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**Appendix 1**

Kate Willard OBE

Kate Willard OBE was previously with Esken, assisting the Mayor on the acquisition of Teesside International Airport in 2018-19.

She is the Government appointed Thames Estuary Envoy and Chair of the Thames Estuary Growth Board and as a consultant, is working on a focussed portfolio of infrastructure and growth projects. Kate chairs Arts Council England, Area Council North and sits on Arts Council England's National Council.

Kate has lived and worked in Hungary, France and Belgium as an independent regeneration expert with the European Commission. In this role, Kate pushed forward major transnational projects in employment, social cohesion and regional development including establishing the first UK-Hungarian cultural partnership trust and being appointed CEO of the UK's first rural regeneration company.

Kate is a Churchill Fellow and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA).