

JOB DESCRIPTION

Member (Business) - Leicester and Leicestershire Business Board

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

The Board will meet 6 times a year to help shape economic strategy and priorities for Leicester and Leicestershire in support of the new Leicester and Leicestershire Business and Skills Partnership (LLBSP) led by Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council. The Board will also advise on delivery of funded programmes such as business support and skills training for the region, and to work closely with partners such as neighbouring areas and national economic and trade bodies.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To provide advice and insight to ensure that Leicester & Leicestershire Business Board is able to provide effective advice on behalf of business to the LLBSP;
- To attend and participate in Board meetings and any subgroups allocated, advising the LLBSP towards decisions that ensure the strategic vision and key objectives of the area are delivered.
- To act with honesty, frankness and objectivity, when making recommendations and that they are impartial and on merit using the best evidence and without discrimination.
- To take an ambassadorial role, publicly championing the aims of the area, representing and promoting its aims at all levels
- To foster, maintain and ensure that constructive relationships exist with and between the Board members and key stakeholders
- Be a key partner and collaborator in relationships with local government, the private sector and other stakeholders, building deep roots within the local area, with a focus on problem solving, solutions and building shared ambitions.
- To inspire confidence in the business community, Government, Local Authorities, investors and all other key partners and stakeholders. Ensure that the needs and opportunities of business are effectively articulated into strategic economic policy and delivery.

TIME COMMITMENT

The Business Board Member will be expected to attend all Board meetings, held every two months in and around Leicester and Leicestershire.

PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT

Board Members are recruited on the basis of an open advertisement and will serve a three-year term, which may be extended by a further three years (serving a maximum of a six year term).

REMUNERATION

The role of a Business Board Member is not remunerated; however, reasonable expenses can be claimed.

CONDUCT

Board Members are expected to follow the Nolan Principles, the Local Assurance Framework and the Business Board code of conduct and act in what they believe to be the best interests of the area and declare any potential or actual conflicts of interest

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful and widely respected, with significant experience in a senior management position within the private sector.• You will be able to deal well with ambiguity and be able to work in an uncertain environment.• Experience of building and maintaining effective partnerships, both with public and private sector partners and delivering through others.• Powerful communicator, who can operate in a complex landscape with multiple stakeholders, achieving outcomes through strong relationships, persuasion and influencing rather than positional power.• You will have demonstrable experience of working with both local and national government bodies and the private sector at a senior level, including liaising with politicians and government ministers.• Experienced public speaker• You will have an understanding of the economic challenges facing Leicester and Leicestershire and how private- sector-led growth can contribute to meeting them.
Abilities, skills and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to promote and deliver the vision of the area upholding its values and standards of probity.• Strategic thinker with the ability to shape the debate in a complex and broad agenda and develop new and innovative ideas.• Proven ability to negotiate with and influence a wide range of external partners, with an understanding of the accountability framework that exists in the public sector.• Ability to network and harness the commitment of a wide range of partners and stakeholders and to the vision and objectives.• Strong commitment to equality and diversity on the Business Board and in all activity.• You will be able to inspire those around you through your energy and enthusiasm and be innovative in your approach to tackles issues and offer solutions.