# What Matters Seminar

#### Innovation & Skills Matter







# The Panel

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## Innovation at Crawley College

Paul Rolfe Associate Principal, Employers & Stakeholders



## **Electric Vehicle Technologies**







## **The Green Village**



## **Immersive Learning**



## **Sussex & Surrey Institute of Technology**



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## **Crawley Innovation Centre**

# Clem Smith Head of Economy and Planning

#### **CRAWLEY INNOVATION CENTRE – What it will do**

- Establish dedicated stand-alone hi-tech innovation SME business space in Crawley
- With a Technological focus on:
- I) Decarbonisation tech applications
- II) Quantum tech / nano tech
- Enable hi-tech SMEs to design, prototype and scale up their tech appliances.
- Facilitate hi-tech SME start up
- Boost high value business / jobs
- Further economic diversification







#### **INNOVATION SPACE – THREE FLOORS – 24,000 SQUARE FEET**

- Laboratory space;
- Tech product design suites;
- Prototyping / assembly workshop space;
- Office space Co-working zone
- Business reception / networking space;
- Meeting rooms
- Communal / Kitchen spaces









#### How the Innovation Centre adds to Manor Royal infrastructure

- A micro-enterprise innovation facility to complement existing large-scale innovation
- A location to spin out SME pilots of decarb / quantum tech in Manor Royal
- A focal point for University / commercial tech co-operation
- The potential to locate specialist tech equipment for hire out
- A new venue for small business receptions and meetings







#### **INNOVATION CENTRE – Crawley BC's success in securing funds**

- Secured £10.9m government funding
- £8.4m Getting Building Fund (GBF)
- £900,000 Towns Fund (Capital)
- £1.6m Towns Fund (Revenue)
- Council acquired Travel House March 2022 cost £4.9m, total spend £5.1m
- Total available budget for works: £4.2m (£3.3m GBF plus £0.9m Crawley Towns Fund)
- Planning Permission secured; November 2022
- Agreed Pre-Construction Contract with Morgan Sindall via Scape Framework – March 2023







#### **CRAWLEY INNOVATION CENTRE – REVISED TIMELINE**

- First phase of works starting on site this month
- Contract award for main works subject to approval
- Appoint Managing Operator: March 2024
- Launch marketing programme: May 2024
- Morgan Sindall's Completion date: August 2024
- Crawley Innovation Open: August / September 2024
- Towns Fund revenue funds to enable operational establishment





#### Innovate UK Supporting innovation & skills

Dr. Shona Campbell

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## Innovate UK

- We are the UK's innovation agency
- We support business-led innovation in all sectors, technologies and UK regions
- A key delivery body of the Government's Innovation Strategy

## **Our Mission**

To help UK businesses grow through the development and commercialisation of new products, processes, and services, supported by an outstanding innovation ecosystem that is agile, inclusive, and easy to navigate.



#### **Innovate UK Products & Services**



#### Innovate UK investment in West Sussex businesses





Charts show investment by programme type and size of organisation £69million over 10 years in 325 organisations



#### **Innovate UK Group**





#### Innovate UK

Innovate UK is the UK's innovation agency: a non-departmental public body operating at arm's length from the Government as part of UKRI.



#### KTN

Innovate UK KTN exists to connect innovators with new partners and new opportunities beyond their existing thinking accelerating ambitious ideas into real-world solutions.

#### EDGE

Innovate UK EDGE empowers innovation-driven businesses to grow at pace and achieve their industryand society-transforming ambitions.



Knowledge Transfer Partnerships

#### **Our Network**









**46,229** Unique Organisations **72%** Small

15% Medium

**13%** Large 234,478 innovators Every university in the UK



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connect

Diverse communities | Innovation Networks

Regional, national and global | Global Alliance

**Research and business** | Knowledge Transfer Partnerships

Innovators, funders & collaborators | Innovation Exchange

Insight to impact | Insight reports



### **Knowledge Transfer Partnerships**



#### **BUSINESS**

- Sees an "opportunity to transform itself"
- No off-the-shelf solution available
- Requires expertise only available in academia





- A university, college, RTO, or Catapult in the UK
- Has knowledge to develop solutions
- Cross disciplinary expertise – a team could span different departments

- Recruited to deliver and lead the project
- Transfers and embeds new knowledge
- Creates new capabilities





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#### **Dr Shona Campbell**

# Discussion

Innovation & Skills Matter

Please ask any questions







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## 1145 to 1215

#### Plenary

Decade of delivery (*Film*)

Our possible tomorrow

End & Lunch



## Dash to the main room

