**AGENDA FOR EMPLOYERS’ SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 16 MARCH 2022**

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

* Review key developments since their last meeting on 16 February (including the Government review of Post 16 qualifications at Level 2 and below) and respond to any issues raised during meetings of key groups held since last Board meeting
* Reflect on the discussion at the last Employers’ Skills and Education Board with Alice Choi, Chair of the LEP’s Growth Board on how the Employers’ Skills and Education Board and the Growth Board might work together more effectively
* Receive an update from Colin Billingsley (Jobcentre Plus) about planned work with long-term unemployed people in Crewe, Ellesmere Port and Warrington and consider what more Members could do to support the work
* Receive an overview of the work of the Hartree National Centre for Digital Innovation and their Industrial Digitalisation Accelerator
* Review progress on Local Growth Fund skills investments including feedback from Members who support each investment

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

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| 16 Feb  | LEP Board meeting |
| 16 Feb | Warrington Operational Pledge meeting |
| 17 Feb  | Mid-Cheshire East Operational Pledge Meeting |
| 22 Feb and 8 March | Workforce Recovery and Economic Resilience Cell meetings |
| 23 Feb | Digital Skills Partnership Board meeting |
| 23 Feb  | Employers’ Skills and Education Board Task and Finish Group meeting on impact |
| 24 Feb | Cheshire and Warrington Local Authority Growth Director meeting – update on skills bootcamps |
| 28 Feb | Quarterly review of National Career Service delivery in Cheshire and Warrington |
| 1 March | Data and Labour Market Steering Group meeting |
| 2 March  | Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Commission meeting |
| 2 March  | Warrington Council Economic Committee discussion on skills |
| 2 March | Cheshire and Warrington Career Leads meeting |
| 3 March  | Crewe Pledge management meeting |
| 7 March  | In To Work Board meeting |
| 9 March  | Kath Mackay and Alice Choi follow up meeting |
| 14 March  | Local Growth Fund Workshop for projects |

**AGENDA**

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

* Welcome Colin Billingsley (Jobcentre Plus) and Duncan Sime (Hartree Centre)
* List of attendees and apologies (Annex A)
* To note any additional declarations of interest.

**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 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) 4 minutes - Members were sent the Chief Executive’s report to the February Board meeting
* **Accelerate** (Kurt Allman and Phil Atkinson) 4 minutes
* **Institute of Technology and Skills Accelerator** (Dhesi) 4 minutes
* **Pledge** (Paul Colman) 4 minutes
* **Skills Bootcamps** (Pat Jackson) 4 minutes

**14.05 hrs Working with Long-term Unemployed People (15 minutes)**

* Colin Billingsley to provide an update and explore who Members might help to support the work with unemployed initially in Crewe, Ellesmere Port and Warrington

**14.20 hrs** **Hartree – An overview of the work of the Hartree National Centre for Digital Innovation and their Industrial Digitalisation Accelerator** (15 minutes)

* Duncan Sime to provide an overview and lead a question and answer session

**14.35 hrs** **Report from Task and Finish Group on Impact (25 minutes)**

* Kath Mackay to report back to Members and lead discussion on proposed approach

**15.00 hrs LEP’s Growth Board - (10 minutes)**

* Members to reflect on recent meetings with Alice Choi, Chair of the LEP’s Growth Board to explore how theEmployers’ Skills and Education Board and the Growth Board might work together more effectively

**15.10 hrs Local Growth Fund Skills Investments (15 minutes)**

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

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

* **Date of next meeting** 13 April 2022
* Data and Labour Market Steering Group evaluation of progress and impact to date
* Planned consultation by the Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Commission
* Items for April agenda?

**EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 16 MARCH 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)
* Nicola Johnson (Bentley Motors)
* Kurt Allman (University of Chester)
* Tim Smith representing \*Eleanor Blackburn (Warrington Borough Council)
* \*Bill Carr (Carpe Diem)
* Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber)
* 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
* Sarah Hopkinson (Engie)
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* Cllr James Nicholas (Cheshire East)
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* Julia Teale Mid Cheshire Health Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
* Ben Longworth (BAE Systems)
* Pat Jackson (LEP) \*With voting rights

**Apologies**

* Kim Hardman (Astra Zeneca)

**Also attending**

* Colin Billingsley (Jobcentre Plus/DWP)
* Duncan Sime (Hartree)
* 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)