

## CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON - EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY

Meeting to be held via Microsoft Team - details on calendar invite.

### The main purpose of the meeting is:

- Members to share information on key developments since the last meeting on 20 January
- Members to receive feedback from meetings/activities of key groups held since last meeting with particular focus on Accelerate
- To review the draft of the Skills Report and associated skills priorities and any updates on data and labour market information
- To review progress of the Local Growth Fund projects and share feedback from project sponsors
- Update Members on the development of the Jobs Portal and plans for the North West online jobs fair

### Meetings/Key Events that have taken place since the last Employers' Skills and Education Board meeting:

- LEP Board meeting on 20 January
- Publication of Skills White Paper on 21 January
- National Career Service quarterly review meeting with partners on 26 January
- Seventh Meeting of Digital Skills Partnership Board on 26 January
- Pledge Management Board meetings on 27 January and 10 February, meetings of all local Pledge Management Boards and Employer Diversity Group
- Employers Skills and Education Board – special meeting to review priorities for action on 27 January
- College Principals' meeting on 28 January
- Four Workforce Recovery Group meetings held since 20 January
- Various meetings to discuss digital bootcamp proposals (response to DfE invitation to bid for funds)
- Induction meeting with Kim Hardman on 1 February
- Confirmation that the Department for Digital, Communities, Media and Sport support our bid for an extension of funding for our Digital Skills Partnership – The Treasury now need to ratify.

### AGENDA

- 13.30 hrs      **Welcome, and declarations of interest** - list of attendees and apologies (**Annex A**).
- 13.35 hrs      **Members to share information on key developments since the last meeting** on 20 January including Skills White Paper (Dhesi)
- 13.55 hrs      **Local Growth Fund update (spend and outputs) and feedback from project sponsors** - Sarah Williams and then Board Members
- 14.05 hrs      **Short Demonstration of latest version of the Jobs Opportunities Portal** (Sarah Williams) and update on plans for the online jobs fair 'NorthWESTWorks4U' (Pat Jackson)
- 14.10 hrs      **Skills Priorities and Proposed Road Map and Proposed Future Labour Market Analysis** (David Brennan and Pat Jackson)
- 14.40 hrs      **Feedback from key meetings/activities since last Employers' Skills and Education Board:**
- **LEP Board meetings** (Clare Hayward) 5 minutes
  - **Pledge** (James Richards) – 5 minutes
  - **Digital Skills Partnership Board** (Nicola Dunbar) – 5 minutes
  - **Institute of Technology** (Dhesi) – 5 minutes
  - **Chambers meetings** – including Warrington Chamber update (Paul Colman) – 5 minutes
  - **Accelerate Board and Current Review** (Phil Atkinson) – 15 minutes

**15.20 hrs**      **Note of last meeting on 20 January 2021 and Action list** (5 minutes)

**15.25 hrs**      **Any Other Business** – Clare Hayward

- **Items for future meetings and date and venue of next meeting** (17 February 2021) to include a review of requests for LEP funding of business cases that can be used to support bids for funding from Government and other organisations

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

- \*Clare Hayward - Chair
- \*Nicola Dunbar (Deputy Chair)
- Sarah Hopkinson (Engie)
- Kurt Allman (University of Chester)
- \*Eleanor Blackburn (Warrington Borough Council)
- \*Bill Carr (Carpe Diem)
- Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber)
- Dhesi (Cheshire College South and West – representing the training providers)
- Louise Higgins (United Utilities James Richards (Network Rail))
- \*Clare Latham (Cheshire West and Chester)
- James Richards (Network Rail)
- Nicola Johnson (Bentley Motors)
- Pat Jackson (LEP)
- \*With voting rights

**Not yet responded**

- \*Phil Atkinson (Daresbury)
- Nicola Merriman (National Skills Academy Nuclear)
- \*Cllr James Nicholas (Cheshire East Council)
- Kath Mackay (Alderley Park)
- Martin Wood (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) – observer

**Apologies**

- Kim Hardman (Astra Zeneca)
- Philip Cox (LEP)
- Maggie Chen

**Also attending**

- David Brennan and Sarah Williams for specific agenda items

**Papers copied to:**

- Trevor Brocklebank (Deputy Chair of LEP)
- Jamie Zucker (DfE)
- Clare Cassidy (DfE)
- Mike McLouglin (DfE)
- Peter Skates (Cheshire East Council)
- Maud Duthie (University of Chester)
- Chris Koral (University of Chester)
- Nicola Said (LEP)
- Joe Manning (LEP)

- Andy Devaney (LEP)
- Sarah Williams (LEP)
- Trevor Langston (LEP)