BUILT ENVIRONMENT BOARD

Terms of Reference

Strategic Aim
The Built Environment Board (BEB) is a Board of the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The overarching remit of the BEB is to be the City Region’s expert and leadership group, to stimulate and support economic growth, productivity and competitiveness, direct and support co-ordinated action to achieve strategic goals across the sectors relating to the built environment economy in the Liverpool City Region (LCR). The BEB will form part of, and feed into, wider LCR LEP governance structures, reporting into the LCR LEP Strategic Board. The BEB will be a high-level leadership group, bringing together private and public sector partners from the wider ‘built environment community’ which it will support and facilitate.

It will:

• Develop a vision and action plan for a dynamic, competitive and sustainable Built Environment Sector across the City Region.
• Co-ordinate, facilitate and oversee delivery of action and investment to support the vision and plan and report on progress and key issues to the LEP.
• Forge strong connections and influential relationships at national level, particularly relating to the built environment.
• Co-ordinate and broker collaborative relationships around key opportunities across the built environment sector within and in conjunction with the LEP.
• Facilitate collaboration, networking and inter-action between specialist sectoral and other built environment groups, agencies and programmes.
• Support, engage with and otherwise facilitate action by partners to deliver priority projects and programmes and require, receive and review information on project proposals, funding and progress from lead partners responsible for key projects.
• Ensure that the LEP is advised of progress, key issues and any material changes which are likely to affect the LEP’s overarching Business Plan and that any necessary corrective action is taken.

Roles and Responsibilities

• Identify gaps or underperformance in existing support.
• Develop new activities and programmes to accelerate business formation and growth.
• Secure new private and public sector funding streams.
• The BEB will act as an advisory body for the LCR LEP Board on all matters within the scope of its remit.
• The BEB will identify all issues of major importance including strategy, key strategic objectives and targets and key decisions involving the prioritisation of support for the built environment sector’s productivity and growth.
• The BEB will work closely with other senior Boards of the LEP, including the Employment and Skills Board and any new groups with a directly relevant remit, that the LEP may establish.
• The Chair of the BEB will agree the most appropriate forms of joint working with the Chairs of the other senior Boards and these might include reciprocal membership or regular attendance of each others’ Boards.

Out of Scope
The BEB will not:

• Assume any executive powers to make decisions except in line with its role as an advisory body to the LEP.
• Assume any responsibility for local targets.
• Chairs and independent members will not be remunerated.

Membership
Chaired by Private Sector Chair.

• Individual Members will commit to attending three out of four meetings of the BEB as a condition of membership.
• Membership should be representative of the key built environment sectors and support agencies.
• Maintain high standards of governance at all times.
• Support a fully inclusive culture. Recognise the promotion of diversity and the elimination of discrimination.

Frequency
The BEB will ordinarily meet 4 times a year and aim to fit into the LEP Board cycle and to facilitate interaction between the BEB and the LEP.

Secretariat/Hosting
LCR LEP

Role Profile – Board Member
Representatives on the board will have the following profile:

• Senior level, able to convene, manage, and represent Key Sectoral Areas
• Committed to supporting and accelerating the growth, productivity and competitiveness of the sectors across the built environment.
• A wider interest in the success of the local, regional and national economy.