

## Eco Bicester Strategic Delivery Board

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<b>Report title: Strategic Delivery Board Membership – Additional Private Sector Representation</b>	
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### 1. Purpose of Report

#### 1.1 This report is:

- To update the Board on progress.
- To identify and agree a private sector representative to provide a link through to the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) for Bicester.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the SDB meeting in May 2011 a Review of the SDB paper was presented setting out the terms and conditions of the Board and recommending that an additional business representative was appointed to the Board. An update was provided to the July 2011 SDB but still no representative could be found. Officers have continued to progress work to identify a suitable representative, contacting the Oxfordshire LEP Chairman for a nomination but no representative has been forthcoming.
- 2.2 The SDB was originally set up with 16 members. The Board has given consideration to more business representation and making a links to the two LEPs to strengthen the economic representation on the SDB. The LEPs at present are new and are likely to take sometime to establish clear roles and work programmes. The Chairman of Bicester Vision is currently a member of the Strategic Delivery Board and currently the only private sector representative. The Chairman of Bicester Chamber of Commerce has been nominated previously and continues to be nominated by the Chairman of Bicester Vision.
- 2.4 It is recognised that an additional private sector representative is required to support the Strategic Delivery Board and various nominations from the business community have been put forward. These have included well recognised business figures and those with an interest in Bicester economic growth. Officers have made enquiries to the LEP but these have been unsuccessful and no nominations have been forthcoming. At previous meetings of the Board it has been suggested that the Chairman of Bicester Chamber of Commerce is put forward as the representative.

### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The need for additional private sector representation on the Board is recognised and a search for an appropriate person has been taking place since early in 2011. It is recommended that the Chairman of Bicester Chamber of Commerce is nominated to the Board.