

New Anglia LEP Scheme of Delegation

Context

The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership is company limited by guarantee, with 16 voluntary directors, supported by a full-time executive team.

This scheme of delegation sets out the main responsibilities and functions of the organisation and the level to which they have been delegated.

The scheme of delegation is part of a suite of LEP governance documents including:

Local Assurance Framework, Articles of Association, terms of reference for sub-boards and sub-committees, and agreement between Suffolk County Council (accountable body) and the LEP.

The scheme of delegation is reviewed annually and changes require board approval. Any decision taken in contravention of this scheme of delegation will be deemed invalid.

Key responsibilities of the LEP Board

The board is responsible for:

- Approving the strategic direction of the LEP
- Agreeing clear objectives to focus activity and drive ambition
- Ensuring the LEP runs efficiently and effectively with appropriate controls in place covering performance, finance and risk
- Upholding the values, ethos and culture of the organisation

Key responsibilities of the Accountable Body

- The Section 151 Officer or their appointed deputy is a core member of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- The Section 151 Officer is accountable for approving all Growth Deal grant agreements, and delegates authority to a suitable team member for approval of grants awarded under other LEP programmes.

Scheme of Delegation

Issue	Delegated To
Strategy	
Vision, mission and values	Board
Development and approval of Economic strategy	Board

Implementation of Economic strategy	Economic Strategy Delivery Coordination Board recommendations to main Board
Changes to the overall operating structure of the LEP	Board
Approval of the Organisation brand	Board
Programmes	
Design of capital and revenue funding programmes	Board (on recommendations from Investment Appraisal Committee and relevant sub-boards)
Awarding of capital or revenue funding to programmes £500k	Board (on recommendations above from IAC)
Awarding of capital or revenue funding to programmes £500k or below	IAC
Awards from Growing Business Fund up to £500k	GBF panel (overseen by the IAC)
In programme funding changes above £100,000	Board
In programme funding changes up to £100,000	IAC
Change requests from programmes/projects with no financial implications but major changes to outputs or timeline	IAC
Change requests from programmes/projects with no financial implications but minor changes to outputs or timeline	CEO – reported retrospectively to the Board quarterly
Governance	
Responsibility for compliance with Government	Chair and CEO
National Assurance Framework	Board
Annual declaration of compliance to Government	Suffolk County Council 151 Officer
Maintenance of Register of Interests	Board and CEO
Timely publication of agendas, reports and minutes	Chair, CEO and COO
Committee and Delivery Board appointments	Board
Code of conduct, Complaints and Whistleblowing policies	Board

Finance

Approval of financial budgets and forecasts	Board
Approval of annual accounts and financial statement and audit letter of representation	Board on recommendation from Audit and Risk Committee
Approval of bank account and mandate policy	Board on recommendation of Audit and Risk Committee
Treasury policy	Board on recommendation of Audit and Risk Committee
Bank investments execution	Audit and Risk committee
Prior authorised expenditure for day to day business, in accordance with strategy budget and approved policies:	
Over £150,000	Board
Between £50,000 and £150,000	Chair and CEO or COO
Up to £50,000	CEO and COO or financial controller

Human Resources

Performance management and remuneration of CEO	Chair and Remuneration Committee
Remuneration of Chief Operating Officer	Chair and Remuneration Committee
Recruitment of board members	Board (with recommendations from sub panel comprising board members)
Recruitment of CEO	Board (with recommendations from sub panel comprising board members)
Operational procedures and policies for Leadership team and below	COO in conjunction with CEO and Leadership team

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