

## Chair's Role

### About the role

The Chair's role is to build on the firm foundations laid by former Chair, with a successful track record as an inspirational business leader in the private sector, you will have the ability to develop strong and purposeful partnerships between the private and public sector that will secure economic growth and have the credibility to champion the Black Country at regional and national level.

In addition, the Chair will lead the Board in delivering the vision and broad strategic objectives of the BCLEP - setting priorities, monitoring performance and ensuring effective governance.

The Chair will also possess the communications, skills and political acumen to work effectively with a broad and complex range of stakeholders.

The objective of the role is to lead and chair the Black Country LEP Board to deliver the LEP Strategic Economic Plan and its fiduciary responsibilities and in so doing ensure that the inclusive Public Private Partnership is fit for purpose.

### ***The role of the Chair of Black Country LEP will include:***

- Chair and lead the strategic direction of the Board to ensure the development and implementation of our vision and Strategic Economic Plan to drive economic growth in the Black Country
- Ensure that the Black Country LEP and the Board comply with the published Assurance Framework and meets its fiduciary and statutory responsibilities as an incorporated company
- Set priorities, develop plans, monitor performance, manage risks and ensure that there are enough resources available to deliver the plans
- Share, and facilitate others to share knowledge and expertise to identify the economic, commercial and demographic issues facing the area, particularly strengths and opportunities that should be taken to drive forward economic growth
- Support the development of an effective and inclusive private and public-sector partnership to achieve practical outcomes with a consensual approach
- Chair meetings of the Black Country LEP Board up to 12 times per year plus the Annual General Meeting(s) and prepare for those meetings with the Executive and members
- Formally represent Black Country LEP in meetings with business and public-sector partners including with Government Ministers
- Work collaboratively with Chairs of other LEPs, through the LEP Network
- Work closely with the Black Country Consortium Ltd Chief Executive and the LEP Secretariat to ensure a coherent approach and fully utilise the expertise and resource of the team

- Be available to chair sub-groups or committees or seek nominations from others to do so
- Attend events and photo-calls when requested
- Declare any interests that may be relevant to any Black Country LEP decisions and comply with the Code of Conduct and relevant policy

All Board members have a responsibility to uphold the high standards of integrity and probity as set out in the Black Country LEP Code of Conduct. They should support the Board and Black Country Consortium Ltd Chief Executive to create and maintain the appropriate culture and values and behaviours in the Board room and in representing Black Country LEP. You will need to have understanding of and committed to Black Country LEP's equality and diversity policy.

All Board members should be mindful of representing Black Country LEP and recognise that other stakeholders may provide different perspectives on Black Country LEP, its role and performance and encourage that communication.