



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 3.2

Local Skills Report Refresh

To: Skills Committee

Meeting Date: 17 January 2022

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, Chair of the Skills Committee

From: Fliss Miller, Senior Responsible Officer – Workforce Skills

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Recommendations: The Skills Committee is recommended to:

a) Note the paper that provides an update on the Local Skills Report

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to inform the Skills Committee of the refreshed Local Skills Report which is due to be published by 28th January 2022.

The publication of the Local Skills Report is a requirement of the Skills Advisory Panel (SAP), funded by the Department for Education (DfE). The first report was approved for publication by the Employment and Skills Board in March 2021.

2. Background

- 2.1 Skills Advisory Panels (SAPs) bring together employers, skills providers and key local stakeholders to better understand and resolve skills mismatches at a local level. There are 36 SAPs across England as part of Mayoral Combined Authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships.
- 2.2 The Department for Education (DfE) supports SAPs with grant funding primarily to produce high quality analysis of local labour markets and to produce the Local Skills Report, as per their requirements.
- 2.3 Locally, the function of the Skills Advisory Panels is delivered by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Employment and Skills Board (ESB). The board was established in the autumn of 2019 and comprises business leaders, education representatives, local authority leaders, and representation from other government agencies.
- 2.4 The first Local Skills Report was published in March 2021, as required by the DfE. The Report consists of eight chapters with two annexes comprising of core indicators.
- 2.5 The DfE have stipulated that the Local Skills Report should be updated by 28th January 2022. The updated Local Skills Report is included as an appendix.

3. The Local Skills Report

- 3.1 The Local Skills Report is a useful and informative document that sets out the Combined Authority's existing Skills Strategy and associated action plans, it discusses the skills strengths and needs in the region and, reflects on the progress achieved. The Local Skills Report also includes a chapter on the next steps.
- 3.2 The Local Skills Report is widely used by Central Government colleagues to inform them of skills performance and activity in the regions.
- 3.3 The Annexes to the Report provide detailed data and analysis based on a number of core indicators, which are broken down into four key themes:
 - Local landscape
 - Skills supply
 - Skills demand

- Mapping skills supply and demand.
- 3.4 The updated version includes the new Employment and Skills Strategy and associated action plan, subject to the Strategy being approved at the Combined Authority Board on 26th January 2022. All of the core indicators have also been updated with the latest available data.

Significant Implications

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 The Local Skills Report

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 [Local Skills Report \(March 2021\) \(Item 3.1 refers\)](#)