



MERSEYSIDE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
THE ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR
LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

BOARD RECRUITMENT PACK





WELCOME





INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in becoming the next Chair of Merseyside Sports Partnership – the Active Partnership for the Liverpool City Region.



We are part of a national network of 43 Active Partnerships dedicated to fostering environments where everyone can stay active every day. We collaborate closely with Sport England to implement the 'Uniting the Movement' strategy at the local level.

MSP has undergone significant change in recent years to create the desired future fit organisation, we are now entering the next exciting phase on our journey and have recently appointed a new CEO. We are seeking a chair, who can build on this work to set the strategic direction for the next 3 years and can challenge, support and lead the team to success.

The new Chair will also play a crucial role in recruiting three to four additional Board Members to replace those whose terms are ending. One of these new members will need to assume the role of Vice Chair/Senior Independent Director.

As we operate across the Liverpool City Region, we are adopting a place-based approach to address inequalities. Our goal is to deepen our local expertise and strengthen connections with people, community groups, and organisations throughout the region.

We are looking for a Chair who aligns with this vision and is dedicated to driving the growth of a 'movement for movement' across the Liverpool City Region.

Cameron Jones
Current Chair of MSP

Chris Lomas
Senior Board Member from Host Organisation
Liverpool City Council



VISION

Create a better life for the people of Liverpool City Region through movement, physical activity and sport.



PURPOSE

We are a collaborative leader and strategic partner working to embed movement, physical activity and sport as a way of improving people's lives.



ABOUT US

We are a values-led organisation guided by passion, integrity and purpose.

We recognise the need to ensure we have an inclusive and diverse Board and see increasing diversity and inclusivity at Board level as an essential element to achieve our stated aims and objectives. As an organisation we believe we should be reflective of the people within our communities from under-represented groups.

Nationally we are one of 43 [Active Partnerships](#), a network across the country who work collaboratively to create the conditions for everyone to be active every day in whatever way works for them. We also work closely with Sport England to support the local implementation of [Uniting the Movement](#).





**IMPROVING THE REGION
THROUGH ACTIVE,
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**



ROLE PROFILE

Role Description

Chair of the Active Partnership for Merseyside Liverpool City Region – MSP.

Eligibility

- The Chair should either live or work within the Liverpool City Region.
- The Chair will be appointed following an open, publicly advertised recruitment process.
- The Chair will be classed as an independent Board Member.
- A person is independent if they are free from any close connection to the organisation and if, from the perspective of an objective outsider, they would be viewed as independent.

Remuneration

This is a non-salaried position. Travel and other reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Location

Partnership meetings and events will be held throughout Liverpool City Region. There will be a need to attend occasional, regional, and national Active Partnership meetings some online and some in person.

Term

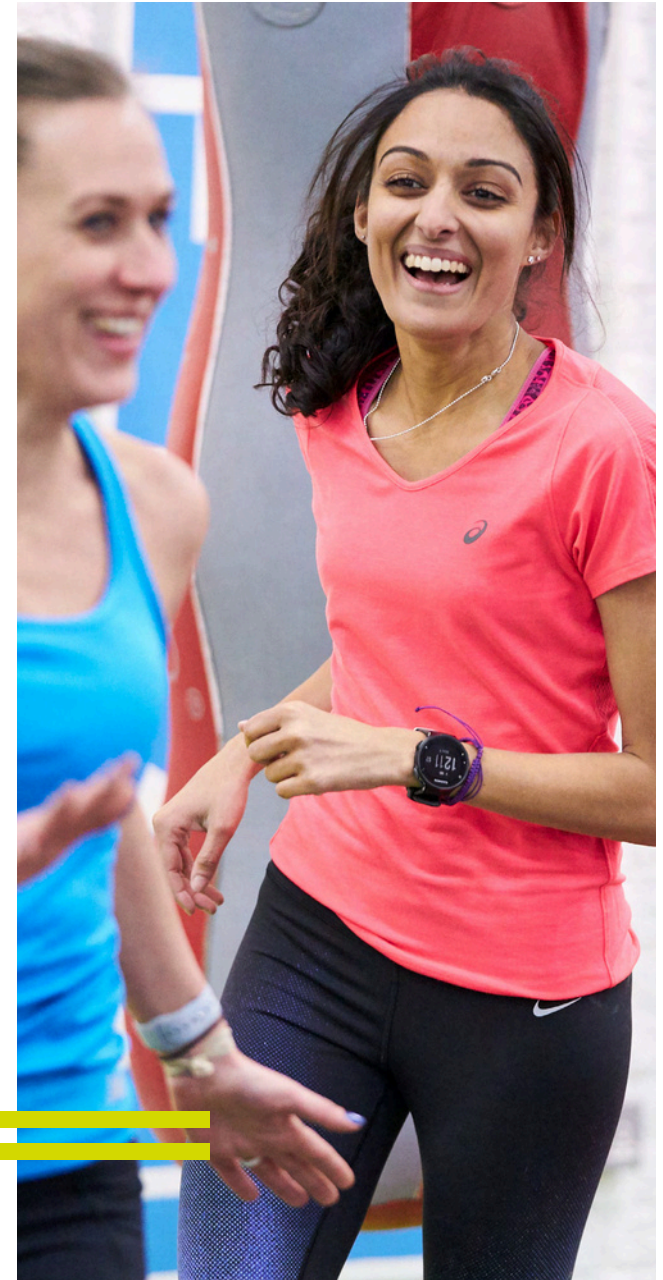
Three years, with the opportunity to be considered for reappointment for a second term.

The Chair may serve a maximum of twelve years if they were previously or subsequently also a Board Member.

Time commitment

As a minimum, attendance and preparation for:

- An induction training event.
- Four meetings of the Board annually.
- Two Partnership events annually.
- Two other partner meetings or events such as conferences, launch events, etc.
- Regular contact with the Active Partnership's CEO, Leadership Team and Vice Chair/SID of the Board.
- Other appropriate contributions will be considered and agreed upon following the appointment.





ROLE PROFILE CONTINUED

Purpose of role

The main duties of the Chair (supported by the Senior Independent Director/Vice Chair) should include:

- Establishing and providing strategic leadership to a high-performing Board.
- Lead the Board to provide highly effective stewardship of the Active Partnership.
- Being the public face of the Partnership, representing it and the Board to partners at appropriate events.
- Ensuring that Board decisions are acted upon, that the Active Partnership is fit for purpose and that it achieves continuous improvement.
- Supporting and appraising the work of the CEO (with the Host Authority representative from Liverpool City Council).

Main responsibilities

The main responsibilities of the Chair include:

- Being the leading advocate for Active Partnership.
- Managing the Active Partnership Board.

- Ensuring that Board members receive accurate, timely and clear information.
- Liaising with and supporting the Partnership's CEO and other management staff.
- Developing & leading a high performing board.
- Member Engagement and Mobilisation: Encouraging active engagement by all members of the Board.

Experience

- Well connected, capable and willing to use influence to benefit the Partnership.
- Experience of involvement with boards and committees and the governance role of non-executive directors.
- Experience of strategic and business planning and review mechanisms.
- Experience of public relations and working with the media.
- Proven track record in a similar position.
- Passionate about making a difference to an organisation that can affect people's lives positively.

Proven track record of working at a high-level in one or more of the following areas:

- Commercial,
 - Business development,
 - Youth sector,
 - Children's services,
 - Voluntary sector sport Health,
 - Physical activity,
 - Professional and performance sport,
 - Equity and social inclusion,
 - Marketing,
 - Communications,
 - Human resources,
 - Workforce development,
 - Ageing and living well,
 - Finance,
 - Sponsorship and fundraising,
 - Education governance,
 - Board development.
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EQUALITY, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

At MSP we are working towards a region where all communities, groups and residents have equal access to opportunities to be active.

Helping to improve lives whilst working together as a whole system to embed movement, physical activity and sport in our region can make this happen. Our region, the Liverpool City Region, consisting of the six Local Authority areas of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral have many amazing strengths that are currently helping 1.6m residents access opportunities to be more active. Furthermore, we see many opportunities in many areas to help more and under-represented people to be more active. Of the 30.3% of people who are currently inactive, we know that if you are female, from an ethnically diverse background, have a disability or long-term health condition, a different sexual orientation to heterosexual, or are in lower socio-economic groups, you are less likely to be active! We are committed to tackle that social injustice through leading by example.



APPLICATION & RECRUITMENT PROCESS

We believe our Chair and Board Members should reflect Merseyside, Liverpool City Region and its people.

We are particularly keen to hear from people from underrepresented groups as we know this will allow us to make better, more informed decisions, provide wider perspectives and drive change and improve performance.

If you wish to apply please supply the following:

- An up-to-date CV.
- A supporting statement or covering letter of no more than two pages, which fully addresses your interest and suitability for the role, being clear to reference your specific expertise in relation to your understanding of the role of the Active Partnership (MSP) and being clear about what you would bring to the role.
- Details of two referees who can speak authoritatively about you (referees will NOT be contacted without your prior consent).
- Equal Opportunities Monitoring form.

If you wish to receive a hard copy of the content, or in an alternative format please get in touch. Supporting statements, covering letters can be accepted in written, video or audio format. Please email your submission to our admin box – admin@merseysidesport.com with 'Board for MSP' in the subject line of your email.

Candidates needing any assistance and or adaptations to complete their application, please contact admin@merseysidesport.com.

Should you wish to have an informal conversation about the role, please contact Justine Blomeley, CEO, MSP j.blomeley@merseysidesport.com or 07935 341 360.



Application closing date:

18th October (12 noon)

Interviews to take place:

22nd October (pm/evening)

Upload your documents:

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