

Annex E: Governance Assurance Statement

The LEP Chair and Chief Executive should here provide a brief formal assurance statement on the status of governance and transparency. In particular, they should focus on any issues raised in Annex A. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website following conclusion of the Annual Performance Review process (in April 2018). You should cover any overview and scrutiny function undertaken by the Accountable Body. **(max 500 words)**

As Chair and Chief Executive, we confirm that we have worked closely with the Cities and Local Growth Unit to ensure that we have successfully established thorough and robust governance arrangements for the new Business Board.

The process of establishing this governance – by virtue of timing in 2018 – picked up and implemented all recommendations following the Mary Ney Best Practice Review at an early stage. This explicitly included best practice for transparency by publishing Board Papers, Agendas and Minutes within the expected period. We have also worked closely with the CLGU to ensure that all required information is available publicly on the Business Board website.

The Business Board has been created as a much stronger voice of industry in a Mayoral Combined Authority area, and as such we have purposely gone above and beyond Government guidelines for private sector representation on our Board. We are pleased that through this we have been able to attract business leaders from our strategic growth sectors and key institutions to form our Board, and will continue to look over the coming year to co-opt further expert representation.

Strategically, an important principle has also been established at the outset – that the Business Board will lead on (as delegated by the Combined Authority) the development of and ongoing ownership of the Local Industrial Strategy, so that this is driven by the expertise and needs of local industry.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has been established as the accountable body for the Business Board, including taking on Overview and Scrutiny functions in line with local authority constitutional standards.

As well as establishing a robust starting point with our governance, we have set out the actions we will take over the following year to build upon this and to ensure that the principles we have set out are bedded into our way of working.

We commit to monitoring these internally over the coming year, as well as working closely and regularly with the Cities and Local Growth Unit to ensure that we establish a quality and transparent Board that has major impact in achieving local growth ambitions.

Signed:



Name: Aamir Khalid
Position: Chair
Date: 10/01/19

Signed:



Name: Kim Sawyer
Position: Interim Chief Exec
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