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

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Subject: **Governance Arrangements**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To ask Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (the LEP Board) to confirm **Mark Roberts** as the Chair of the Business Communications Group
- 1.2 To receive the recommendations in Appendix 1 in relation to private sector membership of the Committees and to recommend these to the Combined Authority.

2. Information

Business engagement

- 2.1 To ensure the LEP receives input from a broad range of business stakeholders across key sectors, the Business Communications Group (BCG) continues to meet to input on LEP priorities, with a focus on ensuring early engagement on key issues and development. The role and membership of the BCG will be reviewed in the coming months to ensure it fully covers all the key priorities contained in the Strategic Economic Framework. The LEP Chair has been the interim Chair of the BCG in recent months, however it is now proposed that **Mark Roberts** will chair the BCG going forward.

Combined Authority Committees

- 2.2 The Combined Authority Committees advise both the Combined Authority and the LEP, with Committee Chairs reporting to the LEP Board. The Committees are as follows:
 - Business, Economy & Innovation Committee
 - Employment and Skills Committee
 - Climate, Energy & Environment Committee

- Culture, Arts & Creative Industries Committee
- Place, Regeneration & Housing Committee
- Business Investment Panel

2.3 A number of existing private sector Committee members' terms of office are due to come to an end imminently. It is proposed that their terms are extended as a reflection of the valuable contribution they make to the work of the Committees and the LEP as a whole and the importance of ensuring continuity whilst work is ongoing to refresh membership of all the Committees over the coming months.

2.4 The LEP Board is therefore asked to receive the recommendations as set out at **Appendix 1** to this report and recommend these to the Combined Authority at its next meeting.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

4.1 Inclusivity will be fully embedded in the objectives of each thematic committee of the Combined Authority. The designation of an inclusivity lead to each Committee will assist in embedding Inclusive Growth as a 'golden thread' through the Combined Authority's decision-making arrangements. It is anticipated that each Committee will be responsible for inclusive growth indicators relevant to its remit.

4.2 All members of the LEP Board, including co-optee Members, will be expected to promote the cause of inclusive growth as well as the opportunity of becoming a private sector Member once the recruitment campaign is underway.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

5.1 Future work to refresh the Committees will be undertaken in line with the organisation's Equality and Diversity policy building on and enhancing the good practice of the Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships Review.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

8.1 None arising directly from this report.

9. External Consultees

9.1 None.

10. Recommendations

10.1 The LEP Board is asked to:

- note the contents of this report
- consider the recommendations in relation to private sector members of the Combined Authority Committees as at **Appendix 1**
- propose these to the Combined Authority at their next meeting.

10.2 Confirm **Mark Roberts** as the Chair of the Business Communications Group.

11. Background Documents

11.1 None.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Private Sector representatives on Combined Authority Committees