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MIDLANDS MATTERS - ISSUE 16



Welcome to Issue 16 of Midlands Matters, our Partnership newsletter.

Last week I was delighted to launch the [Ten Point Plan for Green Growth in the Midlands Engine](#), alongside Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Ministerial Champion for the Midlands Engine, the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP.

This shared vision is how, together, our Partnership will deliver a greener future for our communities and aid economic recovery from the pandemic, in a way that also addresses inequality and levelling up.

Co-created by over 300 partners from every part of the Midlands, I would like to personally thank our region's leaders and innovators for collaborating

and shaping the Plan with such vast expertise and commitment.

Delivering our Ten Point Plan - which we will now mobilise with urgency to do - has the potential, by 2041, to: drive down CO2 levels by 36% from current levels; create 196,000 high-value, high-skill jobs; and significantly boost productivity, generating £24.2 billion in GVA for our region and country.

Never more than now, has the spirit of collaboration that we enjoy right across our Partnership been more important - because I believe that now is our one chance to drive change, create opportunities and deliver Green Growth, at pace.

By standing together and accelerating our impact together, we can, and I am certain we will, forge a new, green, clean and better future – right at the heart of the UK's Green Industrial Revolution.

Sir John Peace, Chairman, Midlands Engine



Midlands Engine partners unite to launch shared vision for urgent Green Growth action

Ten Point Plan for Green Growth sets out how, together, we will drive economic recovery and prosperity across our entire region, underpinned by sustainable growth and working to safeguard our environment.

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Industry leaders across region back Midlands recovery

Members of the Midlands Engine Business Council share reasons to be confident about future growth and economic rejuvenation.

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Business dynamism & entrepreneurial ecosystems headline latest Observatory meeting

Solving region's productivity puzzle and advantages of women in leadership roles also discussed by the Research Partnership.

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MORE NEWS FROM THE MIDLANDS

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Commission to examine how pandemic has exacerbated underlying health inequalities.

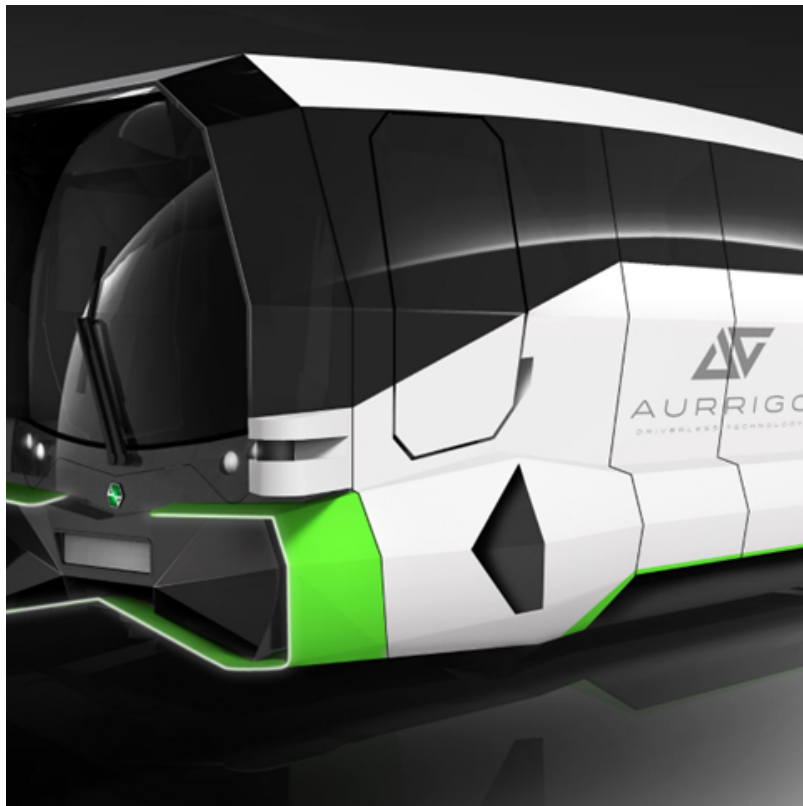
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Coventry Capital of Culture showcases world-leading transport innovation

Year-long 'Our Future Moves' exhibition to celebrate Coventry and Warwickshire's pioneering work - from autonomous vehicles to one-person submarines.

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New R&D facility to enable product innovation

University of Lincoln breaks ground on state-of-the-art 'The Bridge' aimed at strengthening innovation in manufacturing, materials and engineering sectors.

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Worcestershire 5G all set for next phase

New company nexGworx to build on work of Worcestershire 5G testbed to accelerate vision of smart manufacturing and digital innovation, including advanced manufacturing and health and social care sectors.

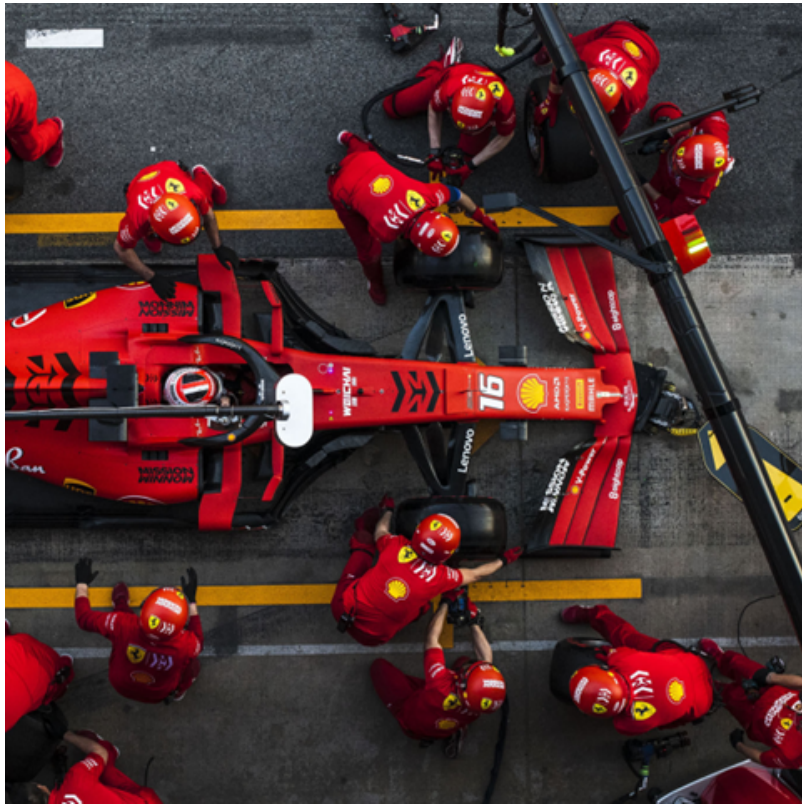
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F1 tech put to use in Leicester's hospitals

Pioneering new device from Project Pitlane helps doctors and nurses communicate clearly - even when dressed in head-to-toe PPE.

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New advisory panel to accelerate D2N2 manufacturing economy

Growth and productivity through collaboration the goal for sector that already employs over 125,000 people - and generates £7.2 billion for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire economy.

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Startup competition launches to find next West Midlands tech stars

Unicorn ideas that could be next Gymshark, Brewdog or Deliveroo sought for programme funded by £1.2m from Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership.

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Nottingham Trent University's breakthrough allows surgeons to use real tools to practise surgical techniques.

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