

## Governance Assurance Statement 2019/20

The LEP Chair and Chief Executive should here provide a brief formal assurance statement on the status of governance and transparency. This should include any overview and scrutiny function undertaken by the Accountable Body. This should be sent to [localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk](mailto:localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk) copying the Cities and Local Growth Unit Area Lead by **16 December 2019**. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website by **28 February 2020** and confirmation sent to [localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk](mailto:localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk) (**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 embedded thorough and robust governance arrangements for the Business Board.

This explicitly includes 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 further business leaders from our strategic growth sectors and key institutions to strengthen our Board.

Strategically the Business Board has led on (as delegated by the Combined Authority) the development and implementation of the Local Industrial Strategy, to deliver the growth agenda of our 3 sub-economies and the needs of our local industry.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is the accountable body for the Business Board, which includes Overview and Scrutiny functions in line with local authority constitutional standards.

As well as developing robust governance, we have continuously revised our Local Assurance Framework to build upon this year's evolution of the Business Board and to ensure that the principles we are operating 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 continue to deliver a quality and transparent Board that has major impact in achieving local growth ambitions.



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