



England's Economic Heartland Board

Agenda

29 January 2026

11am – 1pm

Virtual

(Members of the public are asked to register attendance via businessunit@englandseconomicheartland.com by 2pm Tuesday 27 January)

1	Introductions <i>(including update on actions and agreement of minutes)</i>	Chair (5 mins)
2	Public Questions <i>Attending members of the public are asked to register if they wish to speak in advance. Comments will be invited on any of the listed agenda items.</i> <i>Speakers will be invited to ask a question, a supplementary question and to make a short statement</i>	Chair (10 mins)
3	Managing Director's Update <i>To receive an update from the Managing Director, focusing on the year ahead.</i>	Naomi Green (10 mins)
4	Regional connectivity: mission statement and priorities <i>To agree an EEH mission statement for regional connectivity and review the updates to the EEH priorities table.</i>	Adam King (20 mins)
5	Demand responsive transport <i>To update the Board on EEH's review of demand responsive transport in the region, share best practice and highlight a new tool available to local authorities through EEH.</i>	Trevor Brennan (15mins)
6	Rail <i>To receive an update and provide a steer on the proposed approach undertaken by EEH on regional rail priorities.</i>	Ben Feeney- North (15 mins)

7	<p>Data insights: Electric vehicles and energy consumption <i>A new standing item highlighting useful EEH data, analysis or research. This month: insights into future energy demands based on the growth of electric vehicles in the region.</i></p>	James Golding-Graham (15 mins)
8	<p>Business Unit Update</p> <p><u>Integration</u></p> <p><i>To receive an update on Phase 2 of EEH's integration work, including the sequencing of delivery of transport opportunity plans.</i></p> <p><u>Local Transport Delivery Plan</u></p> <p><i>To provide an update on requirements for Local Authorities and EEH's support offer.</i></p> <p><u>National Planning Policy Framework consultation</u></p> <p><i>To provide a briefing on the potential implications of the NPPF proposals on transport and to agree how EEH will respond to the current consultation.</i></p>	(30mins) James West Trevor Brennan Fiona Foulkes
9	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>2026 proposed dates:</p> <p>19th March 2026 (virtual) 25th June 2026 (in person) 24th September 2026 (virtual) 3rd December 2026 (in person)</p>	