

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Local Industrial Strategy

We are reaching the final stages of our work to develop a Local Industrial Strategy for the region.

This Strategy will set out an ambitious vision for inclusive and sustainable growth and provide a framework for future investment decision; both public and private investment. It will also help us to consider the most appropriate partnerships with our neighbouring LEPs and regions to help us achieve our ambitions.

We have a challenging timetable for publication ahead of the recess and political support and pressure will be key

We all need to use our own channels to reinforce the importance to the region of getting this over the line

LEP Board recruitment

After a formal recruitment process that followed the agreed West of England LEP procedure the following appointments to the LEP Board were agreed at May's meeting:

- Margot Day, Arcadis [BuroHappold]
- Joanne Rumley, Foot Anstey
- Heather Cooper, Hargreaves Lansdown
- Natasha Swinscoe, WEAHSN
- Zoe Metcalfe, Arup

New members will take their seats in September and will increase the gender balance on the Board significantly.

ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT

The annual business report was shared with the LEP Board at its meeting in May.

This year's report includes proposed updates to the constitution, which have been developed in liaison with the constituent councils and LEP.

The LEP Board considered and agreed aspects of the Annual Business Report pertinent to the LEP at the 17 May LEP Board meeting.