Creative England Investment Programme 2012–2017
Impact Report
June 2018
The Good Economy is a specialist advisory firm focused on enhancing the role of business and finance in building ‘a good economy’: an economy that works for everyone. The Good Economy has specialist expertise in impact measurement and management, including impact assessments for private equity and mainstream investors.

Creative England commissioned The Good Economy to provide an independent assessment of the performance of its investment programmes and its impact in addressing the access to finance challenge for creative industry businesses. The Good Economy has analysed the impact of Creative England’s investment programme using the same basic framework that we used in impact assessments for Lloyds Development Capital (LDC), the private equity arm of Lloyds Banking Group, and Enterprise Ventures, now part of Mercia Technologies, which provides venture, growth and debt capital to small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs). The British Venture Capital Association has described this methodology as ‘state of the art’.

We also apply the Principles of Social Value which are generally accepted social accounting principles. In particular, we have developed an impact narrative that uses both quantitative and qualitative measures of social value as recognised by Creative England’s stakeholders. These are its client businesses, its funders and government at national, regional and local level.

The Good Economy has also carried out a more detailed analysis and provided a separate report to Creative England on client perspectives of the investment experience and benefits of Creative England investment. This has provided insight and feedback to Creative England as to what is working well in its investment programme and areas for improvement.
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Executive Summary

Creative England is an organisation dedicated to the growth of the creative industries. Since 2012, Creative England has run a pioneering investment programme combining both finance and business support tailored to meet the needs of small creative businesses. The investment programme addresses the recognised market failure in access to finance\(^1\), which means that creative businesses, especially those based outside London, struggle to secure the investment they need to innovate and grow.

The Good Economy’s assessment reviews the extent to which Creative England is supporting the following outcomes:

- Business sustainability
- Business growth
- Job creation
- International trade/exports
- Innovation
- Cluster development

The performance analysis is based on Creative England’s investments from October 2012 to September 2017. Over this period, 424 individual investments were made to 350 companies for a total value of nearly £20 million.

As well as comprehensive quantitative data analysis, The Good Economy conducted in-depth interviews with 20 client businesses to gather qualitative feedback and client perspectives on the investment process and benefits of Creative England investment.

The Good Economy’s assessment of Creative England’s investment programme demonstrates that it is successfully delivering on its objective of helping small creative businesses to access the finance they require to scale-up.

The headline findings are:

1. **Creative England’s knowledge and understanding of creative industries sets it apart and is highly valued by its clients**

   Creative England is one of the only finance providers – either public or private – that focuses solely on the creative industries. Its specialist knowledge and understanding of creative industries is a major strength and differentiator, and key to its appeal to creative businesses and its success at assessing risk and reward and establishing a strong investment track record.

2. **Creative England has experienced high demand and has deployed capital efficiently and effectively**

   Creative England has experienced high levels of demand for finance and has a strong pipeline of investment opportunities. Since 2012, Creative England has made an average of 85 investments totalling nearly £4 million per year, whilst also sustaining loan repayment rates of over 99% since 2014. The main constraint to growth is access to mission-aligned capital.

3. **Creative England is backing creative businesses that help to deliver inclusive growth, particularly in regions of the country that need it most**

   Roughly 81% of Creative England’s investment takes place outside of London and the South East, compared to an average of 62% for UK SME lending and 35% for venture capital. Forty-five percent of investee businesses are located in LEP areas where the social need for inclusive job growth is above the national average.

   Moreover, Creative England’s investment is supporting the development of regional creative clusters, with nearly 70% of investment and businesses located within the 47 creative clusters identified by Nesta.

4. **Creative England’s investee businesses are achieving long-term sustainability and have better survival rates than the creative sector as a whole**

   83% of Creative England investee businesses have a 3-year survival rate, compared to an average of 60% for all businesses. The total number of jobs created and sustained by investee companies for the five-year period is 1,145, with 57% of companies having created or safeguarded employment since receiving investment.

5. **Creative England’s funding helps businesses to mobilise private, commercial investment**

   For every £1 of public sector investment, £4 of external capital has been mobilised, the majority from private, commercial sources. Creative England’s investment has had a catalytic effect enabling businesses to secure other growth funding.

The Good Economy’s analysis provides evidence that Creative England has developed an investment and business support model that is working. It is helping to fill the access to finance gap at the lower end of the ‘ladder of growth’, supporting creative companies to grow from start-up to sustainable, growing businesses.

Creative England has effectively mobilised public funding to deliver social value and economic growth. It is making an important contribution to achieving the ambitions of the Government’s Industrial Strategy, helping to boost the role of creative businesses in securing the UK’s future economic success and more inclusive and sustainable growth.

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\(^1\) See www.gov.uk/government/publications/creative-industries-sector-deal
1 / Introduction

1.1 Creative England and the Creative Industries

Creative England is an organisation dedicated to the growth of the creative industries. It invests in talented people and their creative ideas, supporting the growth of small creative businesses from start-up to scale-up across film, TV, tech, games, design and digital media. It is a critical role.

Having inherited from its predecessor bodies a traditional public sector mechanism of awarding small grants to creative organisations, since 2012 Creative England has created a pioneering investment programme. It provides a mix of loans, equity investment and some grants which has used public money more effectively by allowing it to be re-cycled as loans, and has attracted institutional and private investors from the commercial sector. After some years of proving this model in action, Creative England felt it was important to seek an independent assessment of its impact and value.

Creative businesses make a large contribution to the UK economy. They are one of the fastest growing sectors and a driver of inclusive growth. According to the Department for Digital, Media, Culture and Sport (DCMS), the UK has the world’s third most valuable creative sector after the US and China, employing three million people and contributing £92 billion to the UK economy in 2016.

Creative industries are growing more rapidly than other sectors in 9 out of every 10 locations in the UK. They are an important contributor to UK employment, with more than two-thirds of these areas seeing faster growth in creative industries employment than in overall employment. Creative industries are also an important source of exports, accounting for 9% of all exports in 2016.

Supporting the growth and success of creative businesses is important from both an economic and social perspective – and Creative England aims to play a leading role in making that happen.

1.2 Purpose and structure of this report

Since 2012, Creative England has run a pioneering investment programme combining both finance and business support tailored to meet the needs of small creative businesses.

The programme tackles the market failure that many creative businesses face – that they find it harder to find the investment they need to grow their business than non-creative businesses.

This report provides an analysis of the performance of Creative England’s investment programme and its impact in addressing the access to finance challenge. It also assesses the extent to which Creative England is a critical part of the ecosystem of finance and support for the creative industries.

- Section 2 summarises the context for Creative England’s investment programme.
- Section 3 provides an overview of Creative England’s investment and support offer and its expected impacts using a Theory of Change model as a framework for the performance analysis.
- Section 4 presents the results of analysing Creative England’s 2012-2017 portfolio in terms of overall investment activity and business-level impact.
- Section 5 draws together headline findings and conclusions.
2 / Context

2.1 The role of creative businesses in inclusive growth

The Government has called for an inclusive economy that works for everyone. ‘Inclusive growth’ that enables the widest range of people and places to both contribute to and benefit from economic success has become an overarching policy goal.

The creative industries are uniquely placed to help deliver inclusive growth in the UK. No other part of the private sector of the UK economy can match the creative sector’s geographical profile. Research by Nesta identified 47 creative growth clusters – hotspots of creative business activity – in all regions and nations of the UK. This geographical distribution is a prerequisite for making the Industrial Strategy genuinely place-based and successful. This is why growing creative industries – and financing their sustainable growth – should be a distinctive and important focus of UK Government policy and business support.

These ‘clusters’ are based on SME dynamism. The creative industries lack the types of global corporate flagships that anchor other industries covered by the Industrial Strategy’s other sector deals – such as the automotive and life sciences sectors. As such, cluster-based growth strategies – via the Government’s mesh of place and sector deals – have to be more squarely focused on supporting SMEs to start-up and grow in the case of the creative industries.

The economic case for financing and supporting SME growth in the creative industries can be reinforced by other evidence-backed arguments. Firstly, like ‘high tech’ SMEs, creative businesses have an instant or natural international reach from a very early stage; secondly, they are more innovative than the majority of ‘high growth’ SMEs; and thirdly, once they have scaled up, dynamic creative businesses are attractive to private equity investors – they no longer depend on public sector backing. All of this matters to the UK’s business capacity to achieve inclusive growth before and after Brexit.

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2.2 The access to finance challenge

Creative England’s focus is on tackling the access to finance challenge. Despite the impressive growth of the creative industries in recent years, and the overwhelmingly positive contribution they have made to the UK economy, there are still systemic challenges within the sector in terms of access to finance.

In research commissioned by the Creative Industries Council in 2017, 67% of creative businesses reported that they and other creative businesses have struggled to get finance because providers struggle to understand what they do.

The growth potential of creative businesses is often overlooked by lenders due to a lack of understanding, or an absence of shared vision between recipient and investor. Early-stage businesses within the creative sector are often excluded from accessing mainstream finance due to being viewed as too risky to present a viable investment. A lack of performance track record, regular cashflow, coupled with a relative lack of sufficient capital to act as security, often makes creative businesses a difficult proposition for traditional bank lending. Moreover, with the creative industries operating at the forefront of innovation, or working to develop new disruptive technologies, the main asset they possess is often their Intellectual Property, rather than a tangible asset. Creative businesses are ‘intangibles rich’, loaded towards the assets shown in Chart 2.1. The combination of these factors goes a long way to explaining why the creative industries, as a collective, find it generally difficult to leverage private investment to finance growth.

Chart 2.1 Categories of intangible investment

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<td>Computerised Information</td>
<td>Software development and database development</td>
<td>Patent, copyright, design IPR, trademark, other</td>
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<td>Innovative Property</td>
<td>R&amp;D, creating entertainment and artistic originals, design and other product development costs</td>
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<td>Economic Competencies</td>
<td>Training, market research and branding, business process re-engineering</td>
<td>Copyright, trademark and patents</td>
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1. Industrial Strategy White Paper, 2017
2. NESTA, The Geography of Creativity in the UK, July 2016
3. Nesta, 2017
4. Sir Peter Bazalgette, Independent Review of the Creative Industries, September 2017
This form of market failure, however, is not exclusive to the creative industries. As an economy, the UK repeatedly fails in its attempts to translate its conducive start-up culture into an effective scale-up environment. The UK ranks third in the world when it comes to new company creation according to the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development). However, it ranks a modest 13th in the league table in regard to nurturing scale-ups. On average, 91% of businesses are still operating after a year of trading. Yet after five years of trading this figure reduces to 40%. The Coutu Report identified several barriers to SMEs scaling-up, including accessing skilled talent, developing leadership capable of managing growth and appropriate finance for scaling-up.6

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The UK is a global leader in many creative industries. The Government is rightly keen to maximise its competitive advantage and the sector’s growth potential through encouraging transformative innovation. Yet as long as start-up creative businesses are systematically excluded from accessing the finance they require in order to scale-up and fulfil their potential, the benefits of possessing a world-leading creative sector will not be as substantial or as widely distributed as they should be. In order to maximise the growth potential of the UK’s creative industries, it is vital that we close the access to finance gap.

Creative England’s investment programme is designed to address the recognised market failure in creative industry businesses’ ability to access the investment they need.

It aims to fill the access to finance gap, focusing on providing smaller amounts (between £10,000 to £250,000) of step up, or follow on funding. It provides a combination of tailored investment and support to creative businesses to help them develop new business models, deliver products and services and take risks on innovation. Ultimately, Creative England aims to grow strong, sustainable creative businesses that contribute to the creative ecosystem.

**Finance offer**

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Creative England has raised funding for its investment programme from a range of different sources, some with specific target businesses and types of funding available (see below). However, overall Creative England has been able to offer the following types of financial support to creative businesses:

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<td>Grant</td>
<td>£1,000 – £125,000</td>
<td>Non-repayable financial support. Part of a wider industry support programme. Usually for capacity building, R&amp;D, business planning or support.</td>
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<td>Loan</td>
<td>£10,000 – £250,000</td>
<td>Interest rates ranging from 0-10%. Terms from 3–5 years. Unsecured loan, floating debenture charge.</td>
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<td>Revenue Share</td>
<td>£5,000 – £400,000</td>
<td>Linked to company and product revenue growth.</td>
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<td>Equity</td>
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Creative England is a hands-on, engaged investor. The specialist investment team builds strong relations with investee businesses and offers ongoing advice and support alongside the funding it provides.
Business support offer

**Informal business support**
All businesses that Creative England invests in get ongoing advice and support from the specialist investment team. They become part of a Creative England cohort, connected into a wide range of informal opportunities and offers. These include visits to trade fairs, pitching sessions with major brands, and links with university placements to provide extra manpower. Creative England offers a bespoke service to match the opportunities it generates to specific business needs.

**Formal business support**
Creative England also runs more formal executive development programmes, including mentoring and skills development workshops to develop a commercial as well as creative mindset in the entrepreneurs they support. These are often delivered in partnership with other organisations. For example, Creative England’s regional ProConnect and GamesLab programmes provide non-financial support packages to help respective screen production and games SMEs develop their business skills through professional masterclasses, business mentoring, workshops and industry showcase and networking events.

Sources of funding
Creative England has succeeded in developing an ‘investment programme’ from separate sources of primarily public funding, with different objectives and timeframes. To date, its main funding source has been the Regional Growth Fund (RGF). Creative England also reinvests capital repayments from its lending operations.

Chart 3.2 Creative England’s multiple sources of funding

Creative England’s funding is complex and uncertain given the multiplicity of performance-based funding regimes it depends on to sustain its investment activity. Fundraising remains a constant challenge, particularly during these times of government spending cuts. Transaction costs are high. Many public funding sources that do exist are not well-suited to the nature of creative businesses. Some set job creation targets in an industry that is heavily dependent on freelancers, not full-time employees, for example. So finding appropriate sources of capital funding – both public and private – that are mission-aligned in terms of wanting to back successful creative businesses, with both social and financial return objectives, is a key priority for Creative England.

**Differentiation**
As a finance provider, Creative England’s value and differentiation derives from its specialist knowledge and understanding of the creative sectors it invests in. The investment team is highly knowledgeable. This is complemented by an experienced investment committee that consists of external members who are selected for their industry knowledge.

Creative England is one of the only finance providers – either public or private – that focuses exclusively on the creative industries. Creative England’s closest peer group is ‘responsible finance providers’ that provide access to finance to small businesses that struggle to get finance from mainstream banks. There are 27 self-identified small business responsible finance providers in the UK. Although Creative England does not self-identify as a responsible finance provider, these organisations are like Creative England in that they raise public money to fund their investment activities. No responsible finance provider specialises in creative businesses (see list of responsible finance providers in Annex 1).

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Creative England’s investee businesses value the team’s specialist knowledge and understanding of the creative sectors – which covers everything from the film industry, TV, the tech landscape, the gaming community to the creative agency space. The Good Economy’s separate research report on Creative England’s investees shows that Creative England is valued especially for its understanding and appreciation of the ‘intangible’ nature of creative businesses. Creative England is seen as being ‘in and of’ the sector. This type of social capital is unique and hard to replicate and is the true source of Creative England’s social value added at the micro and macro level. Ultimately, businesses and finance providers co-create social value and this requires a strong relationship of trust and goodwill. Creative England has built such a relationship with the vast majority of its clients.

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7. BVCA, Report on Investment Activity, 2016 at www.bvca.co.uk
Every client interviewed highlighted Creative England’s knowledge of creative industry sectors as a major strength.

The quotes below from three CEOs of investee businesses represent the clients’ perspective:

Creative England understand the creative industry, understand our business model, and are gentler than banks.

One of the challenges we have, as a games company, is that very few people understand that space, and what the risks and rewards are. Creative England do and it just made the conversation much easier.

Creative England prove the point that the public sector is not always rubbish. There was a close and fair scrutiny of IP and our figures. It takes a while to understand the film business, Creative England did this and were genuinely very professional and constructive. Good people.

This specialist knowledge and understanding means that Creative England can better assess the risks and rewards presented by a business. It also helps it to make investment decisions more quickly, which is essential in the fast-moving creative industries.

### 3.2 Theory of Change

The Good Economy has created a Theory of Change to create a framework for analysing Creative England’s impact. A Theory of Change is a methodology for planning, stakeholder analysis and evaluation. It can be a useful tool for understanding shorter-term, intermediate and longer-term outcomes and the prerequisites or assumptions to achieve these, known as a ‘pathway of change’. The Theory of Change takes into account impacts valued by Creative England’s stakeholders, namely its client businesses, funders and government (at national, regional and local level).

Here we have created a retrospective ToC which articulates Creative England’s activities, outputs, desired outcomes and impact which provides a framework for the results and impact analysis.

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<td>2. Business support - Formal business support - Informal business support</td>
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Creative England’s investment performance was analysed at the portfolio level for the period 2012 to 2017. Data for 350 investee businesses were supplied by the Creative England team. The Good Economy also carried out in-depth interviews with 20 client businesses to gather client feedback on Creative England’s offer and investment process. Performance analysis was carried out at two levels:

- **Portfolio level** – investment activity analysed by overall scale and growth, type and value of investment, stage of business development and geographical coverage.
- **Business level** – analysis of sustainability and growth by turnover and job creation, as well as private capital mobilisation. Innovation, export performance and cluster development outcomes could not be systematically assessed using standardised measures and data. This is a familiar problem which we have addressed through case study research, which provide valuable insights and evidence of Creative England’s contribution to these outcomes.

Creative England’s impact is assessed in terms of its contribution to business growth and sustainability, job creation, exports, innovation and cluster development. These are aligned with the Government’s policy objective of maximising the growth potential of the creative industries and enabling them to be a key sector driving inclusive growth in the UK.
4 / Performance Analysis

This section presents the results of The Good Economy’s performance analysis. First we analyse Creative England’s investment activity at the portfolio level. This is followed by an analysis of the performance of Creative England’s investee companies. In particular we look at the extent to which Creative England has helped grow strong, sustainable creative businesses that are driving innovation, exports and the development of clusters that contribute to more inclusive growth in the UK.

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Filling the access to finance gap
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Chart 4.4 Filling the Access to Finance Gap

Creating a financial ‘runway’ for micro and small creative businesses
Creative England investment benefits micro and small creative businesses. Micro businesses make up 85% of all Creative England’s investee businesses. The rest are mostly small businesses with 10 to 49 employees (Chart 4.5). This is reflective of the size of creative businesses in general. Currently 90% of all UK creative businesses have no more than five employees.\(^\text{i}\)

Creative England’s investments are a force for regionally inclusive growth within the sector and also in the wider economy. Nearly 85% of Creative England investee businesses are located outside of London and the South East. At about 80%, the total value of Creative England investments outside London and the South East compares favourably to a figure of 82% for all small business lending. It also helps to counterbalance the fact that only 35% of early stage/startup venture capital funding went to businesses located outside of London and the South East in 2016.\(^\text{ii}\)

Creative England’s investments are a force for regionally inclusive growth. Nearly 85% of Creative England’s investment is outside of London and the South East compared to only 35% of early stage and start-up venture capital funding.
Investing in areas of high job need

Creative England’s investment geography is also favourable to ‘inclusive job growth’, defined by the OECD as ‘sustainable job creation that leads to a more equitable distribution of good job opportunities socially and geographically’. Chart 4.8 shows the distribution of Creative England’s investee businesses across England’s inclusive job growth landscape, mapped here by Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area because of the central role that LEPs play in delivering the Government’s sector and place deals.

Creative England’s investment geography is favourable to ‘inclusive job growth’. Forty-five per cent of Creative England businesses are located in LEP areas where the social need for inclusive job growth is above the national average. The most darkly shaded areas on the map represent where these areas are. These are the ‘cold spots’ of the so called “inclusive economy” envisaged by the Government and DCMS. These ‘cold spots’ are locations for 33% of all businesses and 18% of all creative businesses nationally. As such, Creative England’s investment geography not only favours regions outside London and the South East, but also LEP areas throughout the country where private sector job growth is most needed.
Creative England’s investee businesses out-perform the creative sector as a whole in terms of their survival rates.

4.2 Business-level performance

Business sustainability
The majority of Creative England’s investee businesses are achieving long-term sustainability. On average (median), the portfolio businesses have been trading for over 5 years so getting beyond the critical start-up to scale-up phase of growth. Eighty-four per cent of companies that Creative England has invested in are still currently active. Only 12% have been dissolved and on average these businesses had been trading the least amount of time.

Chart 4.9 Creative England investee businesses – years trading

Creative businesses in general have better survival rates than the average small business nationally.14 Most importantly for this assessment, Creative England’s investee businesses out-perform the creative sector as a whole in terms of their survival rates. Furthermore, Creative England business survival rates perform increasingly favourably over time when compared against national rates. As expected, Creative England start-up businesses (those where Creative England invested in their first year of business) survival rates are lower than the survival rates of all of Creative England investees. However the survival rates of the start up businesses still outperform national rates on the whole. This demonstrates that Creative England is supporting businesses to achieve long-term sustainability.

Chart 4.10 Creative England enhances business survival performance

Business growth
Creative England is supporting business growth. For 52 businesses where data was available, 87% of businesses increased their turnover by 25% on average in the first year of investment. 96% of 24 companies where Creative England took an equity stake increased their market value by 45%.

Creative England is also supporting job growth. Total jobs created by investee businesses so far over the 5-year period is 1,145 (489 created, 656 safeguarded), with 57% of all companies creating or safeguarding employment. The quality of jobs created is also good. Median earnings (£24,000) are marginally higher than national average annual earnings of £23,099.15 This is also much higher than all creative businesses in the lower-paid entertainment and recreation sector (circa. £16,000), although lower than the higher-paid digital sector (circa. £35,000). In a sector with high levels of self-employment, Creative England is supporting ‘good job’ creation by security and earnings quality.

Further, these job numbers underestimate the level of job creation as they only capture full-time employees. Many Creative England investees hire people on a freelance basis. This type of employment is not captured by the data. Concerns have been raised about the lack of diversity within the creative industries. Creative England currently does not collect data on the diversity of the workforce but this is an area recommended for further analysis.

Chart 4.11 Jobs created/safeguarded as a result of Creative England investment

The average cost per job (both created and safeguarded) for the period 2012 – Sept 2017 is £17,382. In 2017, Creative England’s performance in terms of this measure and the quality of jobs has improved. In 2017, Creative England generated 307 employment outputs, 85% of these were new jobs with an overall average salary of £31,200. Eighty-six per cent of people employed were qualified to NVQ level 4 or above. The average cost per job in 2017 was £13,243.

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Lockwood Publishing – An Example of Job Growth and IP Creation

Lockwood Publishing is an online gaming studio located in Nottingham’s Creative Quarter. The company originally generated the bulk of its income as a content provider to the Sony PlayStation Home Network. When this platform was closed in 2014, the Lockwood team used a loan from Creative England to develop their own content for mobile devices. During this transition, staff numbers fell from roughly 50 down to 15. However, Creative England finance enabled Lockwood to attract higher quality staff in order to develop their own game, Avakin Life.

With 40 million downloads worldwide, the game has enjoyed phenomenal success, and this has enabled Lockwood to build a skilled 70-person workforce and make the successful transition from a service business to one which creates and retains the value of its own intellectual property. The studio now has four offices in the UK and earlier in 2018 opened up its first international office in Lithuania.

Private capital mobilisation

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Creative England funding has had a catalytic effect supporting businesses to raise further funding for business growth. It has helped mobilise £4 million of external investment for every £1 of public sector funding. Creative England requires that all investee businesses provide match funding from either private or public sources. This target has been met such that Creative England has leveraged nearly £20 million in match funding. Creative England goes beyond this target. For 21% of investee businesses, its funding has acted as a catalyst for investee businesses to secure additional follow-on investment totalling almost £49.5 million.

A large portion of this additional follow-on funding (58% or £28.5 million) was due to the success of two companies. Avocarrot (now Glispa Connect), a native mobile advertising technology company, was acquired for £15.5 million in 2018. More recently, in 2017, The Floow, a telematics technology provider, received £13 million of equity investment. Additional follow-on investment is almost four times Creative England’s initial investment.

Of the remaining £21 million additional follow-on investment, 73% was raised from private sources. The average investment was just over £250,000. Additional follow-on investment is almost four times Creative England’s initial investment.

Creative England gave momentum to the fund-raise. When they committed, it gave a new level of maturity and credibility. It really did unlock a whole load of new investment.

Creative England’s data on innovation, exports and management development for individual businesses are too added benefits in these areas of business performance by analysing the concentration of its investees in identified UK creative industry clusters. We can reasonably assume that Creative England’s investments enhance the aggregate innovation, export and managerial performance of those clusters where it has a significant ‘footprint’ i.e. high number of investee businesses. We use Nesta’s map of 47 creative business clusters as a landscape for identifying creative industry clusters. We were launched in September 2017.

Creative England’s data on innovation, exports and management development for individual businesses are too uneven for an aggregate portfolio-level analysis. However, we can indirectly assess Creative England’s social value

 Among Creative England’s client base, it is the technology, digital and games companies, especially those with a scalable business model, that have had the most success at raising private investment. For some angel investors, the credibility of an investment from Creative England, and the implicit vote of confidence, encouraged them to invest. Clients said that one of the most tangible outcomes from Creative England’s business support is subsequent success in raising further finance. This demonstrates that Creative England’s investment signals to other finance providers that they are a good investment opportunity.

Clusters

Clusters are geographic concentrations of interconnected companies and institutions (governments, universities and business support services, including finance) in a particular field. Characterised by relatively dense SME networks, clusters drive urban-regional economic growth through innovation, export and entrepreneurial performance and have been an important feature of UK industrial and regional policy for several decades. The Creative Industries Clusters Programme was launched in September 2017.

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Creative England has an investment presence as a specialist provider of finance and business support to small creative businesses in numerous clusters spread across all of the English regions (Chart 4.13). Indeed, nearly 70% of Creative England’s investment and businesses are located in the creative clusters identified by Nesta. This is comparable to Nesta’s estimate of 75% for all creative businesses. This provides proof that Creative England is already a ‘cluster asset’ in all regions. As such it should be considered as a made-ready creative business growth partner for the LEP network.

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Chart 4.12 Distribution of Creative England’s initial investment and additional follow-on investment (excludes Avocarrot and The Floow)

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**Covatic – An Example of Innovation**

Covatic is a media technology spin-out from Oxford University’s Computer Sciences department. It has developed an innovative broadcast personalisation engine.

Following two years of research, a Creative England convertible loan in early 2017 was used to cover staff developer costs and progress the commercialisation of the product. The investment allowed the Covatic team to deliver their first tech demonstrator, incorporating intellectual property rights from Oxford University’s Computer Science department which enables delivery of secure and personalised content to consumers.

The product ‘Serendipity’ has attracted the interest of large broadcasters seeking to incorporate the technology into their current content offer. Covatic has since opened an office in London and is working with broadcasters in Indonesia to build a springboard for launching into Asian markets.

**Duck Soup – An Example of Cluster Development**

Based at The Round Foundry estate in Holbeck, Leeds, Duck Soup Films was a recipient of the BFI Vision Awards 3 for its film slate. The company received a £5,000 grant and a £140,000 Company Development Loan from Creative England and Alpha Fund support from Channel 4 – all of which were vital for the early development and growth. In 2017, the global production company Fremantle Media took a 25% stake in the flourishing scripted TV and film business.

The following quote from Creative Space Management, developers of The Round Foundry space, underlines the benefits of the Leeds creative cluster:

“Duck Soup Films are joining a community of thriving creative businesses, and hopefully in the coming years we will see them replicate the success of their TV production neighbours True North TV, who are the biggest factual independent outside London.”

Clusters are identified using groups of creative sub-sectors and their geographic hotspots of activity. Activity is measured in terms of current levels of agglomeration (relative importance of the sector in the local economy), and in terms of rapid clustering growth.

**Creative Clusters as defined in ‘The Geography of Creativity in the UK’, Nesta (2016)**

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5/ Summary of Conclusions

Creative businesses are experiencing record levels of growth and employment, outperforming all other sectors. The Government has begun to recognise the central role the creative industries can play in securing the UK’s future economic success, social cohesion and boosting regional and local economies.

However, the sector could provide a bigger boost to the UK if more creative businesses increased in scale, particularly in the regions outside of London and the South East. Lack of access to appropriate finance and support at all stages of development is a key barrier to realising this growth. Creative England was established to help fill the finance and support gap.

Our assessment demonstrates that Creative England is successfully delivering on its objective of helping small creative businesses grow from start-up to scale-up across film, TV, games, design and digital media.

FIVE KEY FINDINGS STAND OUT

- **CREATIVE ENGLAND’S KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SETS IT APART AND IS HIGHLY VALUED BY ITS CLIENTS.**
  
  Creative England is a sectoral specialist that understands the nature and needs of the businesses it serves - from the film and TV industry, to the tech landscape, to the gaming community and creative agency space. This is a unique selling point and one that is very attractive to creative businesses as evidenced by client feedback. This specialist knowledge is also key to Creative England’s ability to assess risk and reward and its success as an investor.

- **CREATIVE ENGLAND HAS DEPLOYED CAPITAL EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.**
  
  Creative England has deployed capital efficiently and effectively, with an average of £4 million investments to 85 businesses a year and repayment rates of over 99%. Our evidence shows that it is filling the ‘funding gap’ in the range of £25,000 to £250,000 (with an average investment size of £67,000). It is also providing business support that is helping creative businesses move from start up to growing, sustainable businesses.

- **CREATIVE ENGLAND IS BACKING CREATIVE BUSINESSES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO INCLUSIVE GROWTH, PARTICULARLY IN REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY THAT NEED IT MOST.**
  
  About 80% of Creative England’s investment takes place outside of London and the South East, compared to an average of 62% for UK SME lending and 35% for venture capital finance. Forty-five percent of investee businesses are located in LEP areas where the social need for inclusive job growth is above the national average. Moreover, Creative England’s investment is contributing to the development of regional creative clusters, with nearly 70% of investee businesses located within the 47 creative clusters identified by Nesta.

- **CREATIVE ENGLAND’S FUNDING HELPS BUSINESSES MOBILISE COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT.**
  
  Creative England has leveraged £20 million in match funding and catalysed a further £49.5 million in follow-on funding, the majority from private sources. For every £1 of public sector investment, £4 of further investment has been mobilised, the majority from private, commercial sources. Creative England has also supported business innovation and export growth.

- **CREATIVE ENGLAND’S INVESTEE BUSINESSES ARE ACHIEVING LONG-TERM GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY AND HAVE BETTER SURVIVAL RATES THAN THE CREATIVE SECTOR AS A WHOLE.**
  
  The majority of Creative England’s investees are growing their turnover and employment. Creative England’s businesses have created and so far sustained a total of 1,145 jobs.

Creative England has demonstrated its value added and catalytic role in the creative industries marketplace. It is one of the few specialist organisations dedicated to providing finance and support to creative businesses. It has built a proven track record and strong brand in creative industries investing.

Creative England has developed an investment and business support model that is working. It is helping to fill the access to finance gap at the lower end of the ‘ladder of growth’ supporting creative businesses to sustain and grow. A high level of trust exists between Creative England and its clients. Now is the time for Creative England to find trusted partners willing to invest in scaling-up its investment and support programme.

Creative England has effectively mobilised public funding to deliver social and economic value. It is making an important contribution to achieving the ambitions of the Government’s Industrial Strategy, helping to boost the role of creative businesses in securing the UK’s future economic success and more inclusive and sustainable growth.
Hammerhead VR – An Example of Innovation

Set up in Newcastle in 2014 Hammerhead VR, is a multi-award winning immersive content studio and one of the first dedicated Virtual Reality studios globally. The team create entertainment experiences and commercial applications working with clients from Ford to Boursin, Wimbledon to Louis Vuitton. Their first VR short film, ABE, was showcased by BAFTA.

Creative England invested in the company in 2016 to support the development of their VR horror survival game, Syren for Playstation VR, Steam VR and Oculus. Hammerhead have invested in cutting edge production facilities and processes, to open up new possibilities for immersive content. In 2017 the company opened Dimension, a volumetric data capture studio in London and the first Microsoft Mixed Reality Capture partner in Europe.

Mad as Birds – An Example of Sustainability

Based in the Wirral and Wales, Mad as Birds is an independent film and television production company with a unique blend of expertise across production, writing, directing and post-production. Their first feature film Set Fire to the Stars, starring Elijah Wood and Celyn Jones, won three Welsh BAFTAs from a total of seven nominations in 2015.

In 2016, Creative England invested £100,000 in the company to facilitate the development of a commercial slate of eight projects. Developing the slate was essential to the company for two reasons – firstly, to demonstrate the type of work that the team were capable of producing (three of the four projects mentioned were fully developed and written in-house); and secondly, to establish sustainable revenue streams. The finance provided by Creative England filled a critical cash-flow gap, enabling a talented creative team to continue with the development of projects during the “runway” time to production.

Two years on from receiving investment, Mad as Birds have completed their next feature film, the thriller Keepers starring Gerard Butler and Peter Mullan which is due for international release later this year. They are also in production on Six Minutes to Midnight, starring Eddie Izzard and Dame Judi Dench, for Lionsgate UK and Poms, starring Diane Keaton and Jacki Weaver.
### Annex 1: Responsible finance SME business lenders

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