



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.6

Employment and Skills Board Update

To:	Skills Committee
Meeting Date:	7 November 2022
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Councillor Lucy Nethsingha
From:	Fliss Miller, Interim Associate Skills Director
Key decision:	No
Forward Plan ref:	n/a
Recommendations:	The Skills Committee is recommended to: a) Note the paper which provides an overview of the recent Employment and Skills Board held on 18 October 2022.
Voting arrangements:	No vote required

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This paper provides the Skills Committee a summary of the recent meeting of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Employment & Skills Board (ESB), which includes the role of The Combined Authority's Skills Advisory Panel (SAP).

2. Background

- 2.1 The last meeting of the ESB was held on the 18 October 2022. Eight members were in attendance.

3. Meeting Overview

- 3.1 The Board received a number of presentations about current programmes of work and new initiatives being taken forward.
- 3.2 Members received a presentation on the Implementation Plan for the Employment and Skills Strategy, officers sought guidance from the Board in taking forward this work. Lengthy discussion centred around how best to seek the employer voice in this work.
- 3.3 A joint presentation by the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce and the Combined Authority on the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) was received. Discussion on the LSIP was useful in understand how the Combined Authority can use this mechanism to deliver some areas of the Employment and Skills Strategy.
- 3.4 Growth Works with Skills provided an update on performance. Useful discussion followed on how Growth Works could better integrate themselves into the business and skills landscape within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 3.5 Officers provided an update of the recent procurements for the Adult Education Budget, Multiply Programme and Skills Bootcamps. Members of the Board were requested to promote the opportunities provided by the new funding.
- 3.6 The Forward Plan for the Board was discussed. It was decided that a 12 month plan should be developed ensuring that the work of the LSIP was appropriately reflected in the plan going forward.

Significant Implications

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

5. Other Significant Implications

5.1 There are no other significant implications.

6. Appendices

6.1 There are no appendices.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None.