

**AGENDA ITEM 3: LEP Implementation Review – Appendix A**

**1. Purpose**

**1.1** The purpose of this short paper is to update the SELEP Strategic Board **on the outcome of the electronic procedure, issued 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.**

**2. Background**

**2.1** Following the publication of Government’s LEP Review, the SELEP Strategic Board provided a response based on the position agreed the Board as its meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Whilst the majority of the responses were fully compliant with the recommendations of the review; the Board had indicated its intention to not change its membership structure insofar as numbers of Board Members and the split between private and public sectors.

**2.2** However, following advice from Government and a meeting being held between Jake Berry MP and Christian Brodie, it was made clear that Ministers expected full compliance with the recommendations of the review and should LEPs not meet this expectation, funding would continue to be withheld.

**3. Electronic Procedure - process**

**3.1** Given the requirement to resolve this issue as quickly as possible, an Electronic Procedure was instigated on Friday 1 February 2019, asking the 28 SELEP Strategic Board members to vote on the two points below (responding with yes; no; abstain):

**3.2** The Board is asked to vote on whether the SELEP Strategic Board should consist of no more than 20 full members with 5 co-opted members, with this change implemented prior to March 2020; and

**3.3** The Board is asked to vote on whether the SELEP Strategic Board should consist of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> private sector membership.

**3.4** Board members were requested to make a response by Friday 15 February 2019, giving two weeks for consideration of the issue. Given the importance of the decision and the impact on all members of the Board, a response was requested from all Board Members.

**4. Electronic Procedure - results**

**4.1** The headline summary results are provided below.

| YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
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| 22  | 4  | 2*      |

Seeking clarification on one of the votes\*

**4.2** A more detailed record of voting will be published shortly on the SELEP website ([here](#)).

**4.3** A response to Government was provided on the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019, when quorum was reached. This response stated that SELEP *“can now confirm that after undertaking a formal vote through Electronic Procedure, the papers for which are available on [www.southeastlep.com](http://www.southeastlep.com), the Board have agreed to adopt the provisions of the LEP Review and move to a Board of 20, with a two-thirds business majority”*.