

2017 Annual Conversation

Governance and Assurance Statement from the LEP Chair and Chief Executive

New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership is committed to accountability and transparency of decision making.

Over the past year we have continued to comply with our Local Assurance Framework, which outlines how our board operates, how decisions are made and how our programmes are managed.

The LEP board is made up of leaders from business, education and local authorities across Norfolk and Suffolk. Find out more about our Board [here](#).

We publish a [Register of Interests](#) for LEP Board members. Registers of Interest for individual board members can be found [here](#). Declarations of interests are also recorded in the minutes of the [monthly Board Meeting](#) and are managed in accordance with our [Conflicts of Interest Policy](#).

The LEP Board is also the decision-making body for areas covered by its [Sub Board and committees](#). The Board is supported by the [LEP's executive team](#), who oversee the day-to-day delivery of projects.

The LEP operates within the terms of an agreement with government – called our Assurance Framework. This sets out the way in which the LEP must make decisions and you can read it in detail [here](#).

The LEP's accountable body is Suffolk County Council. They are legally accountable for receiving the LEP's funding, making payments and ensuring that we comply with the Assurance Framework and rules regarding the use of public sector finance.

A senior finance officer at Suffolk County Council provides advice on repayment of our Growing Places Fund, has oversight of all Local Growth Fund decision making, and monitoring of programme spend.

As a limited company, our statutory accounts are subject to an independent audit, and are published on our website.

But we are not complacent. Over the past year New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership has been reviewing its governance in order to ensure our processes are fit for the future.

Whilst all our procedures complied with Government requirements, the growth of the LEP's roles and responsibilities meant that the LEP board wanted to ensure our governance and operations are as high a standard as possible.

We asked PwC to conduct an independent review of governance and operations. The LEP board accepted their recommendations and we have been implementing their recommendations over the past few months.

More information on how the LEP is run can be found here:

<https://newanglia.co.uk/governance-decision-making-and-faqs/>

Chair & Chief Executive Sign-off:

Signed:



Name: Douglas Field

Position: Chair, New Anglia LEP Board

Date: 12/12/2017

Signed:



Name: Chris Starkie

Position: Chief Executive, New Anglia LEP

Date: 12/12/2017