**CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON - EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 14 JULY 2021**

**The meeting will be held between 13.30 and 15.30 hrs via** Microsoft Team - details on calendar invite.

**The main purpose of the meeting is:**

* Members to review key developments since the 16 June including changes to Covid restrictions
* Members to receive feedback from meetings/activities of key groups held since last Board meeting
* To provide a steer on how skills and education should fit within the wider longer-term ambition for Cheshire and Warrington to have a sustainable, healthy, inclusive and fast growing economy

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

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| 16 June | LEP Board meeting |
| 23 June | LEP Performance and Investment Committee meeting to review the progress of the Job Opportunities Portal |
| 23 June, 6 July | Meetings to discuss the establishment of a Careers Hub funded by the Department for Education in Cheshire and Warrington |
| 23 June | Initial meeting with RESTART programme contractor |
| 24 June | Pledge employers group sharing practice meeting |
| 28 June | Workshop with Local Growth Fund projects to agree a shared understanding of how outputs will be measured |
| 29 June  6 July | Workforce Recovery Group meetings |
| 29 June | Meeting of Data and Labour Market Steering Group to agree approach to work on higher level technical and digital skills |
| 30 June | Meeting to agree how to post Kickstart placements on Jobs Portal |
| 30 June | Pledge second stocktake meeting |
| 12 July | Into Work Board meeting |
| 12 July | Work with DWP on possible actions to help fill hard to fill vacancies |
| 13 July | Digital Skills Partnership Board meeting |
| 14 July | Pledge planning event |

**AGENDA**

**13.30 hrs Welcome, and declarations of interest -** list of attendees and apologies (**Annex A)**.

**13.35 hrs All members to share information on key developments since the last meeting** of the Employers’ Skills and Education Board on 16 June

**13.50 hrs Feedback from key meetings/activities since last Employers’ Skills and Education Board:**

* **LEP Board meetings** (Kath Mackay and Nicola Dunbar) 5 minutes
* **Accelerate** (Kurt Allman and Phil Atkinson) 5 minutes
* **Digital Skills Partnership (DSP) Board (**Nicola Dunbar) 5 minutes
* **Institute of Technology** (Dhesi) 5 minutes
* **Skills Accelerator** (Dhesi and Paul Colman) 5 minutes
* **Pledge** – (Paul Colman) 5 minutes
* **Data and Labour Market Steering Group** (Pat Jackson) 5 minutes
* **Local Growth Fund** – (Sarah Williams) 5 minutes

**14.30 hrs Sustainable, Healthy, Inclusive and Fast-Growing Economy** (30 minutes)

For Members to review the skills-related evidence base that could inform further action to

deliver a sustainable, healthy, inclusive and fast-growing economy.

We suggest that the following members lead on considering the evidence for each of the 4 themes (sustainable, healthy, inclusive, fast-growing), identifying any gaps in evidence or in the proposed actions set out in the Skills Report Action Plan.

* Sustainable - Bill Carr, Dhesi, Lucy Liang,
* Healthy - Kim Hardman, Clare Latham, Nicola Dunbar
* Inclusive – Maggie Chen, Nicola Merriman, Eleanor Blackburn
* Fast Growing - Phil Atkinson, Paul Colman, Kurt,

**15.10 hrs** **Jobs Opportunities Portal** (Sarah Williams) (10 minutes)

To update Members on the key developments

**15.20 hrs Note of last meeting on 16 June and Action list** (5 minutes)

**15.25 hrs Any Other Business –** Kath Mackay

* **Low Carbon report – to note delay awaiting Siemens’ report** (Pat Jackson)
* **Items for future meetings and date of next meeting** (15 September 2021)

**EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 14 JULY 2021 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)
* Kurt Allman (University of Chester)
* \*Eleanor Blackburn (Warrington Borough Council)
* \*Bill Carr (Carpe Diem)
* \*Phil Atkinson (Daresbury)
* Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber)
* Dhesi (Cheshire College South and West – representing the training providers)
* Kim Hardman (Astra Zeneca)
* Maggie Chen
* Louise Higgins (United Utilities)
* \*Clare Latham (Cheshire West and Chester)
* \*Lucy Liang (AUE Ltd)
* Paul Kelly (BAE Systems)
* Pat Jackson (LEP) \*With voting rights

**Apologies**

* Nicola Johnson (Bentley Motors)
* Sarah Hopkinson (Engie)

**Not yet responded**

* Nicola Merriman (National Skills Academy Nuclear)
* \*Cllr James Nicholas (Cheshire East Council)
* Martin Wood (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) – observer

**Also attending**

* Trevor Langston, Sarah Williams and David Brennan 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)