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**Report to:** LEP Board  
**Date:** 16 January 2018  
**Subject:** LEP Panel Appointments

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## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To receive a recommendation from the Appointments Panel that an additional member be appointed to the Business Innovation & Growth Panel.
- 1.2 To note appointments made by WYCA at its meeting on 14 December 2017 to the Business Innovation & Growth Panel, the Employment & Skills Panel and the Green Economy Panel.
- 1.3 To note appointments made by the West Yorkshire & York Investment Committee at its meeting on 3 January to the Business Investment Panel

## **2 Information/Background**

- 2.1 A recruitment exercise has been underway since September 2017 to recruit new private sector Members to the LEP Board and Advisory Panels in an open and transparent manner, consistent with the LCR Assurance Framework.
- 2.2 The main, but not exclusive, focus of the recruitment exercise was to attract business leaders within the digital, creative, health and care sectors and to have high regard for our Diversity and Equality Policy and further to enhance membership of the Employment & Skills Panel, Business Innovation & Growth Panel, Green Economy Panel and Business Investment Panel.
- 2.3 The response to the recruitment process was very encouraging with circa 70 applicants from a range of sectors, backgrounds, geography and experience.
- 2.4 Shortlisted candidates were invited to attend interviews throughout November and December with the Appointments Panel which consisted of the LEP Chair, Deputy LEP Chair, a private sector Board Member and a WYCA Officer.
- 2.5 At the meeting of the LEP Board held on 29 November, members received a report providing an update on the Board and Panel refresh process and subsequently approved the appointment of 3 new members to the LEP Board.
- 2.6 The Board also received the proposals of the Appointments Panel for new Advisory Panel members and recommended them for adoption by WYCA at its meeting on

14 December 2017. The appointments subsequently made by WYCA on 14 December are as set out in **Appendix 1** attached. At the time of the LEP Board in November, interviews for new Panel members were still being concluded and it was agreed that any subsequent recommendations would be reported to the January meeting of the LEP Board.

- 2.7 Interviews have now been concluded and a recommendation to appoint an additional member to the Business Innovation & Growth Panel is set out in confidential **Appendix 2**.
- 2.8 As the Business Investment Panel is an advisory sub-committee of the West Yorkshire & York Investment Committee, changes to membership of that Panel must be formally approved by the Committee. The changes to Panel membership as set out in Appendix 1 attached were approved by the West Yorkshire & York Investment Committee at its meeting on 3 January 2018.

### **3 Recommendations**

3.1 Members are asked:

- (i) To note the contents of the report and recommend the proposed appointment, detailed in confidential Appendix 2, to the Business Innovation & Growth Panel for adoption by WYCA at its meeting on 1 February.
- (ii) To note changes to the membership of the Business Innovation & Growth Panel, the Employment & Skills Panel and the Green Economy Panel which were approved by WYCA at its meeting on 14 December 2017 as set out in Appendix 1.
- (iii) To note changes to the membership of the Business Investment Panel which were approved by the West Yorkshire & York Investment Committee at its meeting on 3 January 2018 as set out in Appendix 1.