

**West of England Local Enterprise Partnership
Board meeting – 30.03.2022**

Appointment of Business members for West of England Local Enterprise Partnership

Purpose of the report

1. To elect new business members for the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Board.

Recommendation

To note the process for appointing new LEP business members and to discuss and formally approve the recommendations made by the Business Nominations Committee (a sub-group of the LEP).

Background

2. The process to appoint new business members for the West of England LEP is set out in the LEP Board Terms of Reference and Local Growth Assurance Framework.
3. This paper sets out the process undertaken and the recommendation of the Business Nominations Committee.
4. At the meeting on 30th March 2022 all LEP Board Members will be given the opportunity to comment on the recommendations made by the Business Nominations Committee before there is a vote.

Process

5. Adverts for the vacant business positions went live via LinkedIn and other social media channels on Wednesday 17 November inviting applicants to submit expressions of interest no later than **Friday 17 December**.
6. The LEP Business Nominations Committee (BNC) is a sub-board of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and was formed of the current Chair and Vice Chairs.
7. The LEP BNC met on **Thursday 27 January** to discuss the 23 expressions of interest received and compiled a shortlist for interview. Successful applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - Work within the West of England region
 - Sector expertise
 - Demonstrable experience of leadership
 - Credibility to champion the region
 - Ability to convene and represent collective views

8. 5 candidates were invited to interview, and these interviews took place between **Tuesday 15 February and Monday 11 March 2022.**
9. The LEP BNC convened on **Friday 18 March** to agree the recommendations to take to full board.
10. LEP Chair to speak with recommended candidates to confirm their interest during the week commencing **Monday 21 March** to ensure recommendations can be brought to full board on Wednesday 30 March.

Decision:

The LEP Board are asked to formally approve the recommendation of the Business Nominations Committee and to confirm that the successful candidates will join the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Board for a term of 3 years.

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