



## Annex C: 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](mailto:localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk), copying the Cities and Local Growth Unit Area Lead, by **14 January 2022**. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website by **28 February 2022** and confirmation sent to the email address above.

**(max 500 words)**

The Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) is committed to a strong culture of accountability and transparent decision making.

Over the past year we have continued to comply with our Local Assurance Framework (LAF) The LAF set's the framework on how the Board operates, how decisions are made and how programmes are managed.

The culture of transparency is evidenced through a dedicated governance section on our website. This enables us to publish a range of documents setting out our commitment to transparency, these include a dedicated [procurement page](#), a published list of all [spend over £500](#), a [gifts and hospitality register](#), [operating accounts](#), a [live project list](#) Board [register of interests](#) a historical list of all [funded projects](#) and [meeting papers](#)

Declarations of interest are recorded in the minutes of board meetings and are managed in accordance with our Conflicts of Interest Policy.

Through the Accountable Body we are regular audited on our funded programmes, and earlier this year, the Accountable Body instructed Leicestershire County Council to undertake an audit on the Governance arrangements of the LLEP. The auditor's report stated that they can provide substantial assurance that governance processes within the LLEP are sound and that it was up to date with their company law obligations.

The auditors undertook a walkthrough of two funding applications. Both were found to have been satisfactorily progressed in accordance with the Local Assurance Framework

The LLEP continues to be accountable through the local democratic process by attending relevant local authorities scrutiny meetings [Scrutiny | LLEP](#)



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& Industrial Strategy

Throughout the year polices have been refreshed to reinforce our commitment to excellence in governance, for example the recently refreshed [Monitoring and Evaluation Plan](#) sets out the LLEP commitment to systematic collection, analysis and subsequent use of information collected from projects and programmes to enable us to demonstrate whether desired impacts are being achieved.

As part of an iterative process into governance the Board has recently approved the formation of Zero Carbon Advisory Board, this new board mirrors the four pillars in the recently launched Economic Growth Strategy.

Due to the ongoing Covid19 pandemic all Board meetings have been held virtually. The AGM in June attracted over 100 virtual attendees, this is on a par with in person meetings. The slides along with the minutes from last year AGM can be found on our website [Annual Reports and AGM | LLEP](#)

The LLEP is committed to diverse representation reflective of the local businesses, communities and geography which we serves, we continual strive to encourage organisations to become a member of LLEP Ltd.

Signed:

Name: Kevin Harris

Position: Chair

Date: 13/01/2022

Signed:

Name: Mandip Rai

Position: Chief Exec

Date: 13/01/2022