



SKILLS COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 2.2
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COVID-19 Evidence & Insight Report

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Councillor John Holdich
Lead Officer:	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
The Skills Committee are asked to: 1. Note the Metro Dynamics Report and provide any necessary feedback as applicable for an updated version of that report	Voting arrangements

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 As part of the ongoing Integrated Economic, Business and Skills Insight work currently being researched, this is the first report back on phase 1 - the COVID 19 impact. With this, is a report which will be presented to the Board for discussion and input.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July 2020 the CPCA commissioned and procured an independent and specialist supplier to commence detailed research, review and evaluation into:
- a) COVID 19 impact assessments
 - b) Evaluation of 13 historic LGF Projects
 - c) Using a) above. Update the LIS and develop a framework for the authors of various other CPCA strategies to review and enable them to update them, if required.
 - d) To identify clients for the new Business Growth Service
 - e) Some short term and medium-term insight for workforce skills and adult education

- 2.2 The contract was awarded to Metro Dynamics and the contract duration is up to 30 weeks.
- 2.3 The work by Metro Dynamics will also compliment work carried out by Hatch Regeneris, commissioned and led by the Greater Cambridge Partnership back in late May 2020 and ongoing work by Cambridge Insight for CPCA Business & Skills into workforce, skills and AEB
- 3.0 The full report produced by Metro Dynamics is in Appendix 1
- 3.1 In summary the report will cover:
 - A) Emerging findings in the economy and labour market
 - B) Emerging trends e.g. could lead to the creation for new interventions and possibilities for policy
 - C) Implications of highest relevance to CPCA
 - D) Meaning in practice for the CPCA e.g relevant CPCA strategies including the LIS

4.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

- 4.1 Following discussion and input into this COVID 19 impact report, it will be published and shared with Partners and Stakeholders. This report will then be refreshed in April 2021 and outputs will be a detailed report published in September 2020.
- 4.2 These detailed reports will enable the CPCA to better design the focus of interventions, the form of interventions and how these should develop and adapt as recovery progresses. CPCA Business & Skills will replay these interventions back to Metro Dynamics to ensure the CPCA's interpretation is robust and in line with data emerging.
- 4.3 From October 2020 to March 2021, Metro Dynamics will provide a monthly COVID 19 performance dashboard, which will be shared with the Skills Committee, Business Board, CA Board and other committees and partners & stakeholders. The content will follow the content of this report, although it will have the agility to accommodate other metrics if required.
- 4.4 This report and the monthly dashboards will feed into and support the Local Economic Recovery Strategy.
- 4.5 Metro Dynamics will provide the CPCA with a COVID 19 Impact framework and will work with the authors of strategies to update them, if required. This work will be completed by mid-October 20.
- 4.6 Metro Dynamics will update the LIS in light of 3.5 above and present to the Business Board in November 2020
- 4.7 This report and further work by Metro Dynamics is being included in the thinking, discussions and the designing of interventions within the Local Economic Recovery Strategy (LERS)

5.0. RESOURCING

5.1 There are no resourcing implications

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct legal implications.

8.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None.

9.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Covid-19 Impact Assessment Report from Metro Dynamics

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Integrated Economic, Business and Skills Insight document</u>	