

Board meeting 25 November 2021

Subgroup update

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Skills and Talent Meeting 11 November 2021

Carole Kitching



Areas of discussion

- National policy of relevance
 - Progress of skills development legislation through Parliament
 - Provision in the Budget for skills
- Local delivery of our priorities
 - Labour Market Intelligence Report up to the end of October 2021
 - Performance report on the Careers Hub
 - SWLEP Kickstart programme – 280 placements pledged, 68 in place
 - Business action plan
 - Plan for Growth
- Wider discussion
 - Promotion of the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Actions from the meeting

- Sign off the Skills Report for 2021 to submit to the DfE
- Receive monthly Labour Market Intelligence Reports and sectoral deep dives
- Provide Skills and Talent contribution to the Plan for Growth
- January 2022 meeting to have a major focus on jobs for the Green Economy



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Business Environment

9 November 2021- third meeting

Alison North

Business Environment

- Strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, agility and productivity of SMEs
- Increase resilience by diversifying our business base
- Develop our digital and cyber resilience capabilities
- Measure the outcomes and adapt accordingly

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Business Environment Sub-group

- Governance and terms of reference
- Scope
 - Plan for Growth
 - Growth Hub
 - Business Cyber Centre
 - SWLEP Net zero strategy
- Business Representation

Actions

- Plan for Growth
 - Engage early with stakeholders to understand what current practice may translate into the Plan for Growth.
- Growth Hub
 - Investigate interactions between businesses and Growth Hub to understand the extent to which business support from the SWLEP had been essential to business survival and pandemic recovery.
- BCC
 - Pre-board meeting reports requested to provide briefing for Chairs to enable informed response to questions at the board meetings.
- Governance
 - Continued discussions on terms of reference to ensure effective governance / align with governance framework
 - Cross-over / interaction to align with all sub-groups



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Infrastructure, Ideas and Places

2 November 2021

Suzanne Wigmore



Areas of discussion

- Infrastructure
 - Activity to develop hydrogen technology locally and across the Western Gateway
 - Implementation of the SWLEP's Rail Strategy and involvement in sub-national transport bodies
 - Plans for EV charging facilities in both local authority areas.
- Place
 - Progress on delivering against the successful Future High Street bids for Swindon, Salisbury and Trowbridge.
- LIS mobilisation and performance reporting
 - Business action plan
 - Plan for Growth

Actions from the meeting

- Update at next meeting on the feasibility study into hydrogen generation and use at the Science Museum site, Wroughton
- Prepare content from the IIP Subgroup for the Plan for Growth
- Extend membership to include further business representation
- Develop our approach to involving a range of other interest groups when specific projects are discussed by the group.