



Agenda Item No: 3.2

A Summary of the Employment and Skills Board Meeting Tuesday 21st February 2023

To:	Skills Committee
Meeting Date:	6 March 2023
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 21 February 2023.
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 21 February 2023. 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 and also received a presentation from external partners.
- 3.2 Members received a presentation from UCAS, informing the Board about the planned changes to UCAS' role in how applications are received for apprenticeship programmes. These plans are for all apprenticeship levels. Members engaged in the discussion identifying challenges with the proposals, also acknowledging potential opportunities. It was agreed that a subsequent presentation would be useful in six months time.
- 3.3 Members were informed about the Primary Careers Pilot, that the Combined Authority had been successful in being selected as one of four national trailblazers working with the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC). Members provided useful suggestions in shaping this work.
- 3.4 A joint presentation by the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce and the Combined Authority on the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) was received. The presentation informed members on the progress and engagement made to date. In addition members were informed of the future timeline for completion. Member contributions in the discussion will continue to frame the direction of the work.
- 3.4 Members were informed of the new Skills Provider Forum that has been launched, and the purpose of what this forum hopes to achieve.
- 3.5 Updated economic and labour market information was shared with the Board. It was agreed that this information should be shared more broadly. Members agreed to distribute to their networks. Officers will ensure the information and analysis is also available on a portal.
- 3.6 An update was provided on the wider work of the Combined Authority, informing the Board of the progress made with the improvement plan, including an outline of the new Corporate Strategy and Mayoral Ambition and Pledges.

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 N/A