THAMES VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROUP

10 Point Plan

to unlock the full potential of the Thames Valley economy

1 Act Swiftly
on the Milburn Review

Act swiftly on the Milburn Review. Reduce the cost of hiring young people and those who are NEET, further reform the Growth & Skills Levy to enable industry to invest in workforce development and provide long-term certainty on funding for Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs).

2 Back
Heathrow expansion

Back Heathrow expansion to drive economic growth across the whole of the UK and expedite the Western Rail Link to Heathrow, a fully developed scheme capable of early delivery and attracting substantial private finance to improve surface access. This will connect 20% of the UK population to the UK's only hub airport with a single interchange.

3 Endorse
a fully-fledged Thames Valley Strategic Mayoral Authority

Endorse a fully-fledged Thames Valley Strategic Mayoral Authority for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Swindon, unlocking more than £18.7 billion of additional economic output for the UK.

4 Ensure
East West Rail

Ensure East West Rail unlocks new housing, employment growth and wider economic opportunities, strengthening links between national innovation clusters, the Thames Valley's functional economic geography and a new Mayoral Strategic Authority.

5 Ensure
the UK–EU reset

Ensure the UK–EU reset significantly reduces barriers to supply chains, improves mobility for skilled workers and makes it easier for businesses to operate across borders.

6 New
Hospitals Programme

New Hospitals Programme. Accelerate the delivery of a new Royal Berkshire Hospital, beginning with securing the available land option.

7 Priming
Investment Potential

Priming Investment Potential. Designate Slough as an AI Growth Zone and the Thames Valley as a Life Sciences Innovation Zone, with the potential to partner with other UK regions to support the UK's digital transformation and healthcare ambitions.

8 Support
Our world-leading universities

Support our world-leading universities with policies that create an open and attractive environment for international students, researchers and global partnerships.

9 Unleash
The economic potential of our business community

Unleash the economic potential of our business community. Commit to reducing the tax and administrative burden and cutting the cost of doing business. Provide the appropriate planning reforms to deliver growth.

10 Work
With Accredited UK Chambers

Work with Accredited UK Chambers to grow SMEs knowledge, capability and confidence to trade internationally.