



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 3.6

A Summary of the Employment and Skills Board Meeting 29th June 2021

To:	Skills Committee
Meeting Date:	13 September 2021
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, Chair of the Skills Committee
From:	Fliiss 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 which provides a summary of the recent Employment and Skills Board held on 29 th June 2021.
Voting arrangements:	A simple majority of all Members

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 29th June 2021. 12 members were in attendance.
- 2.2 The meeting was split into two sections. The first half members received updates on significant activities being led by the Combined Authority. The latter part of the meeting was used to help shape the development of the process to take forward the new Employment and Skills Strategy.

3. Meeting Overview

- 3.1 University of Peterborough – Members received a presentation of the progress of the University of Peterborough Programme. The Board noted the update and the Chair advised that the progress of the building works was on schedule.
- 3.2 The Art of the Possible: Devolved Adult Education in the Region - Members received a presentation providing an overview of the Devolved Adult Education in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region. The Board noted the update, recommending all training should be industry led to increase the employability and suitability for the future.
- 3.3 Business Growth Service – The Board received a short video introducing the new service. The Board were advised that the programme formerly known as the Business Growth Service has been renamed as Growth Works now that the service was in the public domain.
- 3.4 The Board received a briefing about the implications of the Skills for Jobs White Paper.
- 3.5 Development of the Employment and Skills Strategy – Members received a presentation about the proposed process and timelines to develop the new strategy. Members were supportive of the proposed approach.
- 3.6 It was agreed that new members should be invited to join the Board. These included representation from ARU Peterborough, The University of Cambridge, Public Health England, Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses.
- 3.7 The next meeting of the ESB is scheduled for the 19th October 2021.

Significant Implications

4. Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 None.

6. Appendices

6.1 None.

7. Background Papers

7.1 [Employment and Skills Board 29th June 2021 Meeting Papers](#)