

# Part 2 - Articles

## Article 10 – The LEP

### Role of the LEP

10.1. The LEP is an autonomous business-led public private local partnership which brings together the private and public sectors from across the City Region to:

- provide strategic leadership,
- unlock the region's vast potential by enabling business to grow and develop,
- stimulate growth that will create jobs and prosperity for everyone who lives, works and does business in the region,
- develop strategy and policy aimed at meeting both the current and future needs for the region's economy, and
- deliver schemes that support businesses and accelerate growth.

### The Combined Authority as Accountable Body for the LEP

10.2. The Combined Authority is the accountable body for the LEP, responsible for:

- carrying out finance functions on behalf of the LEP,
- oversight of the LEP's financial and governance, transparency and accountability arrangements, and
- providing additional support as agreed by the LEP.

### The LEP Member

10.3. The LEP nominates a representative to the Combined Authority to be appointed as a Combined Authority Member by the Combined Authority (the LEP Member).<sup>1</sup> A Substitute Member is also appointed to act in the absence of the LEP Member. The terms of office and voting rights of the LEP Member are set out in Article 3 (Membership of the Combined Authority).

### LEP Governance

10.4. Responsibility for LEP decision-making rests with its LEP Board, the decision-making forum for the LEP.

10.5. The LEP has a private sector Chair.

10.6. The Mayor is a member of the LEP.

---

<sup>1</sup> Schedule 1 of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2014.

- 10.7. The Combined Authority may appoint members of the LEP Board and other Private Sector Representatives to committees of the Combined Authority.
- 10.8. The LEP Constitution and other related governance documents are approved by the LEP Board ([Governance information for the LEP - LEP | Business support and finance \(the-lep.com\)](#)).

### **The Assurance Framework**

- 10.9. The Combined Authority and the LEP have agreed a joint Assurance Framework, which sets out the arrangements that the Combined Authority and the LEP have in place to ensure that public money is managed effectively. It explains how the Combined Authority and the LEP identify, appraise and evaluate schemes to achieve value for money.
- 10.10. The focus of the Assurance Framework is to ensure that necessary practices and standards are implemented to provide the Government, Combined Authority, the LEP and local partners with assurance that decisions over funding (and the means by which these decisions are implemented) are proper, transparent and deliver value for money.
- 10.11. The Assurance Framework also sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Combined Authority and the LEP, including how the formal accountability relationship between the Combined Authority and the LEP works.

<b>Document version control</b>	
<b>Municipal Year:</b>	2021-22
<b>Version:</b>	1 - 21/22
<b>Document approved by:</b>	The Combined Authority
<b>Date:</b>	24 June 2021
<b>To be of effect from:</b>	24 June 2021