



F&G Board – Chairs Report – Meeting 8 May 2018

In line with the National Assurance Framework the CWLEP Finance and Governance Board directly supports the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership main board in the governance and decision making processes, to determine accountability, show clarity by ensuring transparency in its actions and deliver value for money.

It had previously been determined that the current Articles of Association of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Limited needed a special resolution to support the recruitment of new board members to be actioned appropriately. Advice has been taken from a legal standpoint on the proposed amendment and recommended to the Board for approval.

There is an ongoing requirement to recruit and retain private sector board members in line with the assurance framework requirements and the diversity and equality policies supported by CWLEP.

Recommendations from the Mary Ney report have been implemented within the CWLEP and ongoing checks had shown a small degree of refinement was required. These elements had been rectified to ensure full support of the recommendations.

The position of CWLEP is that it is always the intention to publish agendas and minutes of the board and wherever possible any supporting papers. At the discretion of the Chair any items that may be prejudicial to an individual or commercial body may remain an exception to this.

The strong governance of CWLEP and its decisions will be further enhanced by the inclusion of GDPR requirements which will be embedded on an ongoing process of improvement. With this in mind a privacy policy will be published and also made available to the wider contact lists of the CWLEP. The employment of a BOYD (Bring your own device) Policy and Hard-Copy Paper Policy will further enhance the security of the CWLEP infrastructure and confidential business information. These will be drafted for the future consideration of the F&G Board.

The current Government LEP Review has initial findings which include strengthening accountability and governance and ensuring strong independent and more diverse private sector leadership; standardizing the appointment process of the Chair and board; and more formal training for board directors

There will be greater clarity on how LEPs relate to Combined Authorities and where LEPs have overlapping geographies; Government know that they have to address resourcing issues with any further requirements that may be placed on LEPs

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Chair.