**AGENDA FOR EMPLOYERS’ SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 25 JANUARY 2023**

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

* Agree the key skills, education and employment priorities for 2023 and how best Members of the Employers’ Skills and Education Board can work together on the priorities
* Review key developments since their last meeting on 16 November
* Discuss the next steps for the Local Skills Improvement Plan

**AGENDA**

**14.30 hrs Welcome, declarations of interest, introductions with members sharing information on any key developments since the last meeting** **on 16 November** (10 minutes)

* List of attendees and apologies (Annex A)
* To note any additional declarations of interest

**14.40 hrs Note of last meeting and outstanding actions**

* To approve note of last meeting and review updated action list (5 minutes)

**14.45 hrs Any queries about the meetings that have taken place since 16 November or the progress reports on:**

* + - * **LEP Board**
      * **Pledge –** please note the ‘ask’ for a steer from the Board as to the priorities for the Pledge Partnership going forward and potential sources of funding to support that work
      * **Digital Skills Partnership**
      * **Local Growth Fund projects -** please note the two ‘asks’
      * **Skills Bootcamps –** to note there are now 14 bootcamps and additional funding. There is also a strong need for more ‘wrap around’ support to help motivate and raise confidence of learners
      * **Institute of Technology**

**15.00 hrs Updates on UK Shared Prosperity Fund** – Tim Smith (5 minutes)

15.05 hrs **Local Skills Improvement Plan and Designation of Employer Representative Body**

* Paul Colman to provide an update (10 minutes)

**15.15 hrs** **Key Skills, Education and Employment Priorities for 2023**

* **Update of Evidence to Support Economic Strategy and Digital Skills Report**
* **Members to reflect on key messages and agree any shifts in priorities** – an overview of some of the key finding from the updated evidence to support the revision of the economic strategy

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

* **Date of next meeting** – 15 February 2023
* **Items for agenda of next meeting:**

**EMPLOYERS SKILLS AND EDUCATION BOARD MEETING ON 25 JANUARY 2023 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)
* Kurt Allman (University of Chester)
* Paul Colman (South Cheshire Chamber)Dhesi (Cheshire College South and West – representing the training providers)
* Kim Hardman (Astra Zeneca)
* \*Lucy Liang (AUE Ltd)
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* \*Bill Carr (Carpe Diem)
* Sophie Baldock/Nicola Johnson (Bentley Motors)
* \*Phil Atkinson (Daresbury)
* Tamara Barker (Engie)
* \*Matthew Smith (Cheshire West and Chester)
* Gemma Meadow (Engenda)
* Kevin Hutchinson (SISK)
* Ben Longworth (BAE Systems)
* Pat Jackson (LEP) \*With voting rights

**Apologies**

* Maggie Chen
* \*Cllr Sarah Pochin (Cheshire East)
* Gemma Betteridge (Bentley Motors)

**Also attending**

* Sarah Williams, Trevor Langston

**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)