

Assurance – Statement

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The York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership is committed to ensuring the highest standards of governance and transparency across all our activities. Our Assurance Framework sets out our processes for enabling strong governance, accountability and transparency and is reviewed periodically to ensure continued compliance with national guidance requirements and to update local management delivery arrangements.

Governance & Transparency

- The LEP maintains strong governance at a Board and decision making level.
- All Board Papers across our 3 decision-making boards are published on the website at least 5 working days before a meeting.
- Draft minutes from all decision-making boards are published on the website at least 10 working days after a meeting.
- All Board Members and LEP Senior Officers Registers of Interests will be continually reviewed and published on the website.
- Any Board Members' Conflicts of Interest will be registered at every meeting. Any Board Member conflicted does not take part in the related decision-making process.
- All Board Members and LEP Officers are signed up to a code of conduct based on the Nolan Principles of conduct in public life.

Decision Making

- The LEP retains a Board structure with clear decision making responsibilities.
- All business cases for LEP investments are independently appraised and robustly scrutinised.

Accountability

- The LEP maintains a strong relationship with its Accountable Body, North Yorkshire County Council.
 - NYCC undertake legal and financial checks on all LEP investments to ensure appropriate due diligence is completed and do not put the LEP or NYCC at undue financial risk.
 - The LEP operate in a transparent fashion by openly sharing information with NYCC and providing frequent performance reports.
- The LEP also implements Accountable Body policies for key procedures;
 - Complaints
 - Whistleblowing
 - Freedom of Information

Scrutiny

- The LEP is independently internally audited on an annual basis by Veritau North Yorkshire Limited, who also provide internal audit services for the Accountable Body.
- The LEP Chief Executive Officer is required to attend the Accountable Body's Overview and Scrutiny Council Committee as and when requested.

From March 2018, LEP Officers will be required to attend an Overview and Scrutiny meeting with Local Authority leaders within the LEP area.