

LEGI — England's Local Enterprise Growth Initiative: Jobs Displaced, Not Created

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

England's LEGI gave GBP 418m to 30 deprived areas (2006–2011) for business support. A regression-discontinuity study found jobs rose inside treated areas but fell just across the boundary, with no lasting gains after funding ended: a rigorous cautionary case.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	0/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-29

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#) — accessed 2026-09-29

[What Works Growth — LEGI review](#) — accessed 2026-09-29

[Einiö & Overman — The \(Displacement\) Effects of Spatially Targeted Enterprise Initiatives](#) — accessed 2026-09-29

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