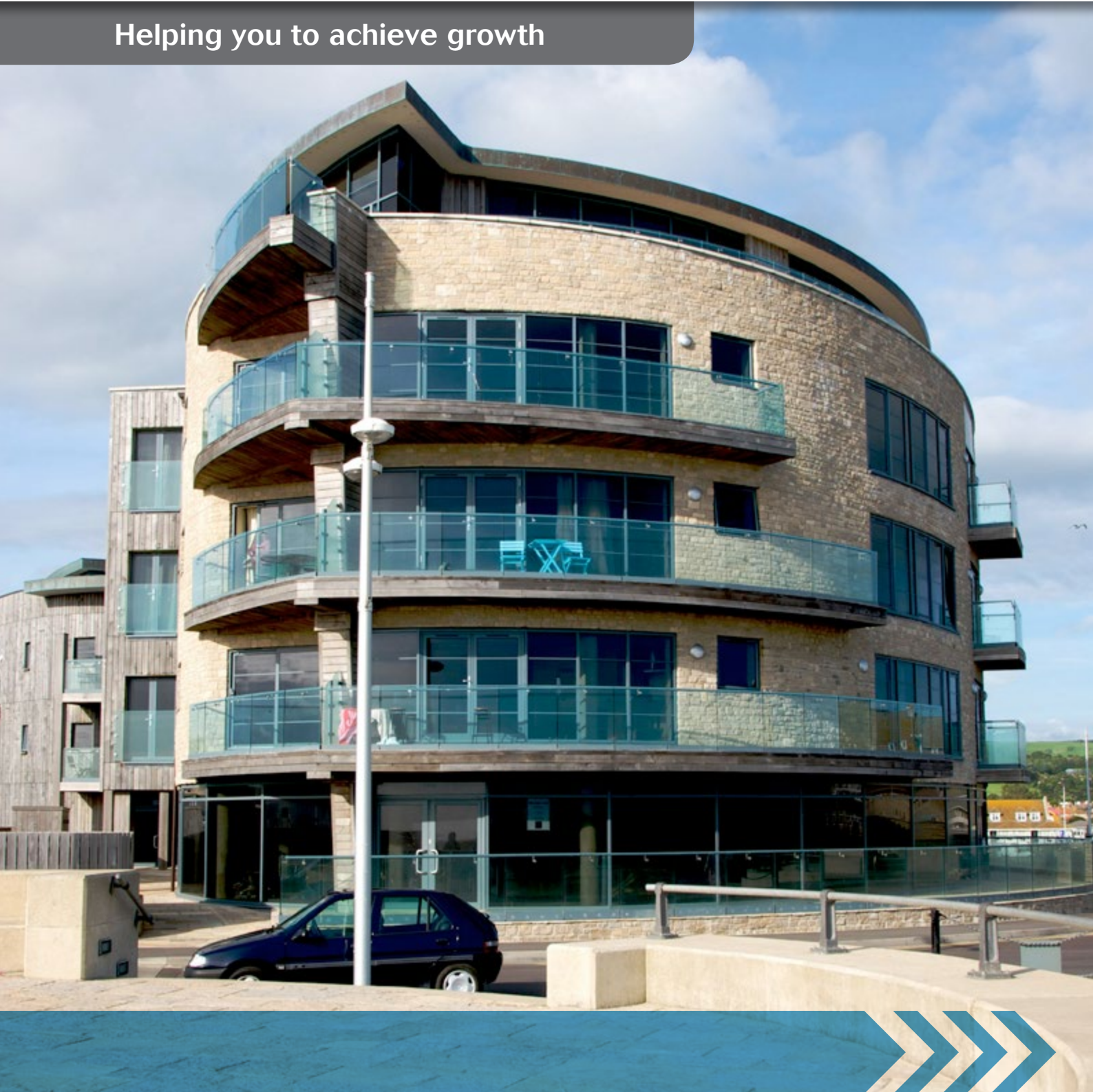


Construction in the Dorset LEP area

Helping you to achieve growth



Construction helps you to achieve economic growth

The construction industry accounts for **8% of United Kingdom Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** and has a workforce of **2.6 million**. The industry generates a **return of £2.84** to the economy for every pound of investment.

The role of construction

The construction industry plays a leading role in delivering economic growth. The industry is essential in meeting the economic and social challenges that Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) face across the infrastructure, housing, repair and maintenance, industrial and commercial sectors.

Whether you are working to meet your area's housing needs or to deliver iconic infrastructure, **we can help you to plan and maximise your skills outcomes through construction.**



We want to help you **use construction to drive long-term growth and jobs** across the Dorset LEP area and your priority sectors. We work with LEPs and bring together industry to find solutions to address the current and future skills needs of construction businesses in the LEP area.

With the economy now strong and continuing to grow, the UK construction industry needs to attract 43,000 new recruits every year for the next five years to meet the increased demand for skills and to replace those leaving the sector. We will continue to work with your LEP and local partners to support and bring growth to the Dorset LEP area through the development of employment and skills in local construction businesses.

Who we are

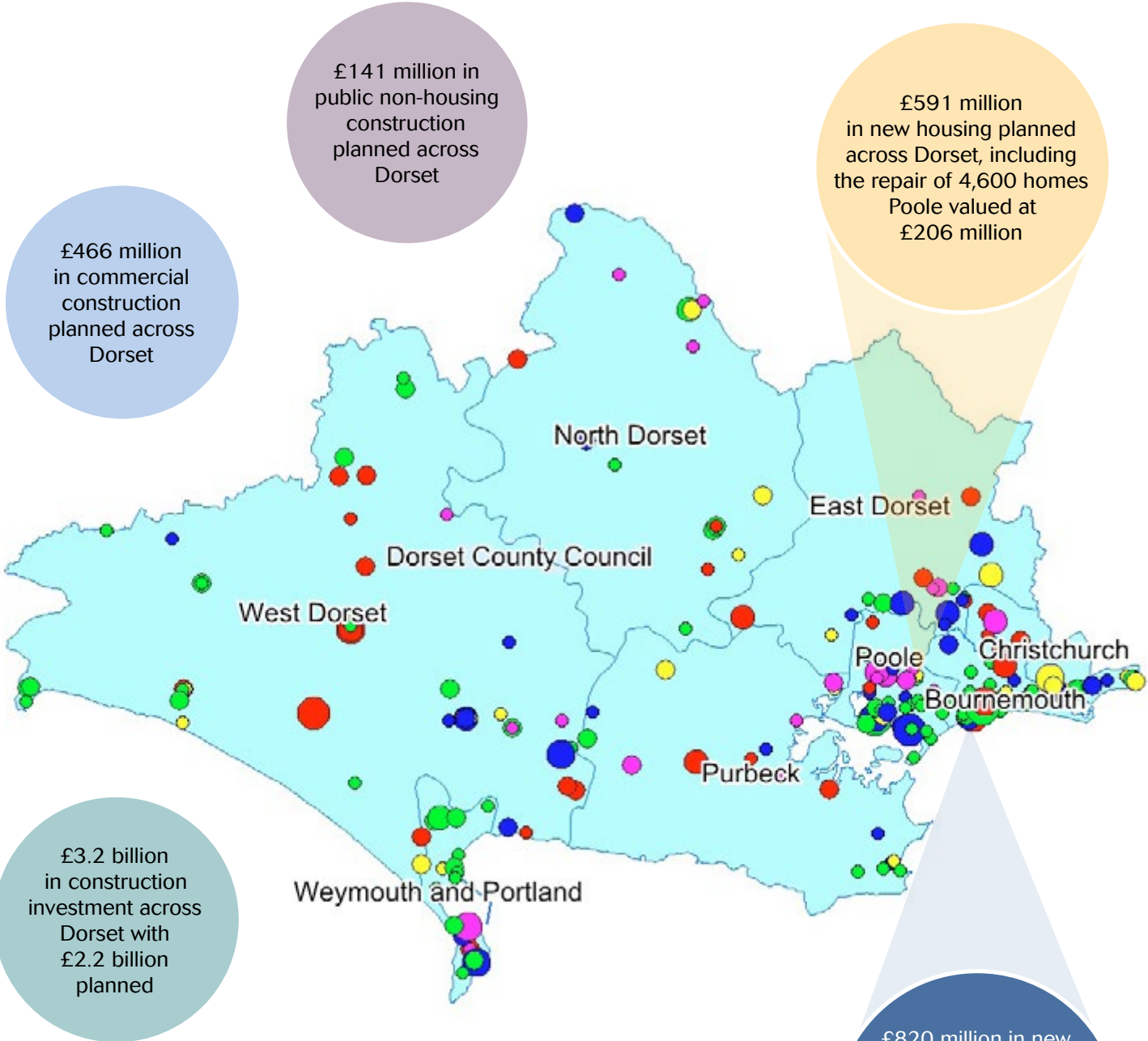
CITB is the Construction Industry Training Board. We work with the construction industry to reduce skills gaps, train the workforce and inspire the next generation of people to work in the industry.



If you want to deliver growth in your area, we can help, contact **Leif Tarry, Partnership Manager** on **07554 416579** or **leif.tarry@citb.co.uk**



In the Dorset LEP area, there are 4,450 construction businesses and 27,500 construction jobs.



Planned projects by sector

- Infrastructure
- Private commercial
- Private non-housing
- New housing
- Private industrial

Planned projects by value (£ million)

- >100
- 50 to 100
- 10 to 50
- 2 to 10
- <2

“The CITB and Dorset Construction Training Forum courses my employees had were invaluable”

Increasing the number of work placements offered to local schools and colleges is the main focus of the Dorset Construction Training Forum’s (DCTF) work this year.

Formed by local businesses seven years ago, the DCTF’s aim is to ensure that construction-related training courses are provided to more people at lower costs. The forum’s main focus will be improving work experience opportunities for young people in the area.

The DCTF has enjoyed close links with the CITB since its inception. For example, in 2009 CITB offered a grant to help local businesses establish the forum. The forum has expanded considerably since then and now has 64 Dorset-based construction-related companies that contribute to its work.

In 2015 CITB provided the forum with another grant. CITB-registered members who had been with the group for over six months, and had actively trained, gained an additional £25,000 grant to assist with training courses.

The grant enabled the forum to substantially subsidise training courses throughout the year for eligible members.

It also helped ensure that members completed their priority courses with Site Management Safety Training Scheme, Site Supervisors’ Safety Training Scheme and Health and Safety courses (such as Manual Handling and Working at Height) top of the list.

Commenting on the courses’ impact, Groundwork and Surfacing Contractor HC Lewis, said: “Although in the past we have done smaller projects for West Dorset District Council we did succeed in tendering for a larger one at Gore Cross Business Park in Bridport, which involved acting as principal contractor for the county council adoption of the roads and footpaths on this site.



“The courses my employees undertook from the subsidised training were invaluable as we had to keep the business park open for the duration of the contract.”

DCTF also works with CITB and local colleges to increase the number of apprentices across the group.

In 2015 the forum piloted a scheme for Apprenticeship Ambassadors. The Ambassadors are students that have recently completed, or are training on, an Apprenticeship scheme. In future the Ambassadors will support CITB Apprenticeship officers when speaking to potential students and their parents/guardians about a career in construction.

Improving work experience opportunities in 2016 will build on the impressive work undertaken in recent years.

For more information on the Dorset Construction Training Forum please visit dctf.co.uk

Contact

Please contact Leif Tarry on 07554 416579 or leif.tarry@citb.co.uk to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can work with your LEP or local authority.

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