

DO YOU WANT TO HELP SHAPE HOW OXFORDSHIRE'S ENTERPRISE ZONES ARE PROMOTED AND HOW THE RETAINED BUSINESS RATES CAN SUPPORT OXFORDSHIRE'S ECONOMY?

OxLEP's Enterprise Zones Sub-Group (EZSG) is seeking members from the business community to help shape the future direction of how the EZs are promoted and how retained business rates can be used to benefit Oxfordshire.

As a sub-group of the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) we are looking for persuasive, inspirational and influential senior business representatives who are operating in the Science Vale area (Harwell, Milton Park, Culham, Didcot) who can bring energy, lived experience and passion to the group. You will foster positive relationships with key stakeholders and act as a champion for the Enterprise Zones.

Applications are welcome from all and we are particularly keen to attract members who can represent and reflect the diverse community we live and work in.

The EZSG is charged with the oversight of the two Oxfordshire Enterprise Zones, Science Vale Oxford and the Didcot Growth Accelerator.

The responsibilities of the group are to:

- monitor and review the performance of the Enterprise Zones, including updates on reporting to the OxLEP Board, local government and central government
- monitor and review the core work streams of Enterprise Zone infrastructure projects, infrastructure development, inward investment delivery and Enterprise Zone marketing
- work in conjunction with other OxLEP sub-groups, develop additional time bound, discrete projects for approval by the OxLEP Board
- support delivery of the Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy ambitions and aspirations
- deliver, through its work plans and actions, OxLEP's commitment to sustainable development, social equality and diversity.

Members will be:

- senior representatives of business living and/or working within Science Vale
- individuals that have experience of operating and leading businesses and the challenges businesses face
- credible and capable of harnessing the business community to ensure we maximise the potential of Oxfordshire's businesses to support our ambitions
- able to provide expert thought leadership and act in alignment with the principles of a 'select committee' for development and deliver of our ambitions for the Enterprise Zones.

EZSG meets quarterly; these roles involve an absolute minimum commitment of 4 meetings a year plus reading time and possible involvement in future funding panels and task and finish work.

While this is a voluntary role and attracts no remuneration or contractual obligations, expenses arising from undertaking duties are available.

To apply please submit a short covering letter outlining what expertise and skills you bring to the group along with your CV to info@sciencevale.com by 05 January 2024.

If you would like to arrange an informal discussion please contact:
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Useful Links:

Science Vale – www.sciencevale.com

Enterprise Zones – www.sciencevale.com/enterprise-zones

OxLEP – www.oxfordshirelep.com

Enterprise Zone locations - EZ1 (blue) and EZ2 (red)



Harwell Science and Innovation Campus



Milton Park and Didcot