



# England's Economic Heartland Board

## Agenda

19 March 2026

11am – 1pm

Virtual

*(Members of the public are asked to register attendance via [businessunit@englandseconomicheartland.com](mailto:businessunit@englandseconomicheartland.com) by 2pm Tuesday 17 March)*

<b>1</b>	<b>Introductions</b> <i>(including update on actions and agreement of minutes)</i>	Vice Chair (5 mins)
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Questions</b> <i>Attending members of the public are asked to register in advance if they wish to speak. 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>	Vice Chair (10 mins)
<b>3</b>	<b>Managing Director's Update</b> <i>To provide an update on 2026/27 funding and business planning and to provide feedback on the recent Regional Leaders Summit</i>	Naomi Green (10 mins)
<b>4</b>	<b>Infrastructure Supporting Growth</b> <i>To consider the implications of government policy decisions around spatial planning, including Spatial Development Strategies and potential new town locations on the region's transport infrastructure.</i>	Fiona Foulkes (20 mins)
<b>5</b>	<b>Integration Update</b> <i>To receive an update on the Integration Programme, including the Integration Task Force and Transport Opportunity Plans.</i>	James West (15 mins)
<b>6</b>	<b>Rail</b> <i>To provide a presentation and to seek steers from the Board on the proposed new stations and released capacity reports.</i>	Ben Feeney-North (25 mins)

7	<p><b>Data Insights:</b>  <i>A new standing item highlighting useful EEH data, analysis or research. This month the insights will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>New Town Data Packs</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Authority In &amp; Out Trips</i></li> <li>• <i>Journey Alerts</i></li> </ul>	James Golding-Graham & Mingfei Ma (25 mins)
8	<p><b>Business Unit Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPPF consultation response</li> <li>• All-Party Parliamentary Group</li> <li>• Visitor Economy Action Plan</li> </ul>	Adam King & Fiona Foulkes (10 mins)
9	<p><b>Future Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>2026 proposed dates:</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (in person)  24<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (virtual)  3<sup>rd</sup> December 2026 (in person)</p>	