

# Annual ScaleUp Review Highlights 2019

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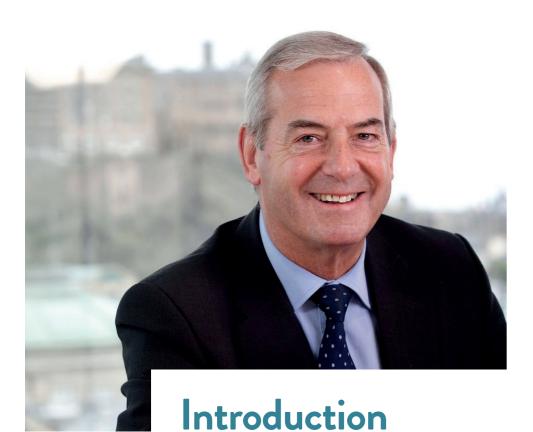
# The ScaleUp Institute's core purpose is to:

- Ensure scaleups are a national priority embedded into the local fabric of the communities in which they operate, with solutions delivered across the private and public sector to break down the barriers they face.
- Engage as a national data observatory, providing insight on the scaleup ecosystem across the UK, disseminating and analysing the most recent data, ensuring scaleup businesses are on the map and providing benchmarks for the landscape each year to see where more can be done. Acting also as an international barometer and assessor.
- Educate on what is needed to create
  and foster a local ecosystem 'match fit'
  for scaling businesses at every stage of
  their growth journey, and to highlight
  well- evidenced impactful programmes
  and practices from which others can
  learn, emulate and improve.
- Enhance knowledge of scaleups through research, data, policy and analysis, to understand their needs and which localities of the country have the greatest requirement for private and public sector engagement, resources and investment to propel scaleup business growth.

# 3 Key principles guide our work:

- 1. Data and evidence building upon what works: We will rigorously assess interventions and programmes based on data and evidence of measurable impact.
- 2. Segmentation: Businesses are not homogeneous scaling business must be treated as a separate segment with bespoke solutions.
- 3. Client centric and local: Scaleups value locally delivered solutions even when a programme is national. In a growing company, time is a scarce commodity and community level engagement is essential, alongside active relationship management.

These principles we believe should be at the heart of efforts to overcome the challenges which scaleups have continually identified to their growth. We will continue to champion them.



Lord Smith of Kelvin, Chair, British Business Bank

As this Review highlights, scaleup businesses are a critical part of driving growth and productivity across our economy.

Over four years we have seen a 35% rise in the number of high growth businesses, up to 36,510 in 2017. Collectively scaleups generate 20% of all turnover, and 20% of employment growth amongst all existing businesses.

This Review highlights the strong progress made, and some of the crucial opportunities and challenges to address moving forward to help businesses unlock their potential and scale up.

The British Business Bank takes this challenge very seriously, and over the course of the past 5 years has put in place a series of initiatives to address the scaleup finance challenge. This includes our Finance Hub, providing clear information to scaleup businesses on growth capital, our UK Network engaging with local areas to boost demand, and the launch of British Patient Capital boosting the supply of long term finance for innovative, fast growing firms.

The ScaleUp Institute continues to make a real impact on scaleups across the country through their research and education programmes.



# Introduction

# Simon Edmonds, Deputy Executive Chair & Chief Business Officer, Innovate UK

High growth and scaling businesses are core to future economic growth. At Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), we remain resolutely committed to making the UK one of the very best places in the world for such businesses to innovate and scale, at pace. To us, this matters because businessled innovation is how we will maximise the economic and societal benefits of new ideas over the long term.

To best support those businesses we focus on creating an enabling environment that encourages innovation in all businesses with the potential to grow and scale, right across the country. We are placing more emphasis on identifying and investing in high-growth SMEs with the potential and ambition to grow through innovation. This is reflected in the way we assess and fund innovation projects and the wider support delivered, including for high potential scaleups.

In this year's ScaleUp Index it is pleasing to see that grant funding made by Innovate UK of £205m has leveraged a further £2.8 billion from the private sector thus enabling 642 scaling businesses to break through the £10 million turnover barrier to visible scale and on-going growth.

Alongside the significant efforts of the regional offerings in this space, mapped previously by the ScaleUp Institute, our own national scaleup service has just passed £25m in funding rounds for previous cohorts (28 companies) and is creating over 300 jobs, while the 2019 cohort (another 20 companies) are poised to receive support from our scaleup director team, with further funding rounds of £8m in progress.

By working together with expert partners we can continue to help ambitious businesses to grow their revenues and employees, penetrate new markets at home and overseas, connect with potential investors and customers and overcome their barriers to growth. Within UKRI this is our key specialism and focus.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the ScaleUp Institute, our joint events with the London Stock Exchange and other activities in the scaleup ecosystem over the next year, including greater involvement with our Catapult Centres.



**Foreword** 

Sherry Coutu
Chair, ScaleUp Institute

This Review marks three major milestones in the UK's scaleup journey. It is six years since the Government asked me to write the Scaleup Report on UK Economic Growth, five years since I made 12 recommendations to pave the way for the UK to become a scaleup economy and four years on from when I co-founded the ScaleUp Institute to work with ecosystem stakeholders to increase the proportion of businesses that scaleup in the UK.

With the publication of this 2019 Annual Review, I complete my term of office as pro-bono Chair of the ScaleUp Institute. The moment is right to take stock of the progress we have made together since 2014 and set down some markers for the future journey.

When I was commissioned to write the Scaleup Report on how to stimulate UK economic growth, I reflected that: "Competitive advantage doesn't go to nations that focus on creating companies, it goes to nations that focus on scaling companies."

The evidence was stark: the UK economy was lagging behind the US and other leading economies in the extent to which our companies scale. It was a major issue for the UK, because scaleup companies are crucial to national competitive advantage in that they drive economic growth, job creation, and productivity in the longer term. I identified three pillars that should be the focus of future efforts to sustain scaling companies: the need to share data and evidence, the vital role of education and the ability to create an enabling ecosystem – both local and national.

Five years on, it is pleasing to bear witness to the total number of scaleups having increased by 35% today in the UK compared

to 2013. Our reach has extended further into the political and global arena. Year on year, more organisations are stepping to focus on scaleups to help realise their potential as engines of growth. At our urging, we have seen the creation of a Ministerial Champion for Scaleups and scaling up has been a significant element in Government reports, announcements and Budgets.

We have forged valuable partnerships with ONS and HMRC to develop innovative ways of using data to identify businesses that need specific scaleup support. We are working closely with Innovate UK and the British Business Bank to deal with the fundamental challenges of scaling businesses.

Looking back, a lot has been achieved.
Looking forward, it is clear that there is still more to do. Across the UK, regional disparities remain and there are too many areas stubbornly lagging in scaleup growth. If they have not already done so regions must build scaleups into their local economic strategies. The guiding principle should be to build on what exists and is effective rather than spend time and energy reinventing new schemes.

I continue to believe that the power of data is the key to unlocking scaleup potential and the accompanying economic growth that results from it. Releasing and harnessing available data will be vital to monitor the efficacy of the scaleup interventions and policies across the private and public sectors that have sprung up to address this national crisis, as well as to connect scaling businesses to the resources they need.

In the UK economy, there are talented entrepreneurs who are scaling multiple times. Let's find them and ensure they get the finance to sustain their businesses and build the momentum that will create the UK giants of the future as well as the networking opportunities that allow them to grow and spread their influence to other ambitious business leaders. That's the glittering prize for the UK economy.

Working together we have the power, the ambition and the commitment to achieve our goal of making the UK the global leader for scaleups.



# **Executive overview**

Irene Graham CEO, ScaleUp Institute Scaleups are making an immense contribution to the UK economy but we cannot be complacent. The race is on to meet the challenge set by our international competitors and climb to the top of the OECD rankings.

While we can be heartened by the progress made over the past five years we need to focus on maturing the scaleup system to ensure it is sustained and can meet the demands of scaleup companies and the core challenges that they face. Scaleups remain our most ambitious, innovative and international firms. Determined to grow even further in 2020 despite uncertain headwinds. Scaleups are giving us a very strong signal that the ecosystem is failing to make enough headway to close the talent and markets gaps. These two challenges will be a priority focus for us in the coming 12 months.

As we progress our mission to drive forward awareness of scaleup challenges and the action needed we will put better collaboration with government, universities and big business at the top of the agenda. Along with continuing to make progress to close the finance and export gaps. While ensuring no gap emerges with EU dynamics still in the mix.

We will continue to focus action at a local level. We will work to ensure that programmes specifically designed to support scaleups are provided equally across the country, further collaborating with Innovate UK and British Business Bank. Leveraging and evidencing what works. We will encourage the further development of peer networks as well as helping link up more talented, experienced non-executive directors with fast growing companies.

We are delighted this year to launch our ScaleUp Programme Finder, supported by Innovate UK, to meet the request of scaleups to have a single source of information on what is available and equally also allowing these businesses to register for consideration to take part in programmes.

All those who want to see the UK take its place in this new era as the best nation in which to scale a business are invited to join us in driving this exciting agenda forward. We thank those already committed to that journey, including our founding Chair Sherry Coutu who has been a formidable force in putting scaleups on the map and look forward to collaborating with Adam Hale as our scaleup leader incoming Chair.

To continue reading my full executive overview, visit the full online review at: http://www.scaleupinstitute.org.uk/scaleup-review/

## WHY SCALEUPS MATTER



#### **SCALEUPS ARE PRODUCTIVE**

Scaleups are more productive than their peers, generating an average of £328,000 turnover per employee.



#### **SCALEUPS ARE INNOVATIVE**

3 in 4 scaleups have introduced or improved a product/ service/process in the last three years, twice the rate of large firms, and they are significant adopters of new technologies.



#### SCALEUPS ARE INTERNATIONAL

Two thirds of scaleups are involved in international trade, in a range of markets across the world. They are looking to expand further internationally despite Brexit.



#### **SCALEUPS ARE ACROSS ALL SECTORS**

Scaleups span the economy: the majority of them operate in sectors outside of technology.



#### **SCALEUPS CREATE HIGH QUALITY JOBS**

Scaleups help create high-quality jobs with more satisfied employees - employing 3.4m workers and creating c. 3,000 new jobs per week.



#### **SCALEUPS ARE DIVERSE**

38% of all scaleups have at least one female director.



#### **SCALEUPS ARE GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENS**

56% of scaleups offer opportunities to young people through work experience, internships or apprenticeships. They offer apprenticeships at twice the rate of typical firms.



#### THEY PLAN TO GROW

9 out of 10 scaleups expect to scale again in the coming year. 1 in 3 expect to achieve 50%+ turnover growth. 1 in 5 expect to achieve 50%+ employee growth.

# **KEY FINDINGS FROM ONS**



The total number of scaleups in the UK. The figure has increased by 3.7% from 2016 - representing 1,300 additional scaleups.



£1.3trn

The total amount of turnover generated by scaleups. This is up 34% on 2016, and compares to a turnover of £1.9 trillion by all SMEs combined.



There are now no scaleup 'cold spots' in the UK. There were nine such areas in 2015 - where growth of fewer than one additional scaleup per 100,000 of population was being achieved.



the fastest growing region and the slowest, nighlighting the persisting regional disparities and local level.



Oxfordshire.

York, North Yorkshire and East Riding.

Thames Valley Berkshire.

The three LEPs which have seen the highest scaleup growth relative to their population in 2014-2017.





Wholesale/Retail

Professional, Scientific

and Tech

Accommodation/Food

Sectors which have seen

the highest growth in

scaleups.



**TOP LOCAL AUTHORITIES** Craven, North Yorkshire.

Stratford-upon-Avon. Welwyn Hatfield

Have the highest scaleup growth outside of London



35%

More scaleups in the UK in 2017 compared to 2013. This has far outstripped GDP growth, which over the same time period rose 9%.



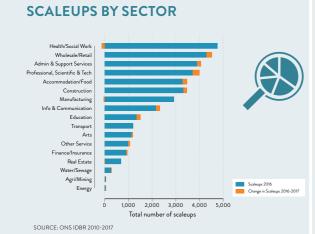
42%

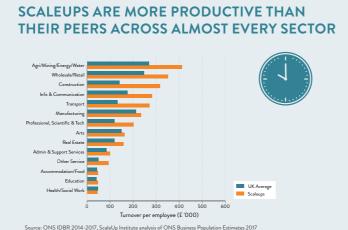
Productivity premium of scaleups compared to their peers in the same sector (on average). Scaleups continue to be more productive than their peers across virtually all sectors of the economy.

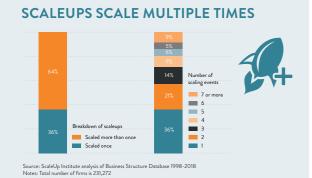
Source: ONS IDBR 2010-2017

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## THE SCALEUP LANDSCAPE

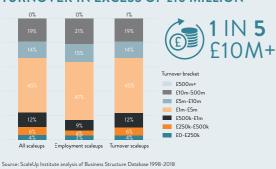


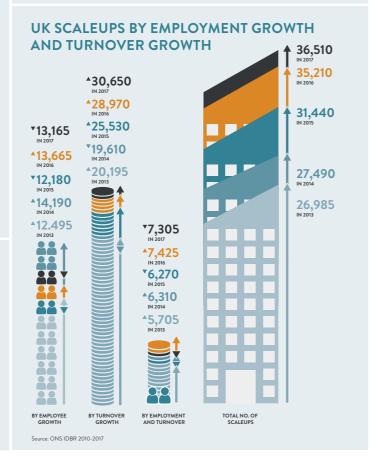




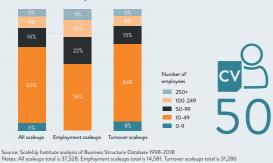


#### A LARGE PROPORTION OF SCALEUPS HAVE ANNUAL TURNOVER OF £1 MILLION-£5 MILLION, WITH ONE IN FIVE HAVING TURNOVER IN EXCESS OF £10 MILLION





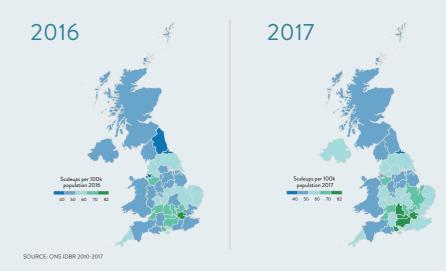
## MOST SCALEUPS HAVE LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES, 94% HAVE LESS THAN 250



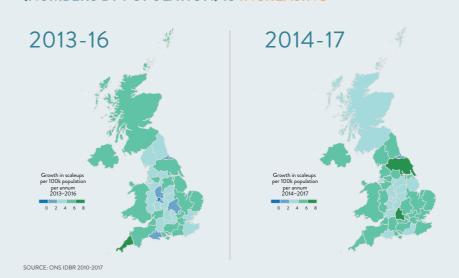
## SCALEUP DENSITY AROUND THE UK (NUMBERS BY 100K POPULATION) IS INCREASING



## EVEN IN BETWEEN 2016 TO 2017 WE SEE GOOD PROGRESS IN THE MIDLANDS, NORTH EAST AND SOUTH EAST



## THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF SCALEUPS (NUMBERS BY POPULATION) IS INCREASING



MEDIAN NUMBER OF SCALING COMPANIES PER 100,000 HAS INCREASED FROM 50 IN 2016 TO 52 IN 2017, AND SINCE 2013 FROM 45 TO 52



MEDIAN INCREASE PER ANNUM HAS INCREASED FROM 3.9/100,000 FROM 2013-16 TO 4.2/100,000 FROM 2014-2017



## THERE ARE NO 'COLD SPOTS' IN THE UK

OXFORDSHIRE,
YORK, NORTH
YORKSHIRE AND
EAST RIDING, AND
THAMES VALLEY
BERKSHIRE HAVE
SEEN THE HIGHEST
SCALEUP GROWTH
RELATIVE TO THEIR
POPULATION



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## THERE ARE 5,456 'VISIBLE' SCALEUPS

(WHO FILE FULL ACCOUNTS AT COMPANIES HOUSE)



23%

**INCREASE IN** 

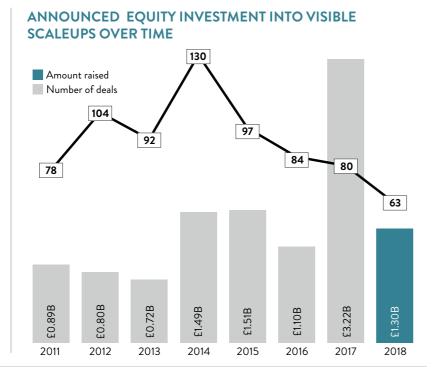
THE NUMBER



13,746 visible scaling legal entities examined

8,290 legal entities excluded (charities, PLCs, foreign HQ, duplicate subsidiaries)

5,456 unique scaleup businesses



#### TOP SECTORS BY NUMBER OF **VISIBLE SCALEUPS**

Property/land development and construction	749
Other manufacturing and engineering	452
Distribution	377
Food and drink processors	319
Builders	282

#### TOP LEPS BY NUMBER OF **VISIBLE SCALEUPS (EXCLUDING LONDON)**

South East	280
Greater Manchester	235
Leeds City Region	205
South East Midlands	144
North Eastern	143

#### **TOP VISIBLE SCALEUPS** BY EMPLOYEE COUNT

ocs	79,117
Cordant Group	39,513
Bestway Wholesale	27,919
Home Bargains	22,816
The Staffing Group	18,087

#### **TOP VISIBLE SCALEUPS BY TURNOVER**

Greenergy	£16.8B
ED&F Man	£6.22B
A-Plant	£4.50B
BestWay Wholesale	£4.13B
Dyson	£3.54B

#### KEY FIGURES 01/11/2011 - 31/08/2019



#### **TOP EQUITY INVESTORS** BY DEALS INTO VISIBLE **SCALEUPS**

01/11/2011 - 31/08/2019



**BGF** 



Crowdcube



Index Ventures



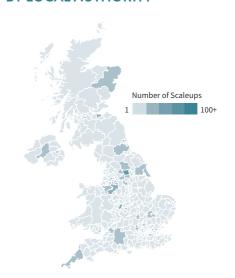
Development Capital

#### **VISIBLE SCALEUPS IN LONDON** BY LOCAL AUTHORITY



**OF VISIBLE SCALEUPS Based on Companies House** data excluding charitable and third sector scaleups and listed companies, which will be subject to separate analysis.

#### VISIBLE SCALEUPS IN THE UK BY LOCAL AUTHORITY



Data Analysed by Beauhurst



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## SCALEUP PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

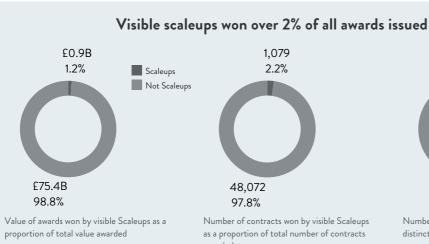
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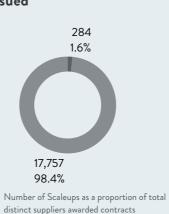
Data analysed by Tussell, based on the period Jan-Dec 2018.





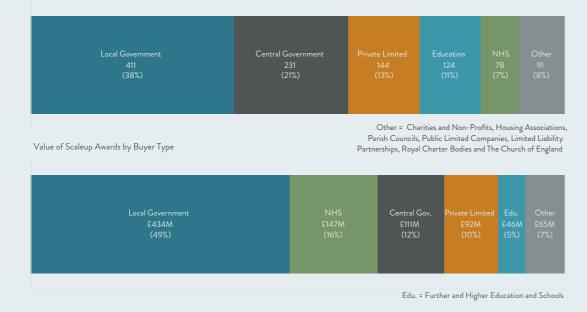
This compares to 20,306 SME peers appearing on over 48.6k contracts and 10,243 large corporates on 46k contracts





Local Government buyers were the most important for Visible Scaleups in 2018. Accounting for 38% of all contract awards, as well as 49% of the total value awarded.

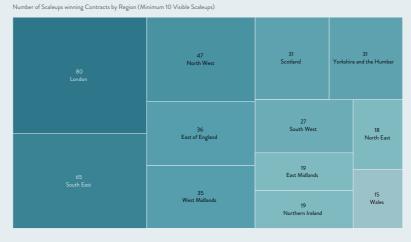
Number of Scaleup Awards by Buyer Type\*



#### IN 2018, THE TOP BUYERS FROM VISIBLE SCALEUPS WERE:



#### SCALEUPS BY SECTOR AND REGION



Scaleups across all sectors won contracts, those in the construction sector won the most winning 22% of all awards. Novosco Ltd, based in Northern Ireland, was the top visible scaleup by award value. Winning a contract for outsourced IT services issued by Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust worth £109m.

The visible Scaleups that won public sector contracts in 2018 were largely concentrated in London and the South East. Outside of London, the next most successful visible Scaleups came from Manchester.

#### Number of Female-Founded Scaleups winning Government Contracts

Value of Awards Issued to Female-founded Scaleups

#### **FEMALE FOUNDERS**

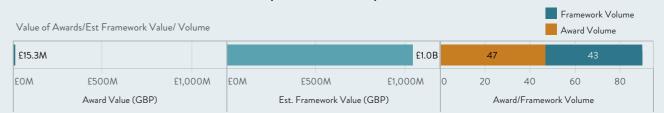
Only 14 contract winning visible Scaleups were founded by women. Similarly only 2% of the £895m worth of awards issued to Scaleups by the wider public sector went to ones founded by women.





#### **SCALEUPS LISTED ON AIM**

Over the course of 2018, 24 Scaleups listed on AIM won a total of 90 contracts, awards and frameworks included. The awards had a combined lifetime value of £15m, and the frameworks had a potential value of up to £1bn.



## **2019 SCALEUP SURVEY**

AT A GLANCE







THESE SCALEUPS CAME FROM ACROSS ALL REGIONS AND SECTORS THEY VARY CONSIDERABLY IN AGE. AND MANY ARE LONG ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES





























#### THEY REMAIN AMBITIOUS

9 IN 10 EXPECT TO GROW IN 2020 WITH



20%+ turnover growth next year





20%+ employee growth next year

#### THEY ARE HIGHLY INNOVATIVE



service or process in the last three years

 $\sqrt{9}$  over 2xof typical firms



of scaleups use software to monitor

business activities or productivity

IN THE COMING YEAR 4 IN 10 EXPECT TO LEVERAGE BIG DATA AND AI OPTIONS

#### THEY ARE GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENS



offer opportunities to young people through APPRENTICESHIPS/INTERNSHIPS (3 IN 10)

2xas many scaleups

as typical firms

 $offer\ apprentices hips$ social businesses

**4** 36% of scaleups consider themselves to be

6 IN 10 employ staff from the EU and

**6**3 IN 10 employ staff from

#### THEY ARE INTERNATIONAL





are engaged in trade with the EU



#### THEY HAVE (OR ASPIRE TO HAVE) LARGE CORPORATES AND GOVERNMENT AS CLIENTS



3 IN 10

the last 3 years

 $\hat{\mathbf{m}}$  2 IN 10 sell into local or

**1** 1 IN 10 collaborating with develop a new product



of those not currently selling into government have aspirations to do so

of those not currently selling into large corporates have aspirations to do so

#### LOOKING FORWARD

High ambitions to grow but concern it will become harder to scale in the UK with limited support and barriers to be addressed

#### THE KEY FACTORS THAT WILL ALLOW SCALEUPS TO CONTINUE TO GROW ARE:

Access to UK (74%)







Access to right bank / equity finance



When picking their top priority, access to talent and access to UK markets remain by far the most important factors.

#### KEY SOURCES OF FUTURE HELP TO GROW ARE LOCAL:







**→**30% Access to hubs;

## 7 in 10

would like a single point of contact to act as a relationship manager for them. They want to be identified as a scaleup.

#### SCALEUPS WOULD LIKE EASIER ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RESOURCES OF:



Public sector funding for innovation and R&D

from government

38%

#### SCALEUPS KNOW THEY ARE DOING WELL

59% agree that they are outperforming their peers. But four out of ten feel there is little support for businesses like them (41%) and half have concerns about whether the UK will continue to be a good place to do business (45%).

#### KEY CHALLENGES



Key future skills for scaleup employees are critical thinking (79%) and service orientation (61%). 6 out of 10 employ staff from overseas which they believe is vital/very important they can continue to do so.



#### MARKETS

Only 1 in 10 scaleups collaborate with government while 2 in 10 sell to government; 2 in 10 collaborate with universities; and 3 in 10 collaborate with corporates while 5 in 10 sell to them. Scaleup leaders cite selling into both government and large corporates is made more complicated by complex processes (49%), being able to spot relevant contracts to bid for (41%) and the time it takes to win a contract (40%). They value a relationship management approach and are keen to do much more with the private and public sectors.



#### INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Scaleups are already doing business across the world, and want to do more in regions such as North America, Australasia, the Middle East, China and India. Key barriers to exporting are limited access to overseas customers, not having the talent to make overseas sales, uncertainty over Brexit and difficulties finding overseas partners. A dedicated export relationship management approach is valued.



#### LEADERSHIP

Scaleups are looking for support from a network of peers (43%) and nonexecutive directors (34%) - both of which are dialling up in importance. They also want to develop their existing leadership team by training (47%) and / or by recruiting (42%) experience growth leaders into the executive team. Access to effective mentoring is also recognised as valuable (36%).



#### FINANCE

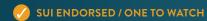
Three quarters of scaleups are using external finance (75%). Of those, six out of ten feel they do not have the right finance in place for their business. One in five scaleups are using equity finance and one in ten plan on using it in the near future. Many cite a fear of losing control (16%) or thinking it is not suitable (12%) as their reasons for not using this form of finance. The knowledge gap about equity finance appears to be closing - the percentage of scaleups who do not know anything about equity finance has fallen from 17% to 10%.



#### INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure remains a critical component to get right for our scaleups, with 55% saying it was vital or very important. Scaleups are also seeking greater support from universities and R&D facilities.

## LOCAL PROGRAMMES



#### **NORTHERN IRELAND**

HALO BUSINESS ANGEL NETWORK IOD ACADEMY

KERNEL CAPITAL

SCALING FOR GROWTH

WAY TO SCALE

ACCESS TO FINANCE AMBITION TO SCALE BOOST 2020 **VENTURE FOR SUCCESS** 

CORPORATE VENTURES MSC STRATEGIC GROWTH

#### YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

MANUFACTURING GROWTH

INVESTOR READINESS

LEADER - COAST, WOLDS, WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS

STRATEGIC BUSINESS GROWTH

PROGRAMME

#### **EAST MIDLANDS**

DIGITAL GROWTH PROGRAMME

HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP

SCALE UP MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

BUILDING BETTER SUPPLY CHAINS IN

BUSINESS GATEWAY

COLLABORATE GROWING BUSINESS

D2N2 GROWTH HUB SCALEUP

DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

EM3 GROWTH HUB

GAIN ENTERPRISE GROWTH PROGRAMME

GRANTS4GROWTH

GREEN BELLE

LEADER - NORTHERN LINCOLNSHIRE

LEICESTER CREATIVE BUSINESS DEPOT LORIC1 & BUSINESS INSPIRATION

PROGRAMME

READY2GROW

SKILLS SUPPORT TO THE GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE WORKFORCE

BUSINESS LEADERS PEER SUPPORT AND

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AND** MANAGEMENT

INNOVATION PLATFORM (GLAFIP)

INVEST TO GROW

AMCASH BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

BUILT ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE CHANGE

ASTON SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

LEICESTER INNOVATION HUB

PACE

THE BIG HOUSE ESCALATOR AND

FOR INNOVATION

INNOVATION (BECCI)

**FOCUS DIGITAL PROJECT** 

INNOVATION VOUCHERS

PROGRAMME

#### **WEST MIDLANDS**

AIM PROGRAMME

SME INTERNATIONAL GROWTH PROJECT THE PLATINUM GROUP

BUILDING BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

START2GREAT

BUSINESS BROADBAND GRANT SCHEME

**BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY** 

PROGRAMME

**BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAMME** MANUFACTURING GROWTH

PROGRAMME

SMARTER GROWTH

ENTERPRISING WEST OF ENGLAND

HIGH IMPACT SCALE-UP COACHING

AGRI-TECH GROWTH AND RESOURCES

SUPPORT PROGRAMME

SCALE UP COACHING GRANTS ✓ PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH PEOPLE

TRANSFORM

✓ ENGINE SHED

**ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS** 

SCALE-UP PROGRAMME



Use the SUI website search tool to find programmes



#### **SCOTLAND**

YOUNG PRESIDENTS ORGANISATION EXECUTIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP -

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS LEADERSHIP FOR GROWTH MENTOR FOR GROWTH

RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

MIT ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PRINCIPALLY WOMEN

SALTIRE FELLOWSHIP LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SCALE UP SCOTLAND LEADERSHIP

SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE EXECUTIVE EDUCATION STRATEGIC

SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE LEADERSHIP MASTERCI ASSES RETREAT PROGRAMME

✓ GROWTH ADVANTAGE PROGRAMME

✓ PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH PEOPLE

#### **NORTH EAST**

ΔSPIRE BESPOKE BIDS LTD (BBL)

ARCH

**BUSINESS SCALEUP SERVICE** ✓ DIGITAL SCALE UP ✓ SCALE-UP LEADERS ACADEMY HOLDERNESS COAST, FISHERIES LOCAL ACTION GROUP (FLAG) FUNDING LEAP 50

NORTHERN POWERHOUSE INVESTMENT SCALEUP NORTH EAST

RECIPE4SUCCESS

SPARK2SCALE

EXECUTIVE WOMEN LEADERS

#### **NORTH WEST**

✓ ALDERLEY PARK CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON GROWTH HUB

GREATER CONNECTED **NEW MARKETS 2** NORTHERN POWERHOUSE INVESTMENT

MBA BUSINESS SCALE-UPS ✓ PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH PEOPLE

STEP INTO HEALTHCAR

GROWTH CATALYST

SCALE-UP FORUM

#### **EAST OF ENGLAND**

CAMBRIDGE WIRELESS **FUTURE BUSINESS CENTRES** ✓ SCHOOL FOR SCALE-UPS

TRAINING COURSES APPRENTICESHIPS NORFOLK

**BUSINESS SUPPORT** 

✓ CAMBRIDGE CLUSTER MAP CHINA AND UK PARTNERSHIP

LEADER

FUND

MANUFACTURING GROWTH PROGRAMME MANUFACTURING GROUPS

SCALE UP NEW ANGLIA

SCALEUP ADVICE

✓ BABRAHAM RESEARCH CAMPUS

CONTRACT RESEARCH

ACCELERATE CAMBRIDGE

✓ CRANFIELD BUSINESS GROWTH

INNOVATION BRIDGE

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PARTNERS LOW CARBON INNOVATION FUND

MEDBIC SCALE YOUR BUSINESS

SME GROWTH CHALLENGE

#### **SOUTH EAST**

FINANCE SOUTH EAST FUTURE BUSINESS CENTRES ✓ GOOGLE FOR STARTUPS LONDON

**BUSINESS UNITED** 

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ESCALATOR PROGRAMME ✓ MAYOR OF LONDON'S INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ✓ INNOVATING FOR GROWTH

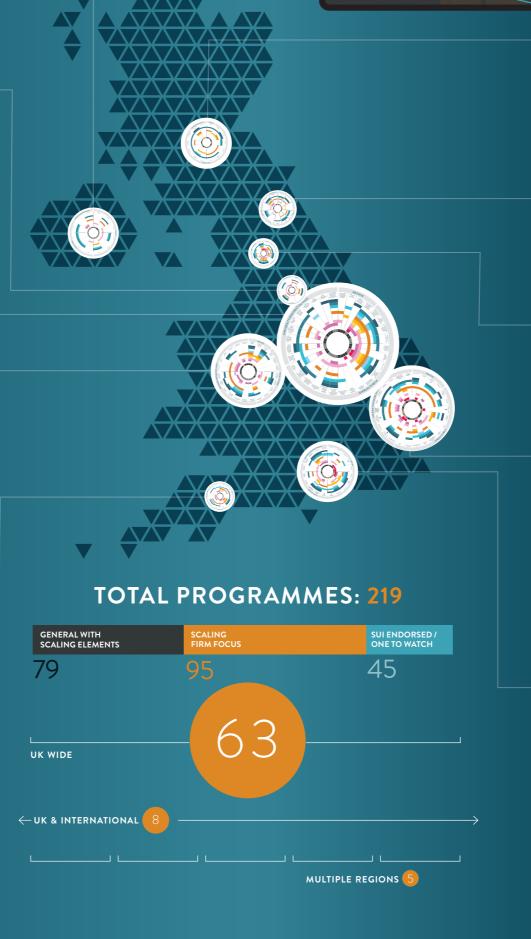
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SCALE UP ASHFORD SCALE UP THAMES VALLEY BERKSHIRE

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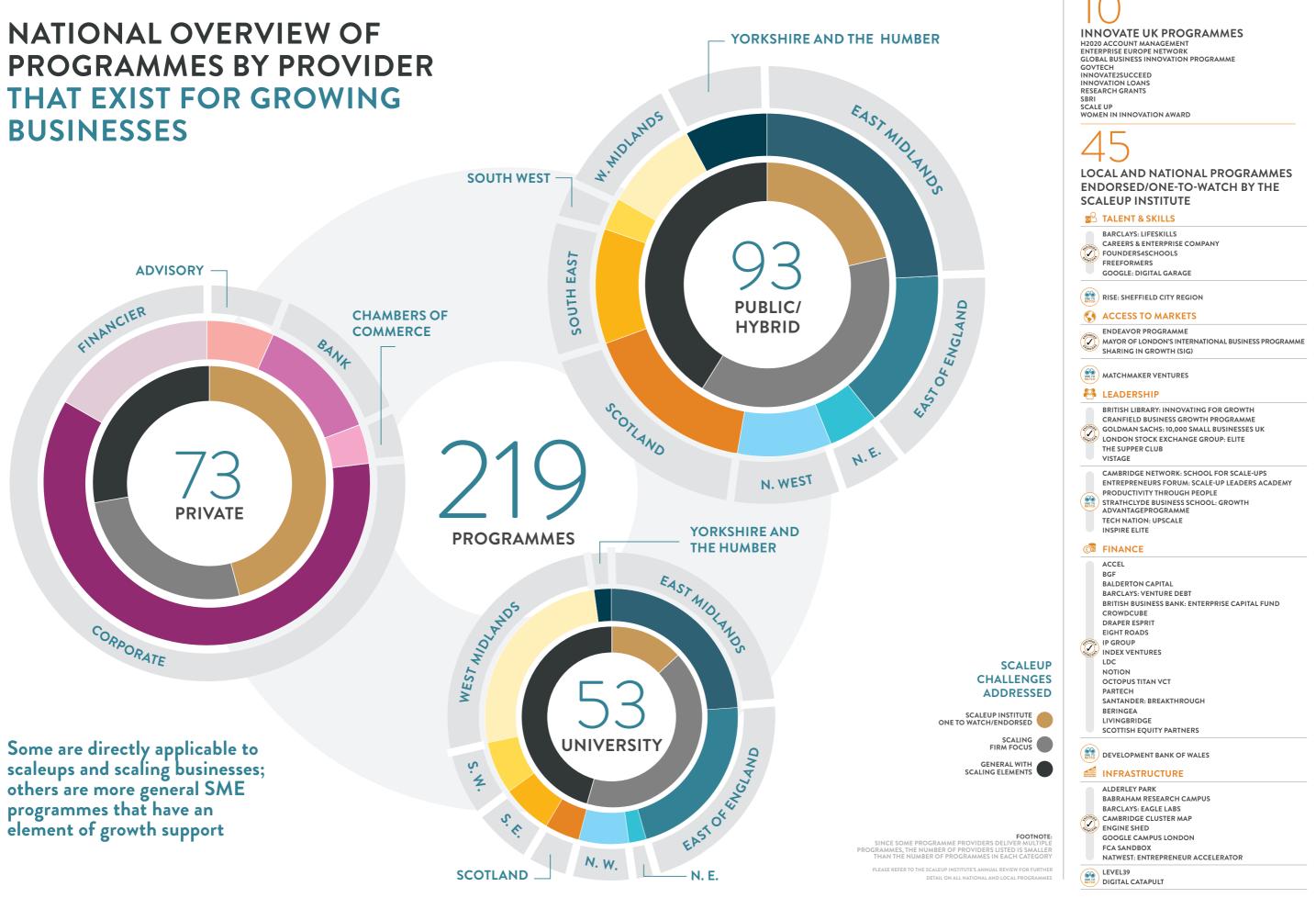
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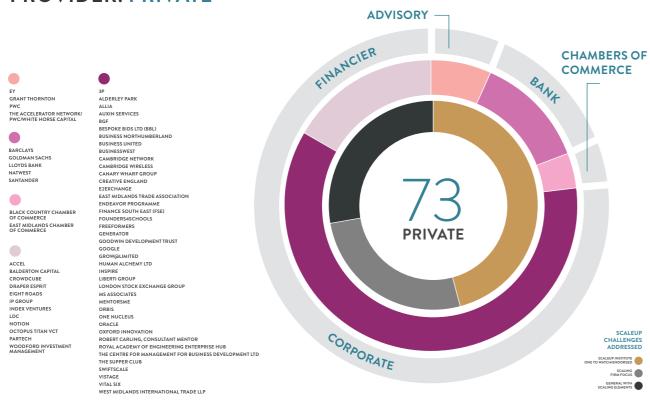
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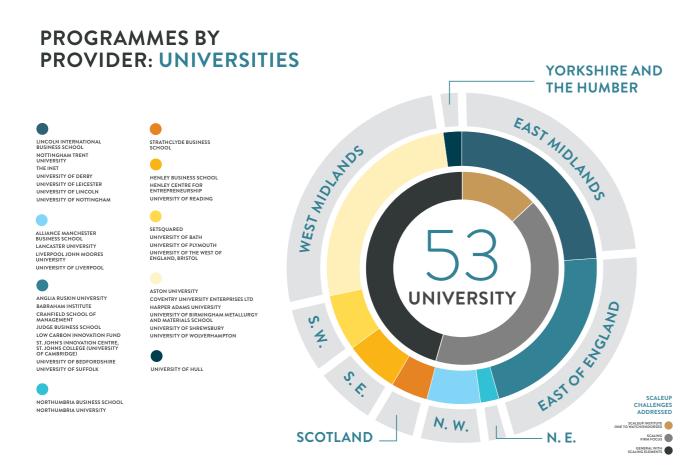
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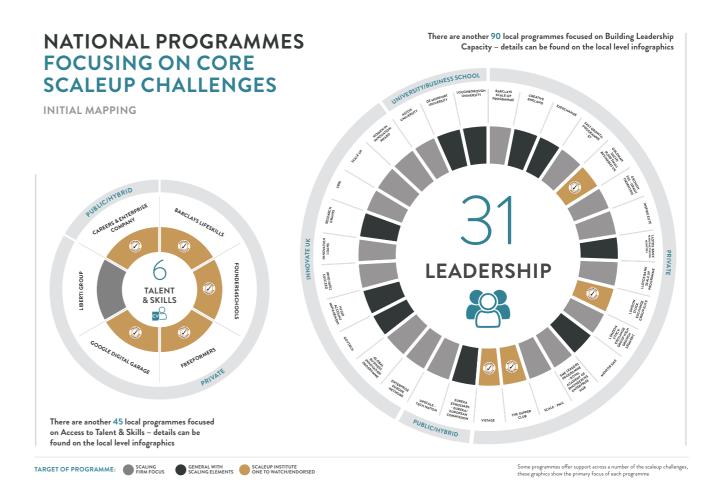


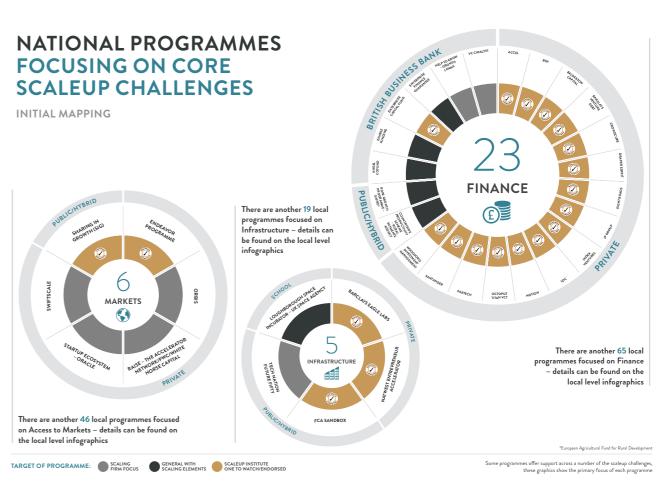
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# PROGRAMMES BY PROVIDER: PRIVATE









## LEADING PROGRAMMES





Digital Garage







































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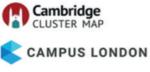




















## **NEW CASE STUDIES**



















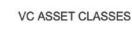








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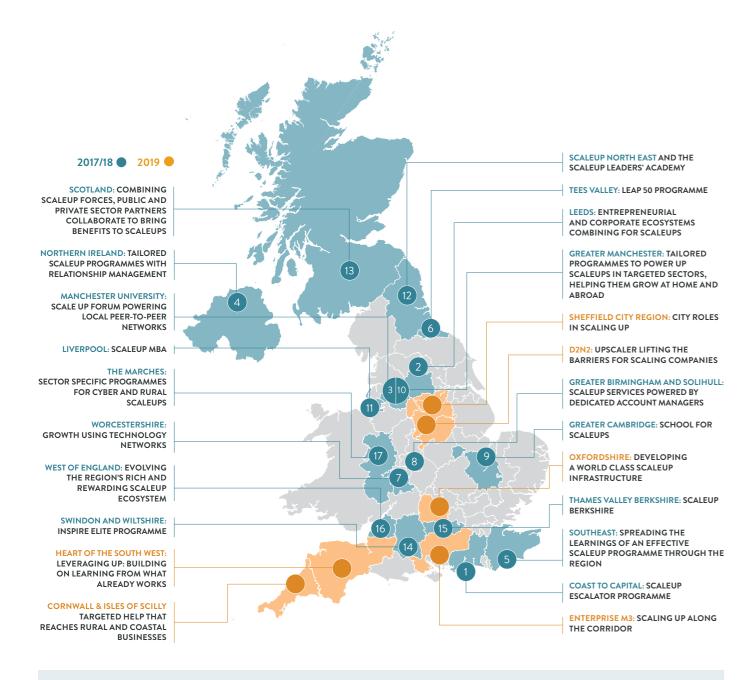




## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Driving UK economic growth through scaleup ecosystems

LOCAL EXEMPLARS:



#### SOME OF THE PROGRAMMES EMERGING SINCE DEG









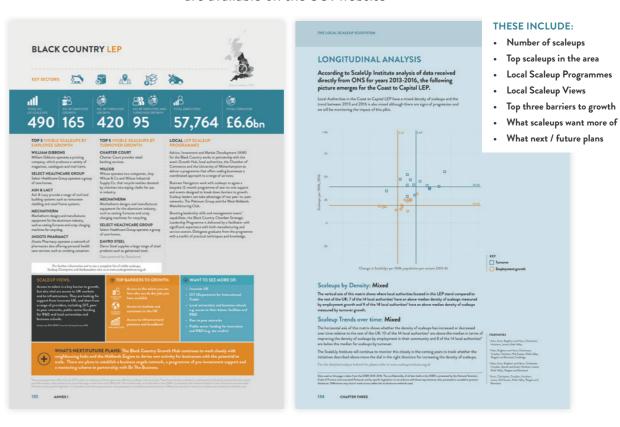
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## LOCAL TOOLS

Annexes detailing all LEP areas and each devolved administration are available on the SUI website





## 2018 RECOMMENDATIONS: PROGRESS

#### **EVIDENCE GAP**



A verification process with Government should be created to allow for local and national stakeholders to verify the 'Scaleup status' of a business, building on the recent work of the ScaleUp Institute with Government. This should tap into datasets that combine ONS, Companies House and HMRC data points to enable stakeholders to fast track solutions to scaleup leaders. If necessary, legislation should be passed to introduce such an enquiry capability.

## TALENT AND SKILLS



A 'Scaleup Visa' should be made available in communities where there are 100+ scaleup companies to enable scaleup leaders, across all sectors, to recruit the staff they need to increase their capacity to grow. The Government should make the international skills needs of scaling businesses a priority. Local authorities, education establishments, advisory and finance companies should be able to be sponsors of such.

The Department for Education, Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Careers & Enterprise Company should use their convening and promotional power to ensure that students at schools, colleges and universities come into contact with business leaders and that APIs to the National Pupils database and the destinations database (with suitable protections) are made available so that the impact of these interventions can be measured. The public, private and education sector should continue to work together to close the gap on provision of high-quality flexible scaleup leadership programmes, including mentoring, peer networks and matchmaking of non-executive directors who have scaled businesses before. Better connections should also continue to be made between national programmes and local ecosystem leaders. The Small Business Charter, and other such mechanisms, should integrate an assessment of 'scaleup engagement' into their performance analysis.

#### LEADERSHIP GAP



Funding for local communities should continue to be tied to the effective deployment of initiatives that close the scaleup gap as well as the results and impacts that they have on the number of scaleup businesses in their area. Every local Industrial Strategy should have a scaleup pillar, including a markets access strategy and a scaleup cluster map based on currently available datasets.

All local communities should appoint a Scaleup Champion and develop a relationship management structure for scaleup businesses.

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The outcomes of the Productivity Review, Shared Prosperity Fund and Comprehensive Spending Review should ensure that funding for impactful business support (whether it be mentors, leadership or networks) has a significant focus and segmentation towards our scaleup businesses, which are generators of wealth, exports and productivity to the UK economy. These Reviews should collectively ensure no gap in scaleup support provision is allowed to arise in light of the UK's changing relationship with the EU.

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Central Government when implementing its Export Strategy should allocate a significant portion of resources to scaleups, including supporting dedicated trade missions for scaleups. All local areas should be encouraged to set up a local exchange programme for scaling businesses, such as that developed by the Mayoral 'Go to Grow' campaign in London.

Public bodies should use the inaugural Visible Scaleup Public Procurement Index to further improve their understanding and reporting on the procurement involving UK scaleups, including scaling businesses not yet visible at Companies House.

All public bodies should improve the way opportunities are promoted to scaleup companies by significantly raising the visibility of procurement champions and ensuring their roles have objectives and measurements. The Government should continue the evolution of Contracts Finder to become a smart platform and continue to develop more scaleup specific 'meet the buyer' events working with local areas and build on the current work underway as regards sandbox environments.

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Government and industry should ensure progress is made closing the finance gap for scaleup by continuing the work to implement the Patient Capital Review. Growth finance should be included as core curriculum in all local scaleup leadership programmes, enabling them to seek out and secure the most appropriate funding at each stage of their company's growth. The status of current EU sources of funding needs to be monitored, and replaced as appropriate.

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Our mission is to help the UK to become the best place in the world to grow a business as well as start one, and enable our existing high-growth businesses to scale up even further.



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