
Report to: Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP Board)

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Subject: Appointment of Deputy Chair of the LEP

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To appoint a Deputy Chair of the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (the LEP).

2. Information

- 2.1 The National Local Growth Assurance Framework (NLGAF) guidance requires the terms of office for a Chair or Deputy Chair to be three years (subject to extensions). This is reflected in the LEP's Constitution. The guidance also provides that best practice is for a deputy chair for a local enterprise partnership to be a private sector representative. The LEP Constitution currently provides that the LEP Board will appoint:

- a private sector representative as Chair of the LEP, and
- one of the local authority representatives appointed to the LEP Board as Deputy Chair of the LEP.

The provision for a local authority representative to be Deputy Chair will therefore be reviewed as part of the review of LEP arrangements.

- 2.2 The current Chair of the LEP, Roger Marsh, was appointed on a three year term of office on 1 July 2016. At its meeting on 23 January 2019, the LEP Board approved an extension to the term, to expire April 2020.
- 2.3 It is now proposed that in accordance with the Constitution, a Deputy Chair is appointed for a three year term, but subject to confirmation further to the review of LEP arrangements.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The appointment of a Deputy Chair for the three year term complies with the Constitution, which reflects the requirements of the NLGAF.

5. Staffing Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. External Consultees

- 6.1 None.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That the LEP Board appoints a local authority representative as Deputy Chair of the LEP for a term of office of three years, subject to confirmation further to the review of LEP arrangements.

8. Background Documents

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.