

Minutes of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership

Engagement Board Meeting

Held on 7th June 2021 at 20:00 via Teams:

Attending: Joe Toward (Chair), Maggie Chen (Deputy), Connor Diskin, Yulanda Duff, Katie McConnell

Item No.	Item	Lead	Timings
1.	Welcome and apologies.	JT	5 mins
2.	Minutes and actions from the last meeting No problems.	JT	5 mins
3.	 Subcommittee debriefs. Yulanda couldn't make her meeting last month, new board has not been in touch (S&I), current board meeting tomorrow. Katie went to Digital Skills meeting – this was her first meeting with the board so still trying to catch up. Current big project is the T-level programme for digital skills e.g. web development. Not a big cohort currently – all boys. Big issue is around how to get more placements for the students? She also attended the Covid-recovery plan update meeting (Employers' Skills Board) which was challenged on several points, particularly inclusivity. Recruitment – no further updates. Maggie couldn't make the Employers' Skills board meetings due to a clash, but attended the LEP away day in which ideas for the LEP were discussed – e.g. pushing the LEP more in the media and setting up a platform to connect businesses and charities/social enterprises so they could work together and boost CSR and social 	All	10 mins



	impact in the region, thereby making Cheshire & Warrington a healthier, inclusive, and sustainable place.		
4.	 Update on Financial Literacy project Maggie & Connor have been working on the Financial Literacy project which is going well. Money Heroes have committed to providing the teacher training as well as content for the project. Connor is in conversation with his old primary school to pilot the programme, and has reached out to other schools. They will also be mentors for the NCS programme this summer, and if anyone else on the EB has a registered business in Cheshire, they'd welcome more mentors too. In addition, they are waiting on the Pledge to get back regarding potentially running a 1 hour pilot during the NCS programme too. 	MC & CD	10 mins