



# England's Economic Heartland Board

## Agenda

24 September 2026

11am – 1pm

Virtual

(Members of the public are asked to register attendance via [businessunit@englandseconomicheartland.com](mailto:businessunit@englandseconomicheartland.com) by 2pm Tuesday 22 September)

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Introductions</b><br><i>(including update on actions and agreement of minutes)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Chair<br>(5 mins)              |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Annual confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair</b><br><i>Re-election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Strategic Transport Leadership Board for the second year of their tenure.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Managing Director<br>(10 mins) |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Public Questions</b><br><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><br><br><i>Speakers will be invited to ask a question, a supplementary question and to make a short statement</i>                                                                                                                                     | Chair<br>(10 mins)             |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Maintaining momentum – Oxford to Cambridge Growth Corridor</b><br><i>To receive an update on the Oxford to Cambridge Growth Corridor, following the appointment of the new Prime Minister, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Government's approach to supporting the corridor</li><li>- Working with places outside of Mayoral Strategic Authorities</li><li>- Collaboration opportunities going forward</li></ul> | Naomi Green<br>(20 mins)       |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Buses / Mass Transit</b><br><i>To receive an update on EEH's response to MRT Call for Evidence including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The importance of Mass Transit beyond urban conurbations</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Trevor Brennan<br>(15 mins)    |

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| <b>6</b> | <b>Integration Workstream</b><br><i>To receive an update on progress with the Integration Workstream, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Transport Opportunity Plans</i></li> <li>- <i>Gap Analysis Approach and how the work is being driven forward</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | James West<br>(10 minutes)        |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Rail Update:</b><br><i>To receive an update on progressing priorities with Network Rail work, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Milton Keynes. Bletchley and Northampton</i></li> <li>- <i>Chiltern Main Line Strategic Advice work, including emerging electrification work.</i></li> </ul> <i>To note the implications of NPPF reforms on station-led growth.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Ben Feeney-North<br>(15 mins)     |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Creating a Regional Visitor Economy</b><br><i>To receive an update on work to create a Regional Visitor Economy, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Economic Impact</i></li> <li>- <i>Core Themes</i></li> <li>- <i>Emerging visitor economy action plan</i></li> <li>- <i>Key Activity and learning arising from the work.</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Suzanne Winkels<br>(10 mins)      |
| <b>9</b> | <b>Item 9a: Supporting local authorities</b><br><b>Item 9b: Zero Emission vehicle mandate</b><br><b>Item 9c: Data Insights</b><br><i>A new standing item highlighting useful EEH data, analysis or research. This month the insights will cover:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local authority engagement – tools and Data Centre of Excellence.</i></li> <li>• <i>Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate review – initial work and Board steer on whether EEH should respond</i></li> <li>• <i>Driveway data – off-street charging opportunity</i></li> <li>• <i>Immense agent-based modelling – capability/tooling update.</i></li> </ul> | James Golding-Graham<br>(15 mins) |

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| <b>10</b> | <p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p><i>To note consultation responses and calls for evidence, and to agree the approach to upcoming responses.</i></p> <p><b>Consultation Responses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>RIS3 Variation Consultation</i></li> <li>· <i>Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Responses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>London Plan</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Call for Evidence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>Safer Journeys for women and girls due 09/10</i></li> <li>· <i>Getting to work: transport connecting young people to jobs and training due 16/10</i></li> </ul> <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<br/>(10 mins)</p> |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>Future Meeting Dates</b></p> <p><i>2026 proposed dates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>3 December 2026 (in person, Silverstone Museum)</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                      |