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**CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON LEP**

**EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL**

The meeting will be held at 08.30 hrs on Wednesday 5 April at Cirrus **Sandfield House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AR UK.** Parking is off -site please use the public carpark at on Water Lane. www.cirrus-connect.com  directions on the website.

The meeting is an opportunity to follow-up the discussions at the last employers Skills Board meeting on 8 March where we discussed the emerging skills strategies and identified the key priorities for action.

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and introductions** – Clare Hayward
2. **Minutes of last meeting and follow up actions** (Annex A) **–** Clare Hayward
3. **Development of the Skills and Education Strategy** (latest set of slides at Annex B)
	1. **Feed-back from LEP Board**

Clare Hayward to report back on the discussions at the LEP Board meeting on 22 March.

* 1. **Proposed actions** to put employers at the heart of informing, inspiring and communicating with young people about new technologies, career opportunities and progression routes.

Trevor Langston (South Cheshire Chamber) to present proposals on behalf of Paul Colman followed by discussion and agreement on next steps.

As background I attach a short note on the Skills Pledge (Annex C).

* 1. **Size of business base** in Cheshire and Warrington and proposal to target key groups of employers. Background note at Annex D

3.4 **Update on review of Local Growth Fund, ESF and other key projects** to see how they can contribute to the Board’s priorities.

1. **Devolution Update** – Mark Livesey to outline progress
2. **AOB** including updates on:
* Area Based Review
* Promotion of apprenticeships and use of £5K funding
* Institutes of Technology
1. **Date of next meeting** – 3 May at South Cheshire College

The following are expected to attend the meeting:

* Clare Hayward (Chair)
* Jim Carroll (Mobica)
* Pat Bacon (Health sector)
* Derek Lindsay (Redxpharma)
* Paul Taylor (Taylor Business Park)
* Jenny Clucas (Cogent Skills)
* Trevor Langston representing Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
* Emma Garbutt (representing Jane Ingram, Halifax/Lloyds Bank)
* Pat Jackson

**Apologies**

* Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
* Karen Mc Kean (Cheshire and Warrington Growth Hub)
* Meredydd David (Chair of Provider Group)
* Neil Warren (Jungheinrich)
* Jo Tipa (National Skills Academy Nuclear)
* Jane Ingram (Halifax/Lloyds Banking Group)
* Mark Roach (Grosvenor)
* James Richards (Network Rail)
* Mark Livesey (LEP)

N**o Reponses**

* Christine Lowry (Q Hotels)
* Eilis Rattigan (Waters)