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# Approach to 23/24

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# Follow up from Mid-Year Review

- Achieving **gender parity** on the SELEP Strategic Board 'by 2023' remains a deliverable according to the first LEP Review. Work to do with the board in achieving this and an ambition to go much further
- Retaining **confidence** of SELEP Board and secretariat team and providing a foundation until March 2024 at least
- Ensuring engagement in early conversations about **devolution**
- New round of meetings with Board members and the new Chair during early 2023 to discuss the above





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# Original LEP Review: Representation

- Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships, July 2018
- Requirement for compliance remains in place. Civil servants are aware of our current status.

The composition of Local Enterprise Partnership boards is an important ingredient in their success. These boards must be able to take into consideration a breadth of interests of different local leaders and stakeholder groups to ensure that their growth strategies are relevant, representative and widely supported across their area. We want to ensure all Local Enterprise Partnership boards are truly representative of the communities that they serve. Government expects refreshed Local Enterprise Partnership boards to **improve their gender balance and representation of those with protected characteristics**. Our aim is for Local Enterprise Partnership boards to have equal representation of men and women by 2023.





# LEP Network representation

## - Gender

- 10 LEPs have 50% or more women
- 14 LEPs have at least 40% women
- 14 LEPs have less than 40% women

## - Ethnicity

- White 90%
- Asian 6%
- Black 2%
- Other 2%

## - Age profile

- 25-34 1%
- 35-44 12%
- 45-54 31%
- 55+ 55%







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# Continuing into 23/24

- Delivery and monitoring of **strategy**
- Production of data and intelligence
- Influencing the direction of local, national and regional policy, including through:
  - Supporting local devolution discussions and transition arrangements
  - Working with Catalyst South and the LEP Network
- Leading the work of the Major Projects Group
- Coordinating skills activity, including
  - **data support to LSIPs**
  - SAP, SWG and MPG skills group
  - Catalyst South Digital Skills project
- Developing the Strategy Network, including:
  - maintaining existing working groups
  - coordinating **Growth Hub** and wider business support
- Contributing to work of other key partners, including:
  - the Greater SE Net Zero hub
  - Freeports
  - TEGB, STBs etc.
- Engaging with leadership/convening on strategic housing
- Wider comms and engagement, including MPs and SELEP ambassadors
- Administration of the **capital programme**
- **Governance**, including Board meetings, AGM etc.





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# New or resuming areas of work

- **Supporting devolution**/implementation of the Levelling Up White Paper
- Further development of Strategy Network model, including greater sector data analysis and engagement, events etc.
- Additional data and intelligence, e.g. **State of the Region report**
- Supporting/developing inward investment activities with a **coastal** focus
- Building on our work with U9 and develop our approach around coordinating **regional innovation**
- **Audit of capital programme** and review of wider investment programme to showcase SELEP's legacy
- Commission research/initiatives on behalf of MPG
- Further round of **Growing Places Fund investments (£9m+)**
- Identifying, collaborating on and/or bidding for sector-based funding opportunities potentially linking with GPF (above)





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