



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 3.1

Local Skills Report

To: Skills Committee

Meeting Date: 14 June 2021

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 publication of the Local Skills Report

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform the Skills Committee of the publication of the Local Skills Report. The publication of the Local Skills Report is a requirement of the Skills Advisory Panel (SAP), funded by the Department for Education (DfE). The 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 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 in November 2021. Further guidance on this update is still to be published.

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; here it recommends that a new skills strategy is commissioned.
- 3.2 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,

This data should help to inform priorities for investment in the development of the new skills strategy.

Significant Implications

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this paper.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications relating to the content of this paper.

6. Other Significant Implications

6.1 There are no other significant implications relating to the content of this paper

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 –Local Skills Report

7.2 Appendix 2 – Annex A and B of the Local Skills Report

8. Background Papers

8.1 None