



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@levellingup.gov.uk, copying the DBT Area Lead, by **29 February 2024**. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website by **15 March 2024** with confirmation sent to the email address above. **(max 500 words)**

Buckinghamshire LEP are committed to demonstrating clear governance and transparency in the delivery of its responsibilities in using public funding to drive economic growth across Buckinghamshire.

All of our Board members and Executive Team have contributed to the development and delivery of a comprehensive assurance and accountability statement which is reviewed on a regular basis by our Audit and Finance Sub-group and the full Bucks LEP board to ensure compliance with the National Assurance Framework for LEPs and the Nolan Principles of Public Life.

Information in relation to programme delivery, board meetings, conflicts of interest, delegated authorities and registers of interest are readily accessible on the Buckinghamshire LEP website www.buckslep.co.uk

We ensure that Board Members and the Executive Team are available for regular independent scrutiny through our accountable body and through other partner organisations.

Our accountable body, Buckinghamshire Council together with other local partners undertake regular audit and scrutiny assessments to ensure full compliance with our assurance and accountability procedures and our Section 151 Officer David Skinner attends or is represented at all Buckinghamshire LEP Board meetings.

Signed:

Name: Andrew M Smith

Position: [Chair]

Date: 26th February 2024



Department for Levelling Up, Department for
Housing & Communities Business & Trade

Signed:

Name: Richard Harrington

Position: [Chief Exec]

Date: 26th February 2024