



## Annex C: Governance Assurance Statement

Leadership of the Midlands Engine is through its Executive and Operating Boards, together with strategic thematic leadership across our core area focus Boards. Membership for all Boards is drawn from organisations across the Midlands including Midlands businesses and business membership organisations, local enterprise partnerships, local government, other public sector bodies, NGO's and universities. The activities of the Midlands Engine partnership are communicated through our various boards and groups and through our media platforms. Our website is continually updated with the latest progress against our planned aims.

The Midlands Engine Executive Board provides leadership and directs the strategy for the Midlands Engine partnership, the Midlands Engine Operating Board oversees work and decision making against agreed delivery themes and takes forward recommendations from the Midlands Engine Executive Board. Our core area focus Boards (Green Growth, Midlands Engine Health, Midlands Digital, Midlands Engine Observatory) also take forward these recommendations.

In the absence of an Assurance Framework for pan regional organisations - the Midlands Engine partnership works within the spirit of the National Growth Local Governance and Assurance Framework. The Midlands Engine own Governance and Assurance Framework clearly sets out the rules, scope and membership arrangements for the Midlands Engine, ensuring that decisions are made in a fair, accountable and transparent way. This is an active document which is reviewed periodically and was last reviewed in June 2021.

Clear, fair and transparent financial decision-making is undertaken through the approved Midlands Engine Scheme of Delegation. The Midlands Engine is not a legal entity and works in partnership with Staffordshire County Council through an Accountable Body agreement to support the administration of the Midlands Engine finance and resourcing.

The work of the Midlands Engine is regularly audited and was reported to meet and comply with financial governance processes, procurement regulations and HR policies and the Midlands Engine Assurance Framework, in January 2022.

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