



City of London Competitiveness Strategy

In support of the UK financial and professional services sector 2021-2025



UK FPS worthy of support due to its support of jobs and growth in the UK

2.3M

EMPLOYED

£77.9B

TRADE SURPLUS

10%

OF UK ECONOMIC OUTPUT

PWC Total Tax Report 2021



The UK FPS sector has enjoyed a long record of success as a global hub for financial and professional services.



It has continuously adapted resulting in a sustained competitive advantage on a global stage.



This has allowed it to play an essential role in supporting the underlying UK economy and is a key asset in the UK's overall global presence and economic success.

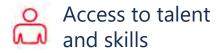
There are 5 defining dimensions for comparative advantage

Our benchmarking research is anchored in evidence and 91 data metrics which provide a holistic view of across 5 areas of comparative advantage. The 2020 report benchmarked UK and London against **New York/US, Singapore, Frankfurt/Germany, Hong Kong and Tokyo/Japan.** Future centres will be added in subsequent years. The inaugural report results can be found at http://www.theglobalcity.co.uk/competitiveness.



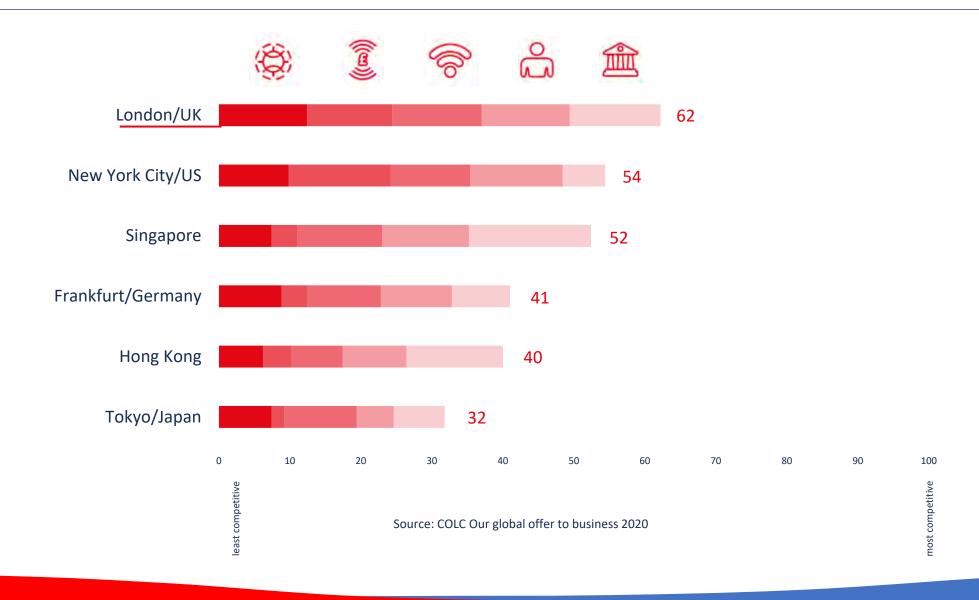




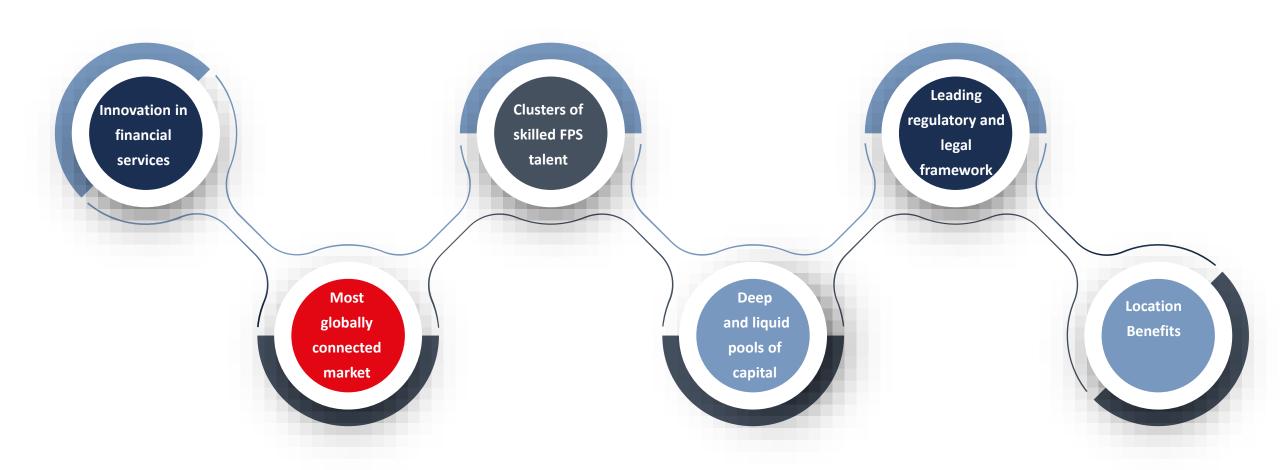




Our benchmarking work reveals UK and London currently has the most competitive overall offer



And our historical strengths have endured



7600

JOBS LOST TO THE EU Since 2016

Reuters 2021

-40%

LISTED COMPANIES IN THE UK

Since 2008

Hill Review 2021

RECENT PERCEPTION
SURVEY FOUND LONDON
BEHIND NYC, Shanghai,
Beijing and Shenzhen ON
SUPPORTING FINTECH

GFCI Perception Index 2020

Yet it's also clear that our future success is not pre-ordained



Acceleration in the rate of change in financial services combined with significant shifts in global demographics and a set of social, geo-political and economic trends will create challenge and opportunity



some early warning signs
that UK FPS not fully
poised for future growth in
this changing landscape,
and that there has been
recent evidence of the
erosion in the confidence
of London and the UK's
traditional strengths

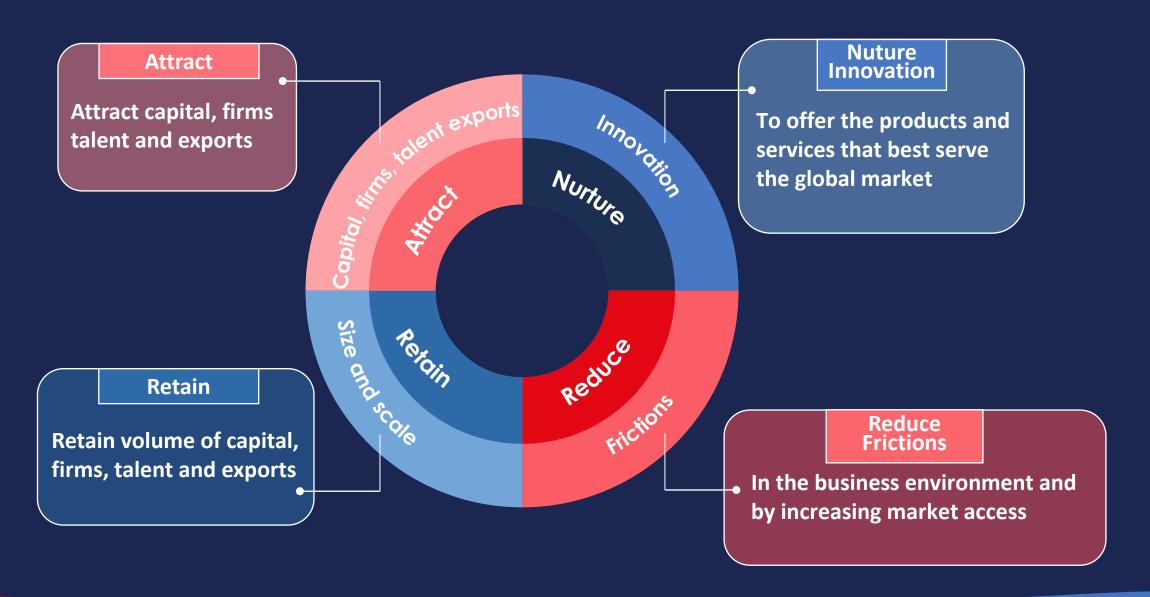


Cannot rely on incumbent position and past success alone — a proactive strategy is needed to navigate the changing landscape so that UK FPS continues to drive economic growth in the UK. The rest of the world will not stand still and neither should we

There are a set of growing challenges – and opportunities -- for FPS which reveal a formula for success

The current rate of change in financial services is unprecedented **NUTURE** accelerate and drive investment towards FPS **INNOVATION** Changing public expectations of financial institutions to drive social change and inclusive growth **REDUCE FRICTIONS** in the UK Increased global competition for business environment and by talent which is increasingly mobile increasing openness and access to markets Global trends toward economic nationalism and fragmentation Replace incumbent mindset with a service mindset to **ATTRACT** and **RETAIN** capital, firms, talent and Shifting demographics is altering demands from FPS, customer exports location & new competitors

The strategy of the Corporation is organised around this formula and its four distinct quadrants



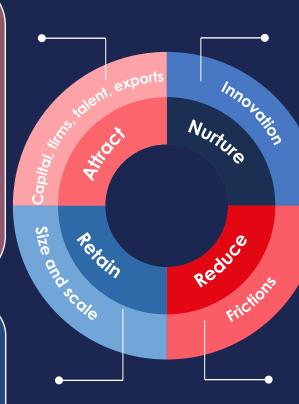
Strategic priorities in each quadrant provide focus and a reinforcing cycle of success

Attract

- Increase UK share of assets under management
- Drive growth for FPS-tech and Green Tech across UK
- Pitch competitive strengths of the UK globally
- Produce annual Benchmarking Report on comparative position of UK FPS

Retain

- Retain FPS activity
- Increase inclusion in the sector
- Produce annual State of the City Report on trends analysis in UK FPS



Nurture Innovation

- Integrate technology across UK FPS
- Support FPS-tech to scale
- Mainstream sustainable finance as core UK offer
- Build UK profile as the global destination for green finance

World Class Business Environment

- Increase access to FPS talent
- Broker a globally competitive tax regime
- Champion enhanced regulation regime powered by new technologies

Increase Market Access

- Protect access to key jurisdictions
- Champion global regulatory coherence
- Advocate for FPS priorities in UK agreements with key jurisdictions

NURTURE INNOVATIVE ECOSYSTEM

TARGETS

ADOPTON OF A UK REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR ESG

ACCELERATION OF EY TECH ADOPTION INDEX

HMG ADOPTION of FSR REVIEW

LARGEST SHARE OF CARBON MARKETS & NEW ASIAN MANDATES

TRATEGIC

2021-2022 ACTIVITIES

CURRENT Shape UK Regulatory Regime for ESG Produce S in ESG Policy

Report for UK and
International standard
setters
• Support GFI and III to
mainstream green and
impact finance with new

Mainstream

sustainable finance

as core UK offer

IN DEVELOPMENT

infrastructure

 Global Impact Investing Summit

products policies and market

Accelerate the rate at which tech is widely integrated into UK FPS

CURRENT

- Pilot Europe's first Digital Sandbox with FCA
- Accelerate adoption in legal services through the LawTech Sounding Board and Innovation Ambassadors programme

IN DEVELOPMENT

- Expansion of capacity and capability of Digital Sandbox
- Scope support offer for Big Tech Engagement Programme

Stimulate government and industry to support FPS-tech to scale and grow

CURRENT

• Implementation of the FinTech Strategic Review (FSR)

IN DEVELOPMENT

 Establishing the Centre for Finance, Innovation and Technology (CFIT) to identify key problem areas for UK FPS and bring together public and private sector support to help build out tech and other innovative solutions. Build UK profile as the global destination for climate finance

CURRENT

- Create platforms e.g. Green Horizon Summit, & COP26 and beyond to showcase UK
- ESG Leaders Forum and Green Investment Principles (GIP) for Asian audiences

IN DEVELOPMENT

- Establish Voluntary Carbon
 Markets Forum
- Create Climate Finance Mobilisation Pilots for Emerging Markets
- Guide UK-US collaboration on climate related financial regulation

ARTNERS















REDUCE FRICTIONS

		TARGETS					
	STRONG VISA OFF	ΤΔΧ	ENHANCED REG REGIME	ACCESS RETAINED	GLOBAL COHERENCE	FPS IN ALL DEALS	
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	Increase access to talent	Globally competitive tax regime	Create urgency for world class and futo proofed domestic supervision and regulatory regime	ture Protect access for FPS to key markets	Champion global coherence	Advocate for FPS priorities in UK agreements with key jurisdictions	
2021-2022 ACTIVITIES	CURRENT Implement and review new visa system with Home Office and EY Support Financial Services Skills Commission to implement Taskforce Report including Data/Digital Skills	IN DEVELOPMENT • Engagement Campaign on Tax Implications for Remote Working • Policy Recs for tax environment for Recovery	CURRENT IRSG Report on Future of UK Regime Post Brexit Engagement on HMG Future Regulatory Review Engagement on UK Regime for Overseas Firms Implement recs of Reg Tech Report Produce Carbon Border Tax Report	CURRENT • Conduct CPR international trade policy programme with key jurisdictions IN DEVELOPMENT • EU-UK Financial Services Dialogue • Third Party Content for EU files	CURRENT Produce report to champion Global Coherence t Engagement programme with international standard setters International Data Transfer Report Collate industry view on G7 Presidency priorities	CURRENT Conduct CPR international trade policy programme with key jurisdictions Detailed policy coverage on US Australia and Switzerland Establish Internationalal Trade Promotion Group with PBSC Digital Trade Report	
PARTNERS	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy HM Treasury Financial Services Skills Commission	TheCityUK	TheCityUK BANK OF ENGLAND PRUDENTIAL REG	STILATEGY GROUP	CITY	IRSG INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY STRATEGY GROUP TheCityUK	

RETAIN GLOBAL FIRMS CAPITAL TALENT EXPORTS

TARGETS GREATER DIVERSITY OF ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP **RETENTION OF FPS ACTIVITY FPS TALENT, ESPECIALLY** with HMG **SENIOR LEADERSHIP** Perform annual trends Increase inclusion of the FPS analysis on market growth sector particularly at senior Actively work to retain FPS activity and variability by UK FPS leadership sector CURRENT **CURRENT** IN DEVELOPMENT Account management of FPS firms • Lead Socio-Economic Diversity Taskforce • Annual State of the City Report to show **2021-2022 ACTIVITIES** • Produce FSSC Inclusion Guidance for • Return to Office campaign to understand trends for future working in the Square Mile trends in financial services activity Industry IN DEVELOPMENT • Advance Tackling Racism Taskforce recommendations for FPS Engagement • Lead Multi-year Retention Campaign and Corporation's Events Strategy • Support Women in Finance Charter to increase senior Female representation in • PBSC Skills Research for Regions and Nations Financial Services Skills Commission Department for Business, Energy Department for **Cabinet Office** & Industrial Strategy **HM** Treasury International Trade HM Treasury

ATTRACT: CAPITAL FIRMS TALENT EXPORTS

TARGETS

INCREASE UK's SHARE OF AUM

INCREASE INVESTMENT and EXPORTS across UK

INCREASE IN GLOBAL PERCEPTION INDICES

INCREASE IN GLOBAL FINANCIAL INDICATORS

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2021-2022 ACTIVITIES

PARTNERS

under management in both public and private markets

Increase UK share of assets

CURRENT

- Engaging with Corporate Treasuries to bring them to UK and London
- Account Management of major foreign asset owners from key markets

IN DEVELOPMENT

• Develop and deliver Asset Management Campaign for Japan Australia, US/Canada Drive growth for FPS-tech and **Green Tech across the UK from** investment and increased export opportunities

CURRENT

- Driving US VC Investment Campaign
- Promote a pipeline of export ready FinTech and Green Tech firms from across UK on inbound and outbound visits
- Piloting Finance for Sustainable Growth Programme to increase cross UK green
- Place Based Investing Campaign to drive local investment across UK

IN DEVELOPMENT

• Map and promote the UK services offer for sustainable green growth

CURRENT

• Conduct Lord Mayor's Inbound and Outbound promotional programme

Pitch competitive strengths of

the UK to global business and

political decision makers

- Curate Global City Brand & Website
- Diplomatic Engagement Programme

IN DEVELOPMENT

- Support HMG Global Investment Summit
- Multi-year communications and marketing campaign with refreshed Global Pitch

Perform annual analysis of comparative position of UK FPS

CURRENT

• Produce Annual Benchmarking Report to highlight comparative position of UK and London

and China

Department for International Trade

THE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION





impact investing



Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Department for International Trade



Action is needed now to secure London and the UK's competitive advantage



Requires champions to create urgency around a roadmap for the future

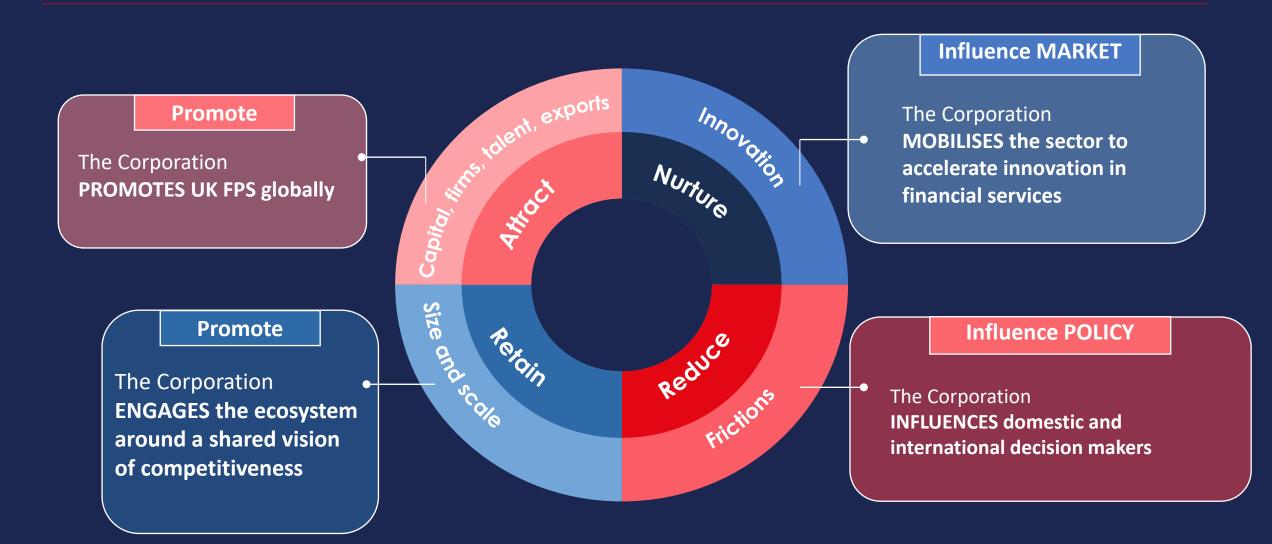


Corporation is one of those leaders – with a unique place to help drive change around a collective agenda for UK FPS. This is based on our independence, diverse relationships and broad offer across the business ecosystem



Supporting a thriving economy is a key pillar of the Corporation's core purpose to support people, the environment and the economy

The Corporation has a key role to play in each of the four of quadrants



The Corporation is uniquely placed to champion the UK's FPS sector because of its diverse relationships, broad offer and independence

- As the long-term steward of the UK's financial centre, the Corporation is the primary and longest-standing actor operating strategically across the UK FPS sector.
- The gravest threat to the Corporation comes from too narrow a focus on the Square Mile -- it must play a leadership role for all of FPS by leveraging its 3 unique strengths.

DIVERSE RELATIONSHIPS

- Moves insight around an extensive network of UK partners including business, government, and regulators, trade bodies and associations
- Vast international reach
- Enables the type of influence at a local national and international level required for systemic change

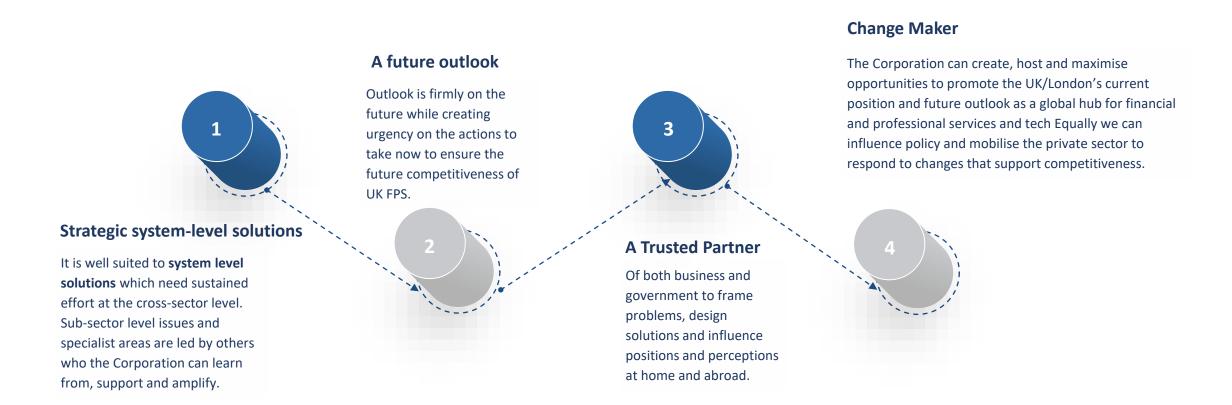
A BROAD OFFER

- Delivering broad services across the UK's financial centre
- High quality services in promotion policing property business support and more
- Enables development and support of complete business ecosystem

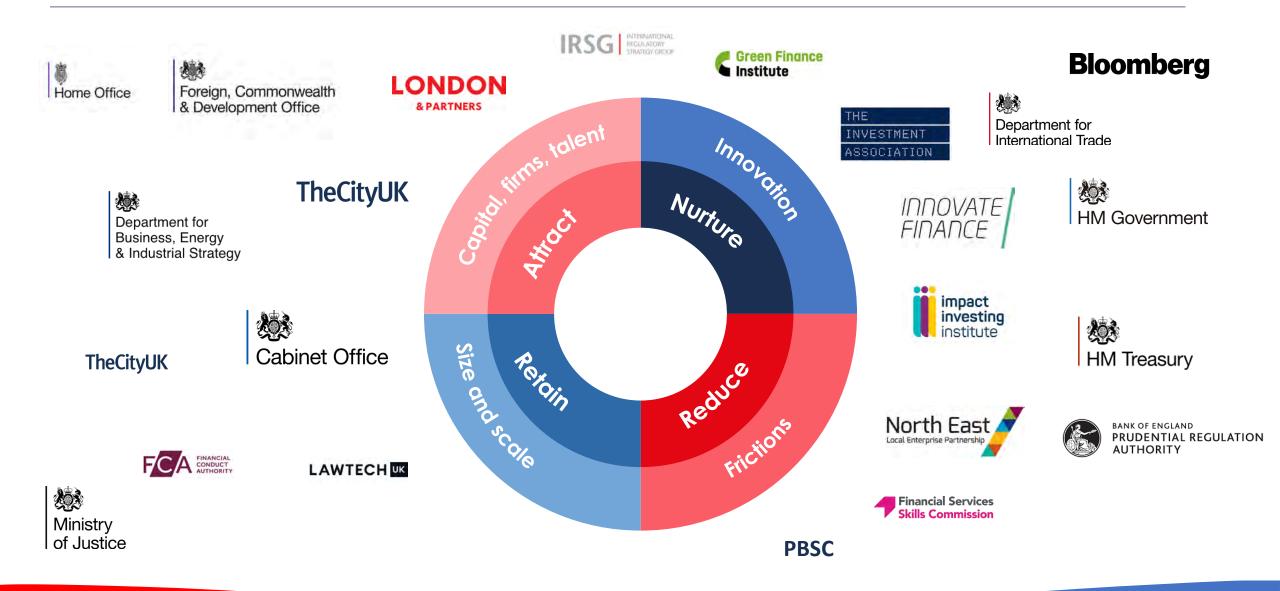
INDEPENDENT REMIT

- Free from short term political and market cycles
- Privately funded with no membership body to serve
- Enables neutral platforms for addressing key FPS issues

These strengths of the Corporation combine in a unique role to that shapes collective competitiveness in the medium to long term horizon by taking action now to ensure the future strength of UK FPS



Our network extends our reach and our partnerships build capacity for outsized impact



Engagement

Our diverse relationships extend our influence and impact



Remit	Body
Local Government	 London Boroughs and London Councils Greater London Authority Pan London Organisations UK-wide local and regional governmental partners
National Government	 Treasury, Cabinet Office and No 10 Department of International Trade Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Home Office and Ministry of Justice (MOJ) Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) / Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
International	 Cities International Bodies Foreign Governments Global Firms and Asset Owners
Business	 FPS and Tech Businesses across the UK Trade Associations

BIG SHIFTS

Move to targeted approach from broad-brush coverage in international engagement

Commit to a set of strategic priorities which will be most impactful in advancing global competitiveness for UK FPS

Measure
effectiveness of the
Corporation's
investment into
competitiveness
agenda

In the Corporation's approach

Deploy
resources
effectively and
impactfully
across multiple
years

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Develop proactive,
forward-looking
strategic
communications and
engagement plans,
deployed through multiple
channels to drive impact on
the strategic priorities

Successful implementation of the strategy will be informed by data and defined by the achievement of outcomes rather than inputs

OUTCOMES

The desired outcomes of the strategy will be mapped to and measured by macro level indicators from the annual Benchmarking Report against relevant competitors.

BUSINESS PLANS

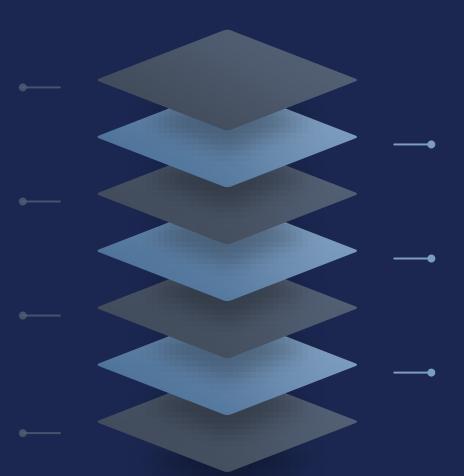
These combined indicators will cascade into the Business Plans of the relevant departments. They will also be used to shape metrics and targets for the Corporate Performance Framework and inform future programme design and evaluation.

TREND ANALYSIS

Conducting trend analysis on the macro level indicators of competitiveness from the Benchmarking report alongside the program level measures of the effectiveness of the Corporation will suggest areas of future emphasis.

IMPACT

While the contribution to the UK economy of UK FPS is well documented at macro levels, a deeper understanding of which aspects of the ecosystem have the most impact in the real economy.



MACRO INDICATORS

These indicators will combine with program level metrics and annual targets which will be used to judge the effectiveness of the Corporation's communications and engagement on the Competitiveness agenda.

PROGRAMME LEVEL METRICS

An example of a programme level metric will be the results of an annual survey of government and business partners.

ANNUAL BENCHMARKING

The annual Benchmarking Report is therefore a foundation tool for both diagnosis and design. The Report will evolve as the strategy is implemented to capture new trends metrics and learning for what defines global competitiveness.

The Competitiveness agenda will be driven by a cross-Corporation team with dedicated oversight informed by deep industry expertise.

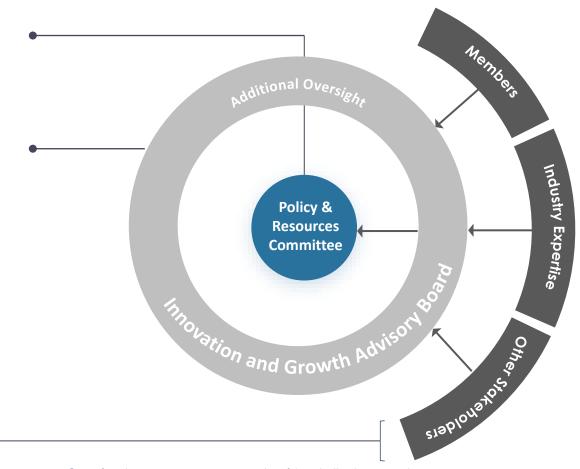
Innovation and Growth directorate to serve as the single centre for policy work on competitiveness. The agenda is delivered at a cross Corporation level with support mainly drawn from the Offices of the Lord Mayor and Leader of the Council, Remembrancers, Corporate Affairs and Communications.

Member oversight for the evolution and implementation of Competitiveness Strategy is provided by the Policy and Resources Committee (P&R).

Additional guidance is provided by the Innovation and Growth Advisory Board (IGAB). The Board is led by a Steering Committee of Members and external stakeholders with industry expertise. It will deploy ad hoc expert groups on sectoral or market issues as and when needed.

The purpose of the Board is:

- To provide expertise and insight to officers and Policy & Resources acting as an internal forum for the testing of ideas and prioritisation for the strategy
- To provide informal guidance on the implementation of the strategy
- To offer additional support to the Lord Mayor and Chair of Policy and Resources as Ambassadors on the Innovation and Growth agenda.
- To provide advice on the strategic deployment of hospitality as required



The composition of the Steering Committee is as follows:

- 4 Core Members (CPR, Deputy CPR, Chair of GPC, Deputy of GPC
- 4 Members from the Court
- 8 external Members
- CPR as Chair and Chair of GPC as Deputy

Meetings: Quarterly

Service: Annual confirmation

Requirements: Declarations of Interest and NDA for speakers and external

Members.

Guests and Observers by invitation only.

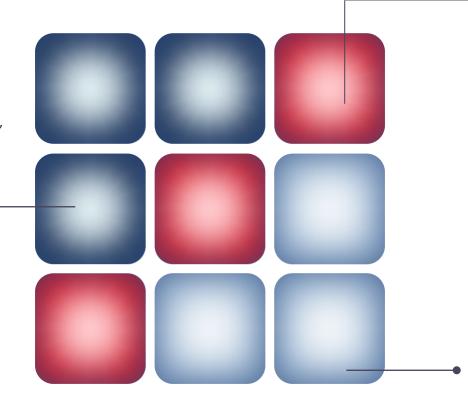
The Competitiveness Strategy compliments to related strategies at the Corporation and supports the Corporate Plan

This strategy, which describes and supports the future outlook for the whole of the UK, sits alongside the work of the Recovery Task Force which works to retain the vibrant offer and ecosystem of the Square Mile. The Task Force describes 6 big moves that will ensure that the Square Mile is the world's most innovative, inclusive and sustainable business ecosystem, and the best place to invest, work, live and visit.

HM Government Strategies

- HMT vision for an open innovative and green financial services industry
- State of the City Report

Finally, this strategy and the Corporation's work supports the current Chancellor's "vision for a financial services industry that is open, is innovative; and leads the world in the use of green finance". The Corporation will also shape and align the Benchmarking Report and other workstreams under this strategy to both support the State of the City report proposed under the Hill Review (2021).



Corporation Strategies

- Corporate Plan for a Thriving Economy
- Recovery Task Force
- Climate Action Strategy
- Digital Skills Strategy
- City of London Police Cyber Security Strategy
- Corporate Institutions and CPAT contribution to Location Benefits
- Freedoms

The Corporation is also strengthening the position of the UK's financial centre through its Climate Action strategy. This strategy outlines the Corporation's contributions to ensuring UK and London are at the forefront of transitioning to a low carbon economy and creating commercial and environmental resilience in the UK's financial centre.

Partner Strategies



There are five elements to the proposed Asset Management Campaign which sees lead partners and industry deliver consistent programming and messaging about the UK's Asset Management offer



Joint venture between COL, DIT, & Investment Association



Market and subject-specific (ESG, LDI, etc) collateral developed to fuel promotion of brand UK



Consistent outcomes advanced by market appropriate tactics across 4 priority markets (e.g. annual trade delegations, thematic dialogues)



Shared attraction pipeline for mandates and prospective arrivals managed by DIT & COL



Landmark annual event @ Guildhall to link domestic and international agenda. Annual platform at Fund Forum