

# GLENN ATHEY

ECONOMIC AND POLICY ADVISOR



## WORK EXPERIENCE



**Managing Director, Athey Consulting Limited, trading as Mylocaleconomy:** September 2011 to present

Consultancy and advisory firm specialising in urban, local and regional economic development and regeneration,

- Managed and delivered recent projects on the inward investment proposition for Tower Hamlets, London; advised UK Atomic Energy Authority on potential local economy benefits from fusion energy.
- Expert advisor on innovation and enterprise to the Government of Wales.
- Advisor and consultancy services to 5 Local Enterprise Partnerships and 25 local councils.



**Principal Consultant for Regions, Cities and Local Areas, Cambridge Econometrics:** July 2020 to December 2021



**Interim Executive Director, Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership:** January 2012 to July 2013



**Director of Research, East of England Development Agency:** January 2008 to August 2011



**Head of Research, Centre for Cities:** June 2006 to December 2008



**Head of Business Policy, London Development Agency:** January 2005 to June 2006



**Senior Labour Market Economist, Futureskills Scotland, Scottish Enterprise:** January 2002 to December 2004



**Consultant, Ekos Economic Consulting Limited:** March 1999 to December 2001

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## RELEVANT SKILLS

- Advisory
- Coaching
- Policy development and analysis
- Strategy development
- Economist
- Facilitator and chair

## RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE

- Economics and economic policy
- Local, regional and urban economic policy and practice
- Labour markets and skills
- Innovation
- Enterprise
- Inward investment
- Industries and clusters
- Emergent technologies
- Economic impact appraisal
- Public sector funding and bids

## EDUCATION



### PhD in regional economic development, University of Glasgow, UK

1998

- Regional economic development economics, policy and practice in the UK, Europe and the USA
- CASE sponsored studentship with Scottish Enterprise
- Winner of Condliffe Bursary for overseas research
- Fieldwork in Berlin, London, Scotland, Northern Ireland
- Thesis title 'Evaluating a Best Practice Model of an Economic Development Agency'.



### Master's degree, MA European Political Economy University of Hull

1995



### Bachelor's degree, BA Economics & Geography University of Hull

1993.



## EXAMPLES OF CONSULTANCY PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### Appraisals, evaluations and funding applications (including green book)

- 2022** Evaluation and review of the London RA-H housing retrofit ERDF funded programme (Consultant)  
Staveley Towns Fund Programme economic impact appraisal (Consultant)
- 2021** Leicester Pioneer Park Levelling Up Fund Bid – provided economic advice, economic case, economic impact appraisal for Leicester City Council, successfully awarded £28m (Principal Consultant)
- 2020** Harlow Towns Fund bid, successfully accessed £23.6m (Principal Consultant)  
Harlow Future High Streets Fund bid green book and MHCLG appraisal; lead author of initial business case; conducted economic impact appraisal and fulfilled MHCLG impact estimate requirements (Consultant)  
TRANSMID Strength in Places Fund Bid for University of Nottingham (Principal Consultant)
- 2019** REPAY Strength in Places Fund bid for University of Essex (Principal Consultant)  
RE:FIT London Evaluation and continuation funding application (Consultant)  
University of Cambridge Bradfield Centre ERDF economic case and appraisal (Consultant)
- 2018** University of Hertfordshire KCIS ERDF bid economic case and appraisal (Consultant)  
Rothamsted Research ERDF bid economic case and appraisal (Consultant)
- 2017** University of Hertfordshire HEIF bid economic case and appraisal (Consultant)

## EXAMPLES OF RECENT CONSULTANCY PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### Low carbon, energy and sustainability

- 2022** Retrofit-Accelerator Homes project evaluation and provision of future strategic guidance on retrofit and energy efficiency in housing, for Greater London Authority (Consultant)  
Development of materials testing and R&D feasibility for fusion energy for the UK Atomic Energy Authority (Project Director and Principal Consultant)
- 2021** Advice on economic case and benefits of a Midlands alternative fuel vehicle supply chain Strength in Places bid (to UKRI), for the University of Nottingham
- 2019** RE:FIT London Evaluation and continuation funding application, (Consultant)  
Business Energy Efficiency in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ERDF project evaluation (Consultant)

### Policy development and advocacy

- 2022** A vision for urban growth and recovery: impact of Covid-19 and Brexit on urban areas, and a vision for future policy for the Local Government Association
- 2021** Supporting councils to attract foreign capital investment into local infrastructure (Consultant with Value Adage Ltd)
- 2020** Devolution in England: understanding Scotland's place competitiveness (Project Director & Lead Consultant)  
Global Britain: a fair and managed immigration system fit for the post-Brexit economy (Lead researcher)  
Growing Together, an agenda for regional cooperation on devolution (Lead consultant, research, workshop facilitation, report writer)

### Innovation, technology & industry studies

- 2021** Economic Markets Foresight project, profiling 28 emergent markets for North East LEP  
Covid-19 Sector Study: for Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership
- 2017** Warner Brothers Creative Incubator/Workspace feasibility study, for Leavesden Studios, Hertfordshire (Consultant)  
Options for a new National Innovation Body for Wales (Expert advisor)

### Enterprise, investment and place promotion

- 2022** FDI and UK investment proposition research and development for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Project Director & Lead Consultant)
- 2018** Enterprise support strategy for Wales (Expert advisor)
- 2017** SME and sector growth in Stockton-on-Tees (Project Director & Lead Consultant)  
West of England Growth Study, (Principal Consultant)

### Skills, labour markets and inclusion

- 2019** Review of economic inclusion, skills and labour market in Luton – responding to the Luton Inclusive Growth Commission (Project Director & Lead Consultant)
- 2018** Southend-on-Sea Skills Strategy (Project Director & Lead Consultant)
- 2017** Evidence base for Liverpool City Region Skills Strategy (Lead researcher)

## EXAMPLES OF RECENT CONSULTANCY PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### Local and regional economic strategies

**2022** Economic Recovery Strategy for Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership

**2020** Options development and testing for future vision and corporate strategy for Ashford, Kent (Consultant)

Options development and testing for future vision and corporate strategy for Canterbury, Kent (Consultant)

### Regional and local economic assessments, analysis and reviews

**2018** Hertfordshire LEP: Hertfordshire Economic Outlook 2018 (Project Director & Lead Consultant)

**2016** Hertfordshire LEP: Hertfordshire Economic Outlook 2016 (Project Director & Lead Consultant)

Stockton-on-Tees Economic Assessment, (Project Director, Lead Consultant)

West of England LEP and Bristol Economic Assessments (Project Director and lead)

Making the economic case for the West Anglia Mainline / Crossrail 2 – for the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor, (Consultant)

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

London Stansted Cambridge Corridor Growth Commission – priorities and recommendations (2016) – management of 12-month growth commission involving economic research, international comparative research, commissioner and speaker recruitment, development and writing of final reports and recommendations.

Athey, G (2010) Economic Success Requires Effective Industrial Policy, *Local Economy*, Vol 25., No. 8, December 2010: p599-606.

Athey, G. (2009) *Economic Development in the UK: Challenges During and After the Recession*, *Local Economy*, Vol 24, Issue 6&7, pp. 604-611

Athey, G., Nathan, M., Webber, C. and Mahroum, S. (2009) Innovation And The City, *Innovation: Management, Policy & Practice*, Vol. 10, issues 2-3, p156-169.

Athey, G. and Lucci, P. (2008) Globalisation: the opportunity for UK cities, *International Journal of Urban Regeneration and Renewal*, Volume 1, Number 4 / March–June, pp. 329 – 340.

Athey, G. (1997) *Berlin: Issues in Economic Development and Regeneration*, Department of Urban Studies Occasional Papers, Glasgow: University of Glasgow.

Athey, G., Lucci, P. and Webber, C. (2007) *Two-track cities: The challenge of sustaining growth and building opportunity*. IPPR: London.

