**Draft Ad**

Non-Executives for the Cheshire & Warrington LEP

**Employer: Cheshire & Warrington LEP**

**Remuneration: Unremunerated**

**Time Commitment: 2 days per month for the main Board; 1 day per month for Board Sub-Committees**

**Location: Candidates must have a strong connection, such as living and/or working in Cheshire and Warrington**

Local Enterprise Partnerships are increasingly integral to the delivery of the Government’s Industrial Strategy, a point underlined by *‘Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships’* which was published by the Government last summer and included, amongst other things, commitments from the Government to ensure that LEPs are securely placed to drive growth through the development of Local Industrial Strategies, and the formation of a ‘Council of Local Enterprise Partnership Chairs’ chaired by the Prime Minister.

The increasing amount of business being undertaken by the LEPs means that there are now a number of opportunities to join the Cheshire and Warrington LEP, either on the main Board, or one of the sub-committees which discharge most of the day-to-day work of the LEP, including making decisions on investments in its Enterprise Zone or investing in the provision of training for young people.

Cheshire and Warrington has the best performing economy in the North of England and one of the most successful and fastest growing economies in the country. It wants to go further and has ambitious plans to have a £50bn economy for Cheshire and Warrington by 2040, delivering 139,000 new homes and 127,000 new jobs. The Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is central to realising this ambition. Established in 2011 as a partnership between the private-sector and local authorities, with a private sector Chair and a majority of private sector Board members, the LEP is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the Cheshire and Warrington economy and controlling an investment programme of around £½bn. It has a strong business voice and engages directly with government with the aim of making Cheshire and Warrington the best place to do business in the UK.

The LEP Board currently comprises 15 members from across the private and public sector in Cheshire and Warrington and represents a range of skills and economic sectors. Two vacancies have arisen on the main Board and [ ] on a number of Board sub-committees which are being strengthened to allow them to assume delegated responsibility for key elements of the LEP’s programme. The LEP is therefore seeking to recruit high quality representatives from the business community (including the voluntary sector) to provide the support and challenge needed to realise the LEPs exciting strategic plans. We are looking for individuals who are prepared to bring their experience, expertise and networks to shape the strategic agenda of this exciting sub-region.

**Main Board Vacancies**

Of the vacancies on the main Board, one is arising because Meredydd David, former Principal at Reaseheath College, has reached the end of his term. The LEP is therefore keen to recruit someone who is able to provide an excellent understanding of the Further Education sector and the skills needs of young people. The other is arising because Gary Steen, Chief Technology Officer at Talk Talk has stepped down due to his other business commitments. The LEP is looking to replace Gary with someone whose skills experience and expertise complements those of the other Board members.

**Board Sub-Committee Roles**

The Government is asking LEPs to take on increasing amounts of responsibility. To manage its workload, and to ensure decisions are taken quickly and efficiently, the Board has decided to delegate some of its responsibilities to its sub-committees. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the sub-committees will be members of the main Board, but the LEP is looking to recruit a number of additional committee members from the private sector to help make decisions on issues such as investing in development in Cheshire and Warrington’s Enterprise Zone, ensuring that businesses get the help and support they need from the LEP’s Skills and Growth Hub, or funding the purchase of equipment for the sub-region’s colleges.

For all of the Board and Committee roles we are looking for passionate champions of Cheshire and Warrington drawn from across the business community with a clear vision for how the economy in Cheshire and Warrington should develop. Candidates will have a detailed understanding of at least one sector important to the sub-regional economy. Well networked within Cheshire and Warrington, and ideally also at national level, you will be a passionate champion of Cheshire and Warrington with high level influencing skills. A collaborative team player, willing to work with the public sector, you will understand the need to represent not only your own business sector, but business in general. Your relationship management and networking skills will be of the highest order and you must be open to difference, with strong listening and questioning skills. We are also keen to bring greater diversity of experience to the Board, and its sub-committees so would welcome a wide range of applications.

**Please reply by submitting a CV and short covering letter demonstrating how you meet the requirements of this role to xxxxxxx. Alternatively, for an informal and confidential discussion please call xxxxxxxxxxxxx**