

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. In particular, you should focus on any issues raised in Annex A. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website following conclusion of the Annual Conversation process (in April 2018). You should cover any Overview and Scrutiny function undertaken by the Accountable Body. **(max 500 words)**

To Whom it may concern

We are satisfied that the South East LEP's governance arrangements are robust and that we remain committed to being transparent in all of our activities.

The South East LEP's Assurance Framework is comprehensive and regularly refreshed, and this year will be refreshed in line with the recommendations from Mary Ney's review of LEP Governance and Transparency. We will shortly be in a position to be fully compliant with this review, and well in advance of the 28th February deadline.

Having taken part in Mary Ney's review, we feel that we were able to communicate there, and have replicated above, the uniqueness and robustness of SELEP's governance arrangements. Our federal model provides us with the maximum level of engagement with local politicians and businesses; and our Accountability Board is an exemplar in terms of LEP decision making.

We are indebted to the ongoing support of Essex County Council in their Accountable Body role.

Sincerely

**Christian Brodie and Adam Bryan
December 2017**

Chair & Chief Executive Sign-off:

Signed:



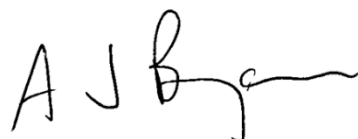
Name:

Christian Brodie

Position:

Chair

Signed:



Name: Adam Bryan

Position: Managing Director

Date: 29th November 2017

Date: 28th November 2017