



ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The **LEP Board** has nineteen Directors: nine from the business community, seven from local authorities, one each representing further and higher education, and one representing the region's young people. Business community representatives have been recruited with the aim of reflecting different sizes and sectors of commerce and industry, the geography of the area and with due regard to the diversity of the region. This includes a representative with responsibility for engaging with small businesses. The LEP Board has overall authority for the LEP's strategic agenda, Growth Programme (and has retained the authority to sign-off projects seeking over £10m of Local Growth Funding), the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan and the SEP Enabling Fund (having retained authority to sign-off projects seeking over £100,000 or of a sufficiently strategic nature).

The **Supervisory Board** is a Joint Committee, comprising the nine local authority leaders (or other appointed members). Each local authority has sought the necessary approvals to delegate to the Joint Committee the economic development functions covered by the general power of competence contained in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2013. The Supervisory Board empowers the LEP Board and provides it with the democratic accountability required to invest public money. As such, it forms part of a "dual key" arrangement with the LEP Board and may ask it to re-think investment decisions (and, ultimately, reject them).

As the Supervisory Board performs executive functions, a **Joint Scrutiny Committee** has been established to review, scrutinise and potentially call in decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Supervisory Board. The Joint Scrutiny Committee has nine members, one from each local authority

The **SEP Steering Group** is responsible for the ongoing refreshes of GBSLEP's SEP, to ensure that it reflects progress to date, current macroeconomic policy and headwinds, and can take into account future opportunities. The SEP Steering Group includes representatives of the region's universities and business representative bodies.

The GBSLEP Board has established three **Pillar Boards** to provide strategic vision with respect to each of their areas:

- Business & Innovation
- People
- Place

Pillar Boards are charged with establishing the vision of the GBSLEP with respect to their Pillar and its Strategic Enablers, building upon and refreshing existing LEP strategies where they exist. They will identify the strategy to be taken in pursuit of that vision and oversee its implementation through a work programme, putting appropriate measures in place for the monitoring and evaluation of work programmes and business plans, and will ensure that key issues identified are addressed in future iterations of the strategy. To facilitate this, Pillar Boards are able to create enabling sub-boards and delegate to or commission work from them. In doing so, they will identify and support cross-cutting issues with other Pillar Boards and proactively identify external communications opportunities. Pillar Boards play a key role in appraising the strategic fit of potential capital projects, and have the authority to make decisions to invest up to £100,000 from the SEP Enabling Fund.

The **Programme Delivery Board** is charged with ensuring the delivery of the Growth Deal (Local Growth Fund and Revolving Investment Fund) to help achieve the objectives of the Strategic Economic Plan. It also oversees progress on delivery of the City Deal and Growing Places Fund. It has authority from the Board to make investment decisions up to £10m in value.

The **Enterprise Zone Executive Board** provides strategic oversight for investment and the programme of projects within the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan. It is supported in this role by the officer-level Enterprise Zone Directors' Board. Management and monitoring arrangements have mirrored, as far as possible, those adopted for the Growth Deal.

The **Growth Hub Management Board** oversees the operational and delivery arrangements of the Growth Hub. At the strategic level, partners are represented on the Growing Business Board.