

Governance Assurance Statement

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 the Assurance Team via localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk, copying the Cities and Local Growth Unit Area Lead, by **13 January 2023**. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website by **28 February 2023** and confirmation sent to the email address above. **(max 500 words)**

As Chair and Acting Chief Officer for the Business Board, we are committed to good Governance and Transparency. Clear systems, rules, practice, and processes adopted through the Local Assurance Framework are always followed. This ensures that decisions are made on a transparent basis, by the correct decision makers. Members of the Business Board are aware of and adhere to such requirements, while demonstrating high standards of conduct including registering and declaring interests, as applicable.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is the accountable body for the Business Board and not only forms part of the ratification process for decision making but provides external Overview and Scrutiny functions. This includes reviewing and/or scrutinising decisions made by the Combined Authority, in its role as accountable body for the Business Board and requesting members of Business Board attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when required.

To ensure that we continue to deliver a quality and transparent Business Board function, the CPCA has commissioned an independent review as part of the CPCA governance refresh and wider improvement plan process, and will examine the following aspects:

- A Business Board that works more as a public-private partnership with the CA Board responsible for economic strategy and narrative.
- With a changed role and purpose for the Board from being an executive programme board to a strategic advisory business voice for CPCA.
- Critical role in overseeing the implementation of the CPCA Economic Growth Strategy and integrating the Sector Strategies within this.

The 2022-23 year ahead will see a prioritised focus on implementing the Economic Growth Strategy, strengthening engagement with the wider business community, and having a clear role in representing the area's business voice to Government and wider stakeholders.

There will be greater emphasis on collaboration between Business Board members and CA Board and Committee members. To make the most of the

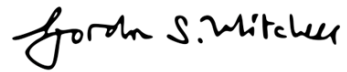
expertise and networks of individual Business Board Members, there will be identified lead members for specific Economic Growth Strategy work streams and Business Board priority sectors across the work of the CPCA.

Signed:



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Signed:



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