
ROLE OF LLEP BOARD

The LLEP Board will consist of fifteen members being eight Private Sector Members; Four local authority representatives; and members representing Higher Education, Further Education and the Third Sector

The Board will provide a strong voice to Government about the opportunities presented by the Leicester and Leicestershire economy and make sure that this voice is heard in Whitehall and Westminster. It will effectively operate within a strong tri-partite relationship with Government and Local Authorities, in which all parties have a clear and shared sense of the actions necessary to create a climate in which economic growth in Leicester and Leicestershire can be accelerated.

In particular, the Board will:

- Provide a strong and co-ordinated voice to Government and partners on key issues regarding the Leicester and Leicestershire economy.
- Ensure the development and delivery of a high quality Strategic Economic Plan and a EU Structural and Investment Funding strategy together with underpinning actions which are capable of delivering improved economic performance.
- Provide strategic leadership in the areas of business support, growth in key sectors, employment and skills, access to finance, infrastructure and connectivity.
- Engage effectively with business and stakeholders to ensure that the needs of business are heard, understood and effectively responded to.
- Make sound investment decisions about the use of available funds (including those secured from Europe and the Government) underpinned by robust evidence and subject to full due diligence.

- Promote the activities of the LLEP and the profile of the Leicester and Leicestershire economy through effective communications and media management.
- Work constructively with neighbouring LEP areas on issues of mutual interest, where there is a clear rationale and benefit in doing so.
- Effectively monitor economic performance and ensure that opportunities and threats are identified and addressed.