



England's Economic Heartland Board

Agenda

18 June 2026

11am – 1pm

In Person

(Members of the public are asked to register attendance via businessunit@englandseconomicheartland.com by 2pm Tuesday 16th June)

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 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>	Chair (10 mins)
3	EEH Three-Year Business Plan and 2026/27 Work Programme <i>To agree EEH's proposed three-year Business Plan and 2026/27 work programme, including local contributions.</i>	Naomi Green (10 mins)
4	Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor Vision <i>To note the publication of an economic vision for the Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor and to agree next steps.</i>	Naomi Green (20 minutes)
5	Rail <i>To receive an update and provide strategic steers on rail priorities across the region.</i>	(15 mins) Ben Feeney-North

<p>6</p>	<p>Major Development Activity <i>To receive an update on key strategic developments proposals with implications for the region’s transport network, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>East West Rail</i> - <i>New Towns Programme</i> - <i>Oxford Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (OxSRFI)</i> - <i>Universal United Kingdom Resort</i> - <i>Forest City 1</i> 	<p>(15 mins) Fiona Foulkes</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Integration Programme Update <i>To receive feedback from the Integration Taskforce from its Chair, Professor Stephen Joseph and to receive an update on the wider integration programme.</i></p>	<p>(10 mins) Stephen Joseph & James West</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Bus Integration Activity <i>To receive a summary of progress on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EEH Bus Symposium 2025 actions</i> - <i>The Luton and Dunstable Busway Extension Study Phase One Report</i> - <i>The Buses in Bedfordshire Plan</i> - <i>EEH ‘Total Transport’ Toolkit</i> 	<p>(10 mins) Trevor Brennan</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Data Insights <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"> - <i>Demonstration of the EEH Total Transport Toolkit (Rob Hale and Verity Quinn)</i> 	<p>(15 mins) James Golding-Graham & Trevor Brennan</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Business Unit Update <i>To receive an update on current Business Unit activity including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NESO support proposal and regional energy systems planning</i> <p><i>Please note: Updates on EEH’s work to progress regional priorities are in annex 1. The priorities table is updated ahead of each Board meeting.</i></p>	<p>Suzanne Winkels (10 mins)</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Future Meeting Dates 2026 proposed dates:</p> <p>24th September 2026 (virtual - annual confirmation of the Chair and Vice Chair) 3rd December 2026 (in person - Silverstone Museum)</p>	