

## Annex E: Governance Assurance Statement

The LEP Chair and Chief Executive should here provide a brief formal assurance statement on the status of governance and transparency. In particular, they should focus on any issues raised in Annex A. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website following conclusion of the Annual Performance Review process (in April 2018). You should cover any overview and scrutiny function undertaken by the Accountable Body. **(max 500 words)**

Coast to Capital is committed to good governance and transparency. We have strong governance arrangements and we feel that we are in a good place to meet the requirements in the expected new National Assurance Framework.

We welcome the scrutiny of the Annual Conversation process which is also a good opportunity for us to take stock and identify how we can continue to improve. We are eager to give Government the confidence in our ability to make decisions appropriately and deliver effectively.

The future is exciting for LEPs as they will play a greater role in supporting local growth, unlocking productivity and transforming the UK economy through a negotiation of a Local Industrial Strategy. As LEPs become an even more intrinsic part of the landscape it is only right that LEPs are held to account in the most appropriate way. Our aim is to make Coast to Capital an outstanding LEP recognised as leading best practice and best in class, with a clear culture of governance and accountability in everything that we do.

The Annual Conversation process has enabled us to highlight our:

- o Effective governance arrangements
- o New single Accountable Body arrangements
- o Strong Executive and Board leadership
- o Commitment to diversity
- o New Strategic Economic Plan – Gatwick 360
- o Commitment to continual improvement
- o Ambition to go above and beyond what is required

Looking ahead to 2019 we will be updating our Assurance Framework, undertaking an independent scrutiny review of our work and introducing a new Scrutiny Committee. We are keen to meet all current expectations from Government and establish Coast to Capital as a leading LEP in relation to governance, transparency and accountability.

Jonathan Sharrock – Chief Executive

Tim Wates - Chairman

Signed:

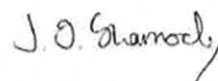


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Position: [Chair]

Date: *4-3-19*

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