

5. Governance

5.1 Strategic governance of Huntspill Energy Park will be taken forward through two related structures:

- **Heart of the South West Enterprise Zone Co-ordination Group**

The LEP EZ Co-ordination Group will provide a shared forum for reporting on and scrutiny of the delivery of the Enterprise Zone programme by the HotSW LEP. The Group will not hold decision powers.

Held on a quarterly basis, the group will take forward the LEP's lead role on reporting of outcomes back to Government in line with its Memorandum of Understanding, as well as provide an escalation route for any specific matters that require a LEP wide approach. The steering group will also provide a basis for joint activity and problem solving to be taken forward around EZ matters as appropriate, for example ensuring consistency of approach on operational and branding matters.

It is not currently envisaged that the Co-ordination Board will have a direct operational role in the Enterprise Zone programme. It will be light touch and officer led.

- **Huntspill Energy Park EZ Board**

The Huntspill Energy Park EZ Board will provide the primary governance of the HotSW Enterprise Zone - Huntspill Energy Park on behalf of the LEP Board, and will be responsible for its delivery, securing relevant funding, taking forward associated prioritisation and day-to-day operation. The Board will:

- o *Oversee and assist with the delivery of the site*, including oversight of delivery of relevant project activity such as highways and property projects, business support matters, management of the rates relief scheme and other site matters
- o *Monitor and scrutinise delivery*, monitoring and scrutinising outcomes and outputs from the site, both related to overall delivery and site specific projects which may require scrutiny.



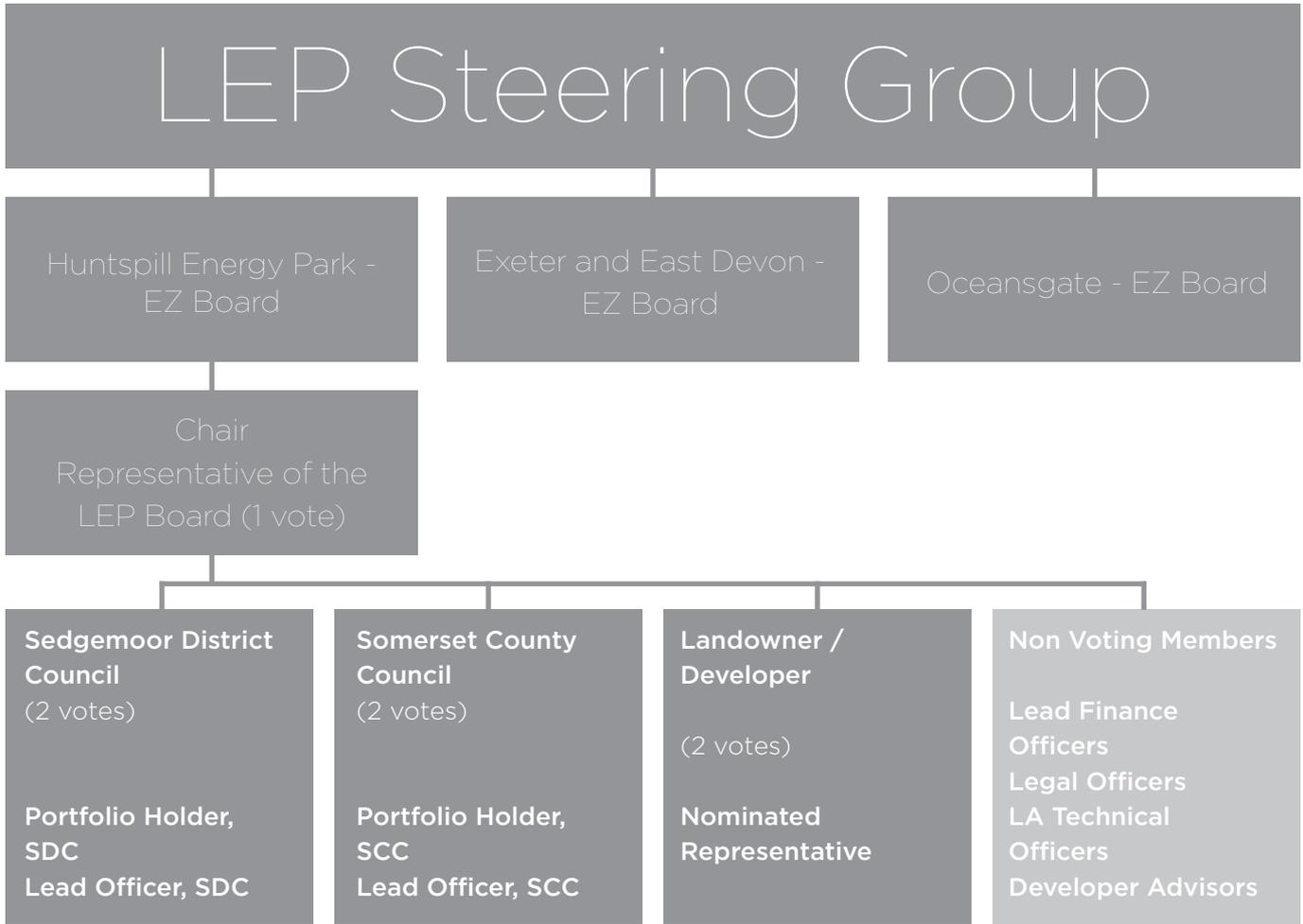


Figure 5: Governance Model for Heart of the South West Enterprise Zone - Huntspill Energy Park

- o *Agree the strategy for prioritisation of relevant funding generated*, acting as the directing group for funds retained from the site and preparing and agreeing the investment strategy for receipts generated for the site. This will in turn be governed by a broader funding agreement setting out the broad parameters for future expenditure between the three primary bodies involved (Heart of the South West LEP, Somerset County Council and Sedgemoor District Council).
- o *Agree the Strategy for the Enterprise Zone’s Rate Relief Programme*, agreeing the broad rate relief policy to be pursued through the site and then acting as decision making body for the policy, including relevant appeals and challenges.

- o *Oversee the communications and marketing strategy related to the site*, acting as the coordinating body for communications and marketing activity, and agreeing relevant priorities on an annual basis.

5.2 The Board(s) are constituted as set out in Figure 5 above.

5.3 The above model has been approved by the LEP, Local Authorities and the land owner earlier this year. First meeting based upon this model is currently planned for the 12th May following submission of this implementation plan, in the meantime a shadow governance arrangement has been put in place with meetings taking place every 6-8 weeks.