

Skills & Employment Committee – 5 June 2023

Public Questions

	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Cllr Simone Taylor (Huntingdonshire District Council)	Skills & Employment Committee	Having had many years of lack of Further Education facilities in St.Neots I would like to ask what progress has been made on works to investigate FE cold spots in St.Neots
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Lucy Nethsingha (Chair of the Skills and Employment Committee)	Cllr Simone Taylor	<p>Thank you for your question, Cllr Taylor.</p> <p>The Combined Authority convened local advisory groups in November 2022 in both St Neots and also East Cambridgeshire to seek the views of local stakeholders regarding FE Cold Spots, looking at 16-18 provision and wider adult education and skills needs in the respective areas. These included wide representation from FE Colleges, schools, community, business and Members.</p> <p>The plan is to commission consultants to undertake a feasibility study. A Request for Quotation is being prepared as part of a procurement exercise.</p> <p>There is funding allocated in the Combined Authority's Medium Term Financial Plan for this work.</p>

			<p>A formal update is scheduled on the Skills and Employment Committee Agenda Plan for the September 2023 meeting followed by the recommendations from the feasibility study at the November meeting.</p> <p>We welcome Member and local citizen engagement with these projects.</p>
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