

## AGENDA FOR EMPLOYERS' SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 15 JUNE 2022

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

- Review key developments since their last meeting on 18 May including further work on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the LEP Delivery Plan
- Review further work on the impact measurement work and agree next steps
- Review progress on Local Growth Fund Skills investments and receive presentations from the University of Chester and Learn more about how our colleges are making effective use of the Local Growth Skills investments
- Receive an update on Skills Bootcamps and provide a steer on next steps
- Reflect an update on the expression of interest for the designation of employer representative bodies to develop Local Skills Improvement Plans in Cheshire and Warrington
- Reflect on the latest developments around the Jobs Portal

### Note the key meetings that have taken place since 18 May

18 May	LEP Board meeting – CEO briefing note for meeting attached
24 May	Data and Labour Market Steering Group - focus on school and college destination data and emerging results of questionnaire on the barriers to developing digital skills and taking up digital jobs
24 May	Careers and Enterprise Company Quarterly review
24 May and 7 June	Economic and Workforce Recovery Group meetings
25, 27, 31 May and 7, 9 and 13 June	Meetings of Skills Bootcamp Implementation and Steering Groups
26 May	Cheshire West and Chester UK Shared Prosperity Fund webinar for stakeholders
26 May	Warrington Young Professionals network meeting
6 June	Into Work Board Meeting
6 June	Deadline for bids to deliver first phase of skills bootcamps in Cheshire and Warrington
7 June	Signed MOU for Digital Skills Partnership Funding for 2022/23
14 June	Crewe and Nantwich Pledge Management Meeting

## AGENDA

### 13.30 hrs **Welcome, declarations of interest, introductions with members sharing information on any key developments since the last meeting on 18 May**

- List of attendees and apologies (Annex A)
- To note any additional declarations of interest
- Welcome to Councillor Sarah Pochin who has replaced Councillor James Nicholas as the Cheshire East representative

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

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

### 13.40 hrs **Updates on Key Developments Since Last Meeting including:**

- **LEP Board** - Kath Mackay (4 minutes) – including LEP Delivery Plan and budget
- **Pledge and Careers Hub** - Paul Colman (4 minutes)

- **Digital Skills Partnership** –Nicola Dunbar (4 minutes)
- **Accelerate** - Kurt Allman and Phil Atkinson (4 minutes)
- **Institute of Technology** – Dhesi (4 minutes)
- **Data and Labour Market Steering Group** – Pat Jackson (4 minutes) to invite views on the recent evaluation of data and labour market work where partners were very positive about the quality of work to date and the extent to which the work is informing and influencing local stakeholders but suggested that more could be done to further improve access to the information and to build the capacity of partners to make effective use of the information.

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

- Pat Jackson and Sarah Williams to provide an update on skills bootcamp plans and reflect on how Members have helped to support the work
- Members to advise of the preparation of bids for October/November – topics suggested to date include life sciences, rail engineering and maintenance, fibre optics

**14.15 hrs Local Skills Improvement Plans (10 minutes)**

- Kath Mackay and Pat Jackson to update Members

**14.25 hrs Skills Local Growth Fund investments (20 minutes)**

- Latest progress reports from projects – Sarah Williams
- Update from University of Chester on their cyber security project – Brian Fitzpatrick and Jane Pearson

**14.45 hrs Impact Measures (30 minutes)**

- Kath Mackay and Pat Jackson to reflect on progress to date and suggested impact measures.
- Members to reflect on the challenge of the significant gender disparities in learning in ICT, Engineering, Health and Social Care, and Construction across all learning routes. Some occupations only draw on the talents of half of the population. Female participation in digital skills is too low at every level, for all ages. Members to comment on suggested impact measurements and key actions to address the challenge and action the required impact.

**15.15 hrs Jobs Portal (10 minutes)**

- Sarah Williams to provide an update

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

- **Date of next meeting** 13 July 2022
- Post-16 Qualifications at Level 2 consultation

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)
- Kurt Allman (University of Chester)
- Dhesi (Cheshire College South and West – representing the training providers)
- Julia Teale Mid Cheshire Health Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- \*Phil Atkinson (Daresbury)
- \*Matthew Smith (Cheshire West and Chester)
- Tamara Barker (Engie)
- \*Lucy Liang (AUE Ltd)
- Kim Hardman (Astra Zeneca)
- Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
- Maggie Chen
- Cllr Sarah Pochin (Cheshire East)
- Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
- Ben Longworth (BAE Systems)
- Pat Jackson (LEP) \*With voting rights

**Apologies**

- Nicola Johnson/Gemma Betteridge (Bentley Motors)

**Also attending**

- Brian Fitzpatrick and Jane Pearson (University of Chester), David Brennan and 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)