

Welcome from our Chief Executive

Thank you for considering the position of Director of Corporate Resources and Finance. This is an exciting time to join our organisation, and this is a significant role that will oversee a newly formed directorate to lead and manage the corporate and financial resources of the Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

We drive economic growth throughout Berkshire by securing national funding to deliver strategic investment programmes which improve the area's economic performance. We collaborate with public and private sectors, working together to bring about greater prosperity, with a part to play for all our businesses and residents. We've established a strong reputation for delivery, a track record which is recognised by government and our public and private sector partners.

As a small and dynamic organisation, we have been successful in implementing a vibrant economic growth strategy for our area, through an investment programme of over £197 million across infrastructure, skills, and business development.

Since its formation in November 2011 Berkshire LEP has always been a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. Initially the organisation was a strategic economic development partner with a focus on investment of the government's Local Growth Funds, capital investments into transport and infrastructure, and developing economic plans for the area. Over recent years we've taken on responsibility for delivery of contracts such as the Growth Hub, Careers Enterprise Hub, and most recently Skills Bootcamps. The role of LEPs and how Government funds us is changing as is our relationship with local government. The Senior Leadership Team has been working on our evolution for over 18 months. The business is financially stable with company reserves to help us to become more commercial and secure future business sustainability.

To ensure our future success as we go forward in our new strategic direction, we have recently reconfigured our senior leadership team and have created a new post of Director of Corporate Resources and Finance. This post will lead and manage key areas of the LEP including corporate governance, finance, communications, contract and project management and business operations as well as overseeing outsourced services including Accountancy and Audit, Legal, IT. You will also oversee the operation of our financial instrument, an £11million evergreen loan fund, the Funding Escalator, which is delivered by Finance South East.

We are looking for candidates who:

- have exceptional leadership, communications, and relationship skills.
- have a strong proven track record in corporate services.
- have significant commercial and business experience.
- will be capable of exerting influence through collaboration.

We anticipate that you will be someone genuinely motivated and driven to make our area an even better place to live and work. If this is you, please keep reading and get in touch.



Alison Webster, Chief Executive

