

A Nation with Ambition: a high tech, low carbon, inclusive economy

Discussion Paper – Working for Scotland: the [UK Industrial Strategy \(UKIS\)](#)

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Focus

We all want to ensure that the strengths and opportunities of our economy deliver inclusive growth and greater prosperity. The UK Government's Industrial Strategy provides opportunities for partnership working with Governments, business and universities and research institutes across Scotland. This workshop, facilitated jointly by officials from the Scottish Government, UK Government and a representative from the [Scottish Council for Development and Industry](#), will explore the action needed to ensure UKIS delivers for Scotland.

1. The objective of the session is to explore how we can work together to ensure the Industrial Strategy **delivers maximum economic benefit for Scotland**.

Background

The UK Industrial Strategy White Paper was published on 27 November 2017. The aim of the Strategy is to help 'businesses create better, higher-paying jobs in every part of the UK with investment in the skills, industries and infrastructure of the future.' The Strategy is organised around four '**Grand Challenges**' (artificial intelligence and the data revolution; clean growth; healthy ageing; and the future of mobility). The approach to the Strategy reinforces the **five foundations of productivity** (ideas, people, infrastructure, business environment and places). There are a number of **key policies** linked to the five foundations.

Key policies of particular relevance to Scotland under 'ideas' are £725 million for **Wave 2** (transforming construction; prospering from energy revolution; transforming food production; audience of the future – immersive technologies; next generation services; early diagnosis and precision medicine; healthy ageing; and quantum technologies) of the **Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund; Expressions of interest for potential Wave 3 programmes** will open in 2018; under 'business environment' **Sector Deals** (agreed Deals cover life sciences; artificial intelligence; construction and automotive industries and those at an advanced stage are creative industries; industrial digitalisation; and nuclear); and further commitments linked to 'places' on **City and Growth Deals** (Deals in progress highlighted in the Strategy are Stirling and Clackmannanshire, Tay Cities and the Scottish Borderlands as well as those agreed).

Possible Discussion Questions

1. What do you consider to be the key opportunities in the UKIS for your organisation?
2. Would you be interested in:
 - ❖ addressing Grand Challenges?
 - ❖ working with others on Sector Deals?
 - ❖ collaboration with research organisations?
 - ❖ joint working on places?
3. How do we work together with both Governments to develop a mechanism or framework to realise the maximum economic and social impact of the Industrial Strategy?