**AGENDA FOR EMPLOYERS’ SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 13 APRIL 2022**

**The main purpose of the meeting is for Members to:**

* Review key developments since their last meeting on 16 March including
* Receive an update on Skills Bootcamps and the LEP review
* Review lessons from Accelerate
* Review progress on Local Growth Fund skills investments including feedback from Members who support each investment – following quarter 4 returns
* Review further work on the impact measurement work

**Note the key meetings that have taken place since 16 March**

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| 16 March  | LEP Board meeting – CEO briefing note circulated to Members on 16th March |
| 16 March | Brief Cheshire Business Groups on skills bootcamp proposals |
| 16 March | Meeting with Chair of West Cheshire Education Improvement Board about building the shortage of good computing teachers |
| 17 March | Warrington Jobs Fair |
| 18 March | Launch of Sustainable and Inclusive Growth consultation |
| 21 March and 5 April | Informal feedback from DfE on skills bootcamp proposal and discussion on next steps |
| 21March  | Meeting with Cheshire East – working together on skills and employment |
| 21 March,  | Series of meetings feeding into light touch evaluation of data and labour market work |
| 22 March, 28 March11 April  | Delivering skills bootcamps operational meetings |
| 22 March and 5 April | Workforce Recovery and Economic Resilience Cell meetings |
| 29 March  | Advanced Construction Training – collaborative showcase event at Warrington Vale Royal College |
| 1 April | Launch of strategic development funding for 2022/23 (capital and revenue funding for collaborations of FE providers to support the needs of employers, support local innovation and economic growth and develop to develop a more efficient delivery infrastructure in preparation for the roll out of Local Skills Improvement Plans |
| 4 April | Into Work Board meeting |
| 7 April | Pledge Cornerstone Employers’ meeting |
| 12 April  | LEP network meeting with Sir John Holman – review of careers landscape |

**AGENDA**

**13.30 hrs Welcome, declarations of interest, introductions with members sharing information on any key developments since the last meeting** **on 16 March**

* List of attendees and apologies (Annex A)
* To note any additional declarations of interest
* To note that Sarah Hopkinson (Engie) has changed her job role and will be replaced by Tamara Barker

**13.35 hrs Note of last meeting and outstanding actions** (5 minutes)

* To approve note of last meeting and review updated action list

**13.45 hrs Lessons from Accelerate** (15 minutes)

* Kirstie Simpson to present lessons from Accelerate

**14.00 hrs Skills Bootcamps** (15 minutes)

* Philip Cox and Pat Jackson to provide an update on skills bootcamp plans and explore who

Members might help to support the work

**14.15 hrs** **LEP Review** (15 minutes)

* Philip Cox to provide an update

**14.30 hrs** **Impact of Skills and Education Work (25 minutes)**

* Kath Mackay and Pat Jackson to report on progress to date and lead discussion on proposed approach to next steps.

**14.55 hrs** **Feedback from key meetings/activities since last Employers’ Skills and Education Board**

* Members to note the list of meetings that have taken place since the last Employers’ Skills and Education Board meeting – this is an opportunity to raise any queries about the meetings
* **LEP Board** (Kath Mackay and Nicola Dunbar) 5 minutes - Members were sent the Chief Executive’s report to the March Board meeting on 16th March
* **Institute of Technology and Skills Accelerator** (Dhesi) 5 minutes
* **Pledge** (Paul Colman) 5 minutes

**15.10 hrs Local Growth Fund Skills Investments (10 minutes)**

* Sarah Williams will provide an update on progress to date
* Members to report on their reviews of individual projects

**15.20 hrs Any Other Business and Date of Next Meetings**

* **Date of next meeting** 18 May 2022
* Data and Labour Market Steering Group evaluation of progress and impact to date
* Consultation by the Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Commission
* Post-16 Qualifications at Level 2 consultation
* Items for May agenda? (To include lessons from Accelerate)

**EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 13 APRIL 2022 Annex A**

The following members of the Employers’ Skills and Education Board are expected to attend the meeting:

* \*Kath Mackay - Chair
* \*Nicola Dunbar (Deputy Chair)
* Tim Smith representing \*Eleanor Blackburn (Warrington Borough Council)
* \*Bill Carr (Carpe Diem)
* Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber)
* Kirstie Simpson (representing Kurt Allman University of Chester)
* Dhesi (Cheshire College South and West – representing the training providers)
* \*Phil Atkinson (Daresbury)
* \*Matthew Smith (Cheshire West and Chester)
* \*Lucy Liang (AUE Ltd)
* Maggie Chen
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* Cllr James Nicholas (Cheshire East)
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* Ben Longworth (BAE Systems)
* Pat Jackson (LEP) \*With voting rights

**Apologies**

* Tamara Barker (Engie)
* Nicola Johnson (Bentley Motors)
* Kim Hardman (Astra Zeneca)
* Julia Teale Mid Cheshire Health Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
* Kurt Allman (University of Chester)

**Also attending**

* Sarah Williams, for specific agenda items

**Papers copied to**:

* Trevor Brocklebank (Deputy Chair of LEP)
* Martin Wood (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy)
* Jamie Zucker (DfE)
* Clare Cassidy (DfE)
* Mike McLouglin (DfE)
* Peter Skates (Cheshire East Council)
* Kirstie Simpson (University of Chester)
* Nicola Said (LEP)
* Joe Manning (LEP)
* Andy Devaney (LEP)
* Sarah Williams (LEP) and Trevor Langston (LEP)
* Andrew Bridge and Dave Rowlands (CITB)