

New Gloucestershire economic growth board seeks business leaders

Gloucestershire County Council is looking to recruit business leaders to its new growth board, it has announced. The Gloucestershire Economic Growth Board will replace the local enterprise partnership (LEP), which [was scrapped in April](#).

Following the transfer of roles and responsibilities of GFirst LEP to the local authority, the council is now starting the process of recruiting board members. The board will act in an advisory capacity to the Gloucestershire City Region Board and the Gloucestershire County Council Cabinet.

It will also offer economic insight of specific county council activities including The Growth Hub network; inward investment; Made in Gloucestershire; and business groups.

The council says it is looking for “persuasive and influential” business leaders who will bring “direction, energy and passion” to the role.

“The aim is to construct a board that reflects the diverse needs and perspectives of our region, ensuring robust representation across key sectors and organisations,” a council spokesperson said.

The local authority said it was looking for expert representatives from the private sector and, in particular, from industries including:

- Future of Communications (cyber as was)
- Agri-Tech
- Construction
- Engineering

- Finance and professional services
- Energy
- Tourism/place making

Councillor Mark Hawthorne, leader of Gloucestershire County Council, said: “This is an exciting time for the county. The creation of this new Gloucestershire Economic Growth Board will continue to build on all the great work the LEP have done for the county.

“The Economic Growth Board offers the opportunity for even stronger partnerships, getting behind a new economic strategy for the county and continuing to work with businesses to create a brighter, greener, more prosperous future for Gloucestershire. If you would like to be part of the shaping future of Gloucestershire, we would welcome your application.”

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