

CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON - EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 15 JULY 2020
from 13.30 hrs to 15.30 hrs

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

The main purpose of the meeting is to:

- Discuss any further impacts of the Covid-19 crisis with Members – including the announcements by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8th July
- Receive feedback from meeting of other groups held since 17 June
- Review progress on the Employers' Skills and Education Board main priorities (the Pledge, Accelerate, the Digital Skills Partnership and the Local Growth Fund investments)
- Consider future funding opportunities and priorities for future investments
- Take decision on two further Local Growth Fund investments

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

- Data and Labour Market Steering Group meeting on 23 June
- Digital Skills Partnership Board meeting on 7 July
- Third Meeting with all the Local Growth Fund skills projects on 8 July
- Accelerate Governing Board co-chaired by Phil Atkinson and Kurt Allman on 8 July
- Redundancy Group Chaired by Andy Farrall to provide overall coordination of support for redundant people, people at risk of redundancy, young people leaving education this summer and self-employed who are claiming income support as a result of closing down their businesses during the lockdown – meetings on 3 July and 14 July.
- Initial meeting of group to review support for young people leaving education this summer on 10 July

AGENDA

- 13.30 hrs** **Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest** - current list of attendees and apologies for Employers' Skills and Education Board meeting on 15 July is at **Annex A**.
- Welcome Kath MacKay from Alderley Park who is joining the Board and Sarah Hopkinson from Engie who is attending as an observer.
- 13.35 hrs** **Note of last meeting on 17 June 2020** (Chair - 5 minutes)
- 13.40 hrs** **Action list and any matters arising that are not on agenda** – (Chair - 5 minutes)
- 13.45 hrs** **Impact of Covid-19 Crisis – any key developments from Members since the last meeting and the Chancellor's announcements on 8 July**
- 14.05 hrs** **Feedback from key meetings held since last Employers' Skills and Education Board meeting:**
- **LEP Board meetings (Chair)** - 5 minutes
 - **Redundancy Group** chaired by Andy Farrall to coordinate support for redundant people, people at risk of redundancy and young people leaving school this summer and self-employed who are claiming income support as a result of closing down their businesses during the lockdown – meetings on 3 July and 14 July – 5 minutes
 - **Meeting to review action needed to support young people leaving school this summer** (Dhesi) 5 minutes

14.20 hrs **Funding opportunities** – European Social Fund and Possible Opportunities to Bid for Funds in September. To collect views from Members about key priorities for future investment – taking account of data and labour market issues (Pat Jackson 10 minutes)

14.30 hrs **Overview of progress on key priorities:**

- **The Pledge** (James Richards and Trevor Langston) 15 minutes
- **Accelerate** (Phil Atkinson and Kurt Allman) 5 minutes
- **The Digital Skills Partnership** (Nicola Dunbar and Sarah Williams) 5 minutes
- **Progress of the Local Growth Fund skills investments to date** (Nicola Dunbar, Julia Teale and Sarah Williams) 5 minutes

14.55 hrs **Local Growth Fund Investments – to reach a decision on the following bids:**

- **widening access to new technologies and learning opportunities**
- **digitalisation in construction**

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

- Items for future meetings
- Date and venue of next meeting (16 October 2020 – probably via Microsoft Team)

Close meeting no later than 15.30hrs

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

- *Clare Hayward (Chair)
 - *Julia Teale (Bentley Motors)
 - *Bill Carr (Carpe Diem)
 - Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber)
 - *Phil Atkinson (Daresbury)
 - *Nicola Dunbar (Deputy Chair)
 - Jasbir Dhesi (Cheshire College South and West – representing the FE Colleges)
 - James Richards (Network Rail)
 - Nicola Merriman (National Skills Academy Nuclear)
 - Kath Mackay (Alderley Park)
 - Kurt Allman (University of Chester)
 - *Cllr James Nicholas (Cheshire East Council)
 - *Stephen Fitzsimons (Warrington Borough Council)
 - Clare Lathom (Cheshire West and Chester – interim replacement for Lisa Harris)
 - Louise Higgins (United Utilities)
 - Philip Cox
 - Pat Jackson (LEP)
- *With voting rights

Also attending

- As an observer and potential Board Member Sarah Hopkinson from Engie
- Trevor Langston and Sarah Williams for specific agenda items

Apologies

- James Richards
- Martin Wood (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) – observer

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)
- Catherine Walker (LEP)
- Joe Manning (LEP)
- Andy Devaney (LEP)
- Sarah Williams (LEP)
- Nicola Said (Marketing Cheshire)
- Trevor Langston (LEP)