**CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON LEP**

**EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 3 MAY 2017**

The meeting will be held at 08.30 hrs on Wednesday 3 May at South Cheshire College Board Room, Dane Bank Avenue, Crewe CW2 8AB. List of attendees and apologies at **Annex A.**

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**

**08.30hrs Welcome and introductions** – Clare Hayward

**08.35hrs Minutes of last meeting and follow up actions** (**Annex B**) **–** Clare Hayward

**08.40hrs Proposals to develop the Skills Pledge as the basis for a programme of actions designed to put employers at the heart of inspiring, informing and communicating to young people and their parents/teachers about new technologies, career opportunities and progression pathways –** Paul Colman and Trevor Langston

**09.10hrs Career and Enterprise Company – opportunities for closer working between the Careers Enterprise Company and the Employers Skills Board –** Jan Pinkerton, Head of Network, Career and Enterprise Company. See also **Annex C** - a short note on the Enterprise Programme being delivered in Cheshire East part funded by the Careers and Enterprise Company

**09.30hrs ESF project led by the Skills and Growth Company – sustainable integration of young people –** Steve Bellairs

**09.45hrs National Careers Service and the Inspirational Advisers – see Annex D –** Pat Jackson

**09.50hrs Growth Hub – an overview of the role of the Growth Hub and how it might contribute to the work of the Skills Pledge** - Karen McKean

**09.55hrs Next steps and agreed actions -** discussion led by Clare Hayward

**10.15hrs Update on review of Local Growth Fund, ESF and other key projects** to see how they can contribute to the Board’s priorities – report back from ESF projects at **Annex E** – Pat Jackson

**10.25hrs** **AOB** including updates on:

* **Area Based Review**
* **Promotion of apprenticeships** and use of £5K funding
* **Institutes of Technology**
* **Northern Gateway Development Zone/Constellation** – overview of the project to establish the skills needs of the employment sectors that will drive a high value knowledge economy in the Northern Gateway Development Zones.

**10.30hrs** **Dates of next meetings** to be confirmed (current options are 13 June 09.30 to 11.30 or 15.00 to 17.00 and 18 or 19 June 09.30 to 11.30 or 15.00 to 17.00)

**Annex A**

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The following are expected to attend the meeting:

* Clare Hayward (Chair) \*
* Jim Carroll (Mobica) \*
* Dame Pat Bacon (Health sector)\*
* Paul Taylor (Taylor Business Park)\*
* Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry)\*
* Jo Tipa (National Skills Academy Nuclear)\*
* Meredydd David (Chair of Provider Group)\*
* Karen Mc Kean (Cheshire and Warrington Growth Hub)\*
* Jenny Clucas (Cogent Skills)\*
* James Richards (Network Rail)\*
* Jane Ingram, Halifax/Lloyds Bank)\*
* Steve Collier representing Lynne Williams (Bentley)\*
* Niki Ball representing Christine Lowry Q Hotels\*
* Mark Livesey (LEP) \*
* Pat Jackson\*

**Apologies**

* Neil Warren (Jungheinrich)
* Mark Roach (Grosvenor)
* Eilis Rattigan (Waters)
* Christine Lowry (Q Hotels)
* Lynne Williams (Bentley)

\*Requires car parking