



**Dorset Local Enterprise
Partnership
Skills Advisory Panel
Applicant Information
Pack**

Foreword

Dorset Local Enterprise Partnerships (DLEP) vision is for a high- skilled workforce, meeting the needs of Dorset's growing economy and priority sectors. We want our working-age population to become better skilled and more productive so that our future economic growth is driven by greater worker productivity. We want all residents to have the skills they need to meet their full employment potential.

Dorset LEP is currently seeking business leaders to become members of our Skills Advisory Panel. As a member of the Skills Advisory Panel you will have a unique opportunity to help shape and direct the strategic skills agenda in Dorset.

Strong partnership skills are essential. Panel members will need to be collaborative in their style and approach.

If you are excited by this opportunity and have the proven ability to meet and deliver our aspirations, we would be pleased to receive your application.

About Dorset LEP

Dorset LEP is one of 38 LEPs across the country tasked by the government to drive forward sustainable private sector growth and job creation.

As a high performing LEP, we bring together local businesses, education providers, voluntary organisations and the public sector to tackle key barriers to growth.

Thanks to its targeted Strategic Economic Plan, Dorset LEP has secured over £242m to date from the government and other sources to support economic growth in the county.

For more information about local growth delivery visit the Dorset LEP [website](#).

Purpose of the Skills Advisory Panel

The key purpose of the Skills Advisory Panel is to bring together representatives from Dorset businesses to identify, understand and address key local skills and labour market challenges and opportunities. The Skills Advisory Panel will work with the Dorset Skills Board to ensure that Dorset has the skills and workforce needed to support economic growth and all residents have skills they need to meet their full employment potential.

Board Members' Role and Responsibilities

Board members have a responsibility to uphold high standards of integrity and probity. They should support the Chair and Deputy Chair in instilling the appropriate culture, values and behaviours in the boardroom and beyond.

Skills Advisory Panel meetings will initially be held every two months. The first meeting will be on 19th September from 8.30am – 9.45am in Bournemouth. A programme of meetings is available on application.

The anticipated time commitment is 1/2 day per month.

Equal Opportunities

We are keen for our board to reflect Dorset's diversity so we welcome applications from everyone, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, faith or disability.

How to Apply and Timetable for Recruitment

If you believe you have the skills and experience to meet these challenges and wish to apply for this opportunity, please supply a current CV along with a brief supporting statement.

(Please address to Emma Hunt at the Dorset LEP and return via Kathryn Hill

khill@bournemouth.ac.uk)

For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Kathryn Hill (khill@bournemouth.ac.uk or 01202 965868) who may be able to connect you to Lorna Carver (Dorset LEP Director).

The closing date for applications is 28th August 2019. Applications will be reviewed and appointments confirmed in early September.

Key Dates

Closing date	28 th August 2019
Role commences	September 2019