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## Annex C: Governance Assurance Statement

The LEP Chair and Chief Executive should here provide a brief formal assurance statement on the status of governance and transparency. This should include any overview and scrutiny function undertaken by the Accountable Body. This should be sent to the Assurance Team via [localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk](mailto:localgrowthassurance@communities.gov.uk), copying the Cities and Local Growth Unit Area Lead, by **20 January 2021**. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website by **24 February 2021** and confirmation sent to the email address above.

**(max 500 words)**

Greater Lincolnshire LEP constantly strives to meet the requirements set out by Government for governance in the National Local Growth Assurance Framework. Over the past year we have continued to comply with our Local Assurance Framework, which outlines how our board operates, how decisions are made, and how our programmes are managed. We have also been making it easier for people to hold us to account, by publishing on our website more information about our governance processes, the decisions we have made and the projects we are funding.

The LEP board is made up of leaders from business, education and local authorities. Find out more about our board **here**. We publish a register of interests for LEP board directors **here** Declarations of interest are also recorded in the minutes of monthly board meetings and are managed in accordance with our Conflicts of Interest Policy. We are proud to have a private public partnership with 40% female Board members We also publish a gifts and hospitality log which can be found **here**.

The LEP board is the main decision-making body, but there are also a number of sub-boards and committees. We publish a decision log which records decisions made by these boards and committees which can be found **here**. We can demonstrate that Board and Committee decisions are based on strong evidence and are challenged by our Board. To enhance our engagement, we have developed a detailed stakeholder map and are developing an enhanced Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.

The board is supported by the LEP's executive team who oversee the day to day delivery of projects. The LEP's **scheme of delegation** outlines the decision-making powers for the board, sub-committees, the chair and senior executives.

Lincolnshire County Council is the LEP's accountable body. They are legally accountable for receiving the LEP's funding, making payments and ensuring we comply with the Assurance Framework and rules regarding the use of public sector funding. A senior finance officer at LCC provides advice on repayment of our Growing Places Fund, growth hub, programmes and has oversight of all Local Growth Fund and Getting Building Fund decision making and monitoring of programme



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spend.

Our accounts are subject to an independent audit, and are published on our website [here](#). The work of the LEP is also scrutinised by Scrutiny Committees

We take complaints very seriously and whilst we try to provide a good service, we know that sometimes things go wrong. For information about our complaints procedure please [click here](#).

Our Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) and recovery plan has benefitted from extensive engagement with our stakeholders and can be found [here](#).

**We have effective programme management, which now covers x approved projects to the value of x. In 2020 we approved x projects valued at £x. We are running a pipeline bidding round which will ensure a strong and up to date pipeline for future funding rounds.**

We operate an independent transparent and robust appraisal and selection process. Our projects are profiled with latest news of progress on our website, in line with the branding requirements.

We recognise that we have a challenging spend profile for 2020/21 and are working with our accountable body and managers of high risk projects to ensure that all of the available resources are used effectively, within the required timescale.

Our AGM will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February and we are also preparing for the formation of the new Greater Lincolnshire geography on 1 April 2020.

Greater Lincolnshire LEP remains a highly performing well governed LEP and we are keen to work with Government and our LEP colleagues to deliver sustainable economic growth across Greater Lincolnshire and the Midlands Engine. Environmental impact and Clean growth is increasingly important for all our stakeholders and the public. The Board has begun consideration of how this can be embedded in our processes.

Signed:

Name: Pat Doody

Position: [Chair]

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Signed:

Name: Ruth Carver

Position: [Chief Exec]

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021