



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Agenda Item: 1.2

Skills Committee Action Log

Purpose: The action log records actions recorded in the minutes of Skills Committee meetings and provides an update on officer responses.

Minutes of the meeting on 13 September 2021

| Minute | Report title | Lead officer | Action | Response | Status |
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| 18. | Adult Education Budget: Reserve Fund and Innovation Fund for 2021/22 | Parminder Singh Garcha | A Member highlighted the need to focus on green jobs and questioned whether this would be a thread running through all of the themes. She queried whether there could be a paper to a future Committee meeting looking at green job provision currently and in the future. The Chair stated that this would be added to the agenda plan for a future meeting. | A paper on green skills has been added to the Forward Plan for March 2022. | Closed |
| 19. | Growth Works Management Review – September 2021 | Alan Downton | A Member queried which companies had been unsuccessful in relation to Inward Investment Bids so that Members were aware of which companies had already applied. Officers explained that they would provide the Committee with this information. | A short update is being developed and will be sent to all Skills Committee Members and Economic Development Officers to update them on the current unsuccessful inward investment opportunities. This will be available by 26 th October 21. | In progress |

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| | | | | Going forward members of the Skills Committee and the respective Economic Development Officers will be informed when this materialises | |
| | | | A Member questioned when the shortlisted location would be known as detailed in 4.11 of the report. Officers stated that they had hoped to hear this morning and would communicate the final location to the Committee once known. | <p>On Monday October 11th CMR Surgical (CMR) announced plans to open a new large-scale manufacturing facility in Ely, following the conclusion of their internal communications and engagement about their decision.</p> <p>The site will enable upscaled manufacturing processes to meet the increasing global demand for the Versius® Surgical Robotic System, now established as a valuable surgical tool in a number of hospitals across Europe, India, Australia and the Middle East.</p> <p>The new facility will span 6,300 sqm floor space and will house up to 200 skilled employees initially.</p> <p>The Combined Authority, Growth Works and the Business Board supplied supporting quotes to CMR to feature in their press release and we are working closely with them on future opportunities to highlight this important local business and its continued commitment to our region.</p> <p>The press release can be found at https://cmrsurgical.com/news/cmr-builds-new-manufacturing-site</p> | Closed |
| 22. | Digital Skills Bootcamps | Fliss Miller | The Chair requested that officers, on behalf of the Committee, sought an extension to the deadline due to the delay in the notification of the award. | A letter is in draft. This will be given to the Chair to review by 15 th October. | In progress |

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| | | Fliss Miller | The Chair also requested that officers report back on the progress of the contract at the Committee in January. | A paper will be added to the Forward plan for January. | Closed |
| 23. | Implications of the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill | Parminder Singh Garcha/Fliss Miller | A Member stated that the Committee needed to lobby local MPs to ensure that the Combined Authorities concerns were heard. The Chair stated that the Committee would write to local MPs on behalf of the Mayor and the Board to raise these concerns and report back to the next Committee on progress. | A letter is in draft. This will be given to the Chair to review by 15 th October. | In progress |
| 24. | Employment & Skills Board Update | Fliss Miller | The Chair requested that an updated list of the members of the board be circulated to the Committee. | The ESB is due to meet on 19 th October, an updated list will be circulated post meeting. | In progress |