

Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership looks to recruit new private sector board members

Cumbria's strategic economic body is looking to recruit at least two new board directors from the private sector to help shape the county's economic future.

The board positions are seen to offer unique, challenging and rewarding opportunities for experienced, forward thinking business leaders. Successful candidates will help influence key decisions aimed at delivering growth, jobs and prosperity for Cumbria's economy.

Cumbria LEP's board currently comprises six representatives from the private sector, including the Chair, and six from the public sector. The Board has two vacancies for private sector board directors to help drive forward the priorities of Cumbria's strategic economic strategy. The roles are envisaged to involve an overall commitment of 2-3 days per month.

George Beveridge, chair of Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership says: "We are looking for outstanding individuals who are passionate about business growth and the need to seize the economic opportunities on offer for our great county. Their expertise will be crucial in providing strategic leadership, challenge, insight and support to the Board.

"Experience of our strategic economic plan sectors, priorities and drivers is essential. We're especially keen to hear from applicants in the energy, nuclear, rural and tourism industries to maintain the right balance of skills and experience on the Board."

Successful candidates will have significant experience in an ownership or senior managerial capacity within a business organisation active in the Cumbria LEP area. They will also have a proven track record of providing strategic leadership, achieving business objectives and operating effectively at board level.

Board appointments are for an initial period of one year, with the option for re-selection thereafter. After the initial year, it is envisaged that appointments will be for three years. All board members sign up to a Code of Practice ensuring there is no conflict of interest in taking key decisions that influence development and investment.

Applicants wishing to put themselves forward as private sector board members need to provide a current CV with a covering letter setting out relevant skills and experience, as well as details of their business sector, geographic and business size category. Applicants need to either live or work in Cumbria.

Applications can be emailed to info@cumbrialep.co.uk or posted to Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership, Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DT by Friday 12 May 2017. A recruitment pack is available on the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership website www.cumbrialep.co.uk

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Notes for editors

- Cumbria LEP provides a strategic lead for all activities contributing to the growth and vibrancy of the county's economy and where appropriate takes positive action, using the skills, capability and networks of LEP partners.

- The LEP is keen to work with all partners and stakeholders (private and public) to undertake actions, secure funding and implement initiatives to support sustainability and growth of Cumbria's economy.
- A copy of the Cumbria Strategic Economic Plan is available at: www.cumbrialep.co.uk/what-we-do/sep/