**AGENDA FOR EMPLOYERS’ SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 18 May 2022**

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

* Review key developments since their last meeting on 13 April  - including UK Shared Prosperity Fund
* Review further work on the impact measurement work and agree next steps
* Learn more about how our colleges are making effective use of the Local Growth Skills investments
* Receive an update on Skills Bootcamps and provide a steer on next steps
* Reflect on the recently issued guidance for expressions of interest for the designation of employer representative bodies to develop Local Skills Improvement Plans
* Reflect on the latest developments around the Jobs Portal

**Note the key meetings that have taken place since 13 April**

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| 13 April | LEP Board meeting – CEO briefing note for meeting attached |
| 14 April and 17 May | Meetings of Skills Bootcamp Steering Group |
| 20 April and 18 May | Digital Skills Partnership Board meeting including presentations from the Tablet Academy (20 April) and digital bootcamp plans (18 May) |
| 20April | Pledge partnership Board and Careers Hub Steering Group |
| 25 April | Northwich and Winsford Pledges Operational Meeting |
| 26 April | Mid Cheshire East Pledge Management Meeting |
| 26 April | Data and Labour Market Steering Group |
| 26 April | Economy and Workforce Recovery Group meeting |
| 26 April | Digital Connectivity Board meeting |
| 26 April | Macclesfield and Cheshire East Pledge meeting |
| 27 April | Warrington Hub schools/colleges- collaborative project planning meeting |
| 28 April | Cheshire College South and West breakfast meeting for employers showcasing sustainability offer |
| 28 April | Crewe and Nantwich Pledge meeting |
| 3 May | Quarterly review of National Career Service delivery in Cheshire and Warrington |
| 3 May | Cheshire and Warrington Pledge Officers Assurance, Delivery and Risk Meeting |
| 4 May | Cheshire East Hub Schools meeting |
| 5 May | Mid-Cheshire East Pledge meeting |
| 10 May | Careers event at Blacon High School – including exploring the reasons behind the choices adults and young people make around digital careers and skills development |
| 16 May | Into Work Board meeting |
| 18 May | Cheshire and Warrington Wide Careers Leaders Meeting |
| 18 May | Warrington Pledge meeting |

**AGENDA**

**13.30 hrs Welcome, declarations of interest, introductions with members sharing information on any key developments since the last meeting** **on 13 April**

* List of attendees and apologies (Annex A)
* To note any additional declarations of interest
* Welcome to Tamara Barker who has replaced Sarah Hopkinson (Engie)

**13.35 hrs Note of last meeting and outstanding actions** (5 minutes)

* To approve note of last meeting and review updated action list

**13.40 hrs Updates on Key Developments Since Last Meeting including:**

* **LEP Board (to include UK Shared Prosperity Fund) -** Kath Mackay (4 minutes)
* **Pledge and Careers Hub -** Paul Colman (4 minutes)
* **Digital Skills Partnership** – update to be tabled at meeting in absence of Nicola Dunbar
* **Accelerate** - Kurt Allman and Phil Atkinson (4 minutes)
* **Data and Labour Market Steering Group** – Pat Jackson.
* **Institute of Technology** – Dhesi (4 minutes)

**14.00 hrs How our colleges are making effective use of the Skills Local Growth Fund investments – with focus on construction, cyber and networking skills** (10 minutes)

* Examples illustrated by some promotional videos

**14.10 hrs Impact Measures (40 minutes)**

* Kath Mackay and Pat Jackson to report on progress to date and individual members to lead on key issues and approach to next steps

**14.50 hrs Skills Bootcamps** (15 minutes)

* Pat Jackson to provide an update on skills bootcamp plans and explore how

Members might help to support the work

* To consider how to prepare bids for October/November – topics might include life sciences

**15.05 hrs** **Local Skills Improvement Plans** (10 minutes)

* Kath Mackay and Pat Jackson to update Members

**15.15 hrs Jobs Portal** (10 minutes)

* Sarah Williams to provide an update

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

* **Date of next meeting** 18 May 2022
* Data and Labour Market Steering Group evaluation of progress and impact to date
* Consultation by the Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Commission
* Update on Careers Hub?
* Another presentation from a Local Growth Fund skills investment
* Post-16 Qualifications at Level 2 consultation

**EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 18 MAY 2022 Annex A**

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

* \*Kath Mackay - Chair
* Tim Smith representing \*Eleanor Blackburn (Warrington Borough Council)
* \*Bill Carr (Carpe Diem)
* Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber)
* Kurt Allman (University of Chester)
* Dhesi (Cheshire College South and West – representing the training providers)
* Julia Teale Mid Cheshire Health Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
* \*Phil Atkinson (Daresbury)
* \*Matthew Smith (Cheshire West and Chester)
* Tamara Barker (Engie)
* \*Lucy Liang (AUE Ltd)
* Kim Hardman (Astra Zeneca)
* Maggie Chen
* Cllr James Nicholas (Cheshire East)
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* Ben Longworth (BAE Systems)
* Pat Jackson (LEP) \*With voting rights

**Apologies**

* \*Nicola Dunbar (Deputy Chair)
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* Nicola Johnson/Gemma Betteridge (Bentley Motors)

**Also attending**

* Karen Roberts (Cheshire College South and West), 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)