

**STOKE ON TRENT & STAFFORDSHIRE  
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP  
COMPANY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**14 May 2019**

**SSLEP Use**

**Accountable Body Agreement**

Background

The National Assurance Framework requires Local Enterprise Partnerships to have a formal Accountable Body Agreement in place which sets out the relationship and the responsibilities between the accountable body (Staffordshire County Council) and the LEP.

As a result of the LEP review and the incorporation of the SSLEP the existing agreement has been updated and is attached for approval.

Changes from Existing Agreement

The Agreement, provided as Appendix 1 to this report, has been updated to reflect the new limited company status of the SSLEP, including changes to the responsibilities of the accountable body e.g. ensuring that the appropriate documents are lodged with Companies House on behalf of the SSLEP.

The provision of programme management support, which has always been provided by Staffordshire County Council through a separate arrangement, has now been incorporated into this agreement.

Recommendation

**That the Executive Board approve the new Accountable Body Agreement and authorise the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the SSLEP.**

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