further European Union projects – Cruise Gateway and Port Integration – to add to the successful Dryport project already under way and now extended to June 2012. These EU projects have brought €278,300 of European funding into the Haven Gateway area.

Conservatively estimated, and excluding the longer-term economic benefits, we have calculated that £14.7 million of Growth Point funding has attracted further investment of about £90 million into the area – a leverage ratio of 1:6. In uncertain times, this strong record of delivery allows us to move forward with confidence.


George Kieffer
Chairman



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



The fastest growing sub-region in the UK between 2001 and 2009, the Haven Gateway is an engine of UK plc, vital to its economic recovery.

As in many areas, the pace of growth has slowed in the face of the economic downturn – but, significantly, the sub-region remains ahead of its housing trajectory through to 2031. The expectation is that there will be some 100,000 additional people living in this sub-region by 2031.

However, job growth, which has previously been dependent on servicing housing demand, is not keeping pace with that demand. The sub-region's population is ageing, creating long-term implications for public services; gross value added remains fairly static; the infrastructure deficit is widening; there has to be a step change in skills.

Evidence suggests that the pace of growth does not slow; and the delivery of integrated solutions and sustainable growth, with diminishing public sector resources, is an ever increasing challenge.

However, this sub-region has absolutely world-class assets offering clear potential for creating jobs: its ports; its proximity to new and developing wind farms and to nuclear energy; its tourism, quality of place and landscape; and its creative industries.

Capturing the economic value and developing the skills of our young people to support these world-class assets should be at the heart of our strategy. By working together, across public and private sectors, we are more likely collectively to punch above our economic weight.

*David Ralph
Chief Executive*



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PROVISIONAL FINANCE REPORT

For the year ended 31st March 2010



NON-PROJECT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	2009/10 £'000s	2008/09 £'000s	
GROSS INCOME:	(488)	(547)	-10.8%
GROSS EXPENDITURE:	314	462	-32.0%
NET NON-PROJECT (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT:	(174)	(85)	104.7%
PROJECT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
GROSS INCOME:	(279)	(33)	745.5%
GROSS EXPENDITURE:	312	114	173.7%
NET NON-PROJECT (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT:	33	81	-59.3%
HGP TOTAL (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT:	(141)	(4)	

GROWTH POINT GRANT	2009/10 £'000s	2008/09 £'000s
EXPENDITURE:		
PROJECTS	4,641	2,081
GRANT CARRIED FORWARD	5,354	4,044
GROSS EXPENDITURE:	9,995	6,125

These figures are provisional subject to audit as part of Essex County Council's annual audit.

The full version of the Annual Report, giving details of all the Partnership's achievements, activities and objectives, can be read at: www.haven-gateway.org

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2009/10

Improvements to major transport routes:

- A12 Cuckoo Farm junction under way
- A14 improvements (TIF) being delivered
- F2N gauge and capacity clearance: TEN-T funding confirmed

Direct action in securing the provision of other key utilities:

- Felixstowe Flood Prevention scheme
- Ipswich Flood Defence being delivered

Town Centre and Coastal Town Renaissance:

- Hythe Station works completed
- Giles Circus, Ipswich, under way
- Felixstowe Bent Hill/Hamilton Road 'Shared Space' scheme delivered

Closer working with private sector partners in key economic sectors:

- Felixstowe South Reconfiguration Phase 1 nearing completion
- University of Essex commitment to Knowledge Hub
- Harwich port wind farm hub offer
- Haven Cruise
- EU projects: Dryport, Port Integration and Cruise Gateway
- Innovation Martlesham

MILESTONES 2009/10

- Haven Gateway Five-Year Investment Plan approved
- Green Infrastructure brochure published
- Memorandum of Understanding signed with Groundwork East of England
- Memorandum of Agreement signed with EEIDB Ltd
- Publication of 'State of Sub-Region' report
- Delivery of Economic Intelligence, Business Engagement and Advocacy
- Hamburg and Miami cruise exhibitions
- Launch of Construction Brochure and E-Directory
- Haven Gateway Investment Plan reviewed in anticipation of funding cut
- Growth Fund for 2010/11 confirmed (43% cut)

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