

Making the voice of business heard

Are you working in a large, medium or small business in the East Midlands Combined County Authority region?

We want you to share your expertise, ideas and views with us as we work to make the region the best place in the country to live, to work and to study.

We're looking for representatives from businesses of all sizes based in the region to join our new Business Advisory Board, working with Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward and leading business experts, to lift our region.

The new East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) has more powers, more funding and more control devolved from Westminster. Covering Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, we're uniquely placed to put our region first, speak with a strong voice and exercise our powers to boost our region.

Our Business Advisory Board, chaired by David Williams, Chairman of Geldards, one of the UK's leading law firms, will meet at least four times a year to shape policy and engage with wider stakeholder networks and activity. Mayor Claire will sit on the Board to hear the voice of business first-hand.

The board will provide strategy, advice and guidance to the main EMCCA Board and to EMCCA's committees, helping to ensure the experience and knowledge of regional businesses is harnessed when making decisions around the economy, skills, transport, housing and the transition to net-zero.

The Business Advisory Board will have 16 members from the private and public sector and East Midlands Chamber of Commerce. Private sector representatives will include experts from large businesses, small and medium enterprises and sectors with a significant chance of attracting further investment.

Members of the Board will be expected to have a good understanding of the East Midlands region and the business sectors that operate within it, experience of leadership roles in business and understand the challenges faced by businesses.

If you're interested in joining the Board, please apply by Friday 11 October. There will be a shortlisting process and interview panel for applicants in the second half of October. More information can be found <u>here</u>.

The EMCCA region: key facts



2.2 million population



Bio-diversity and tourist attractions



3 world class universities



the third largest life sciences cluster in the UK



home of key maufacturing sites



nuclear fusion and fission prowess



home of digital tech



home to East Midlands Hydrogen





sustainable food production centres of excellence



start-ups and innovation