
ROLE PROFILE PRIVATE SECTOR BOARD MEMBERS

Private Sector Board Members will work to drive economic growth for Leicester and Leicestershire by addressing the key strategic issues that will support business growth and investment; and create sustainable employment opportunities.

Successful candidates will provide strategic non-executive advice to the LLEP Board. They will need to demonstrate current and relevant business experience, with a proven track record of operating effectively at Board level. Board Members must retain a Chief Executive/ Director level position to remain as Board Members.

They will be passionate advocates for the businesses and key sectors operating within the Leicestershire and Leicestershire economy and will make sure that their views are heard and addressed.

Private Sector Board members will:

- Make an effective strategic contribution to the Board, ensuring that it drives the economic growth of Leicester and Leicestershire.
- Act as strong ambassadors for Leicester and Leicestershire's economic offer, promoting this with key audiences including businesses, investors and government.
- Take decisions that are evidence based by demonstrating a clear view on the key challenges and opportunities facing the local economy and the necessary actions to address these.
- Provide constructive challenge, scrutiny and oversight of the Strategic Economic Plan, City and Growth Deals and EU SIF and the supporting work programmes, ensuring that officers and delivery partners deliver on time with all key outcomes being met.

- Operate collaboratively to deliver the best outcomes for Leicester and Leicestershire, both within and outside of the Board, in particular developing effective arrangements with public sector delivery bodies.
- Demonstrate the highest level of ethics and behaviours expected of those operating in corporate and public leadership roles

Board Members will demonstrate:

- That they hold a current Chief Executive or Board level position in a business or the equivalent experience held in another capacity.
- Clear strategic thinking skills with an understanding of the determinants of economic growth and the actions necessary to drive this.
- Strong leadership skills with a proven track record of driving forward performance improvement with pace.
- Excellent communication, representational and ambassadorial skills; with experience of operating within a high profile environment.
- Proven track record of working collaboratively with Board level colleagues to deliver challenging and ambitious programmes.
- Sound judgement to make informed strategic investment decisions, which have a clear and demonstrable evidence base.
- Significant experience of leading a successful business or organisation operating within Leicester and Leicestershire, and the demonstrable credibility that comes from this.
- A highly effective networker, well-connected to businesses and other organisations.
- Effective time management skills with the ability to balance competing demands, whilst making a demonstrable impact.