

Skills and Talent Subgroup update, 8 November 2023

SWLEP Board meeting on 23 November 2023



Careers Hub Priorities 2023-24

- Priority 1: Improve careers provision in schools and colleges against the Gatsby Benchmarks through support, training for the education workforce and quality assurance.
- Priority 2: Provide more high-quality experiences with employers for students and teachers – with a focus on current ‘cold spots’.
- Priority 3: Amplify apprenticeships, technical and vocational routes – including supporting the implementation of the Provider Access Legislation (PAL).
- Priority 4: Target interventions for economically disadvantaged young people (Free School Meals (FSM)) and those who face barriers.
- Priority 5: Connect careers provision in schools and colleges to the needs of local economies (as articulated through Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs))

Appren-T-Fest (attended by school/college students, employers, providers)

- Development of five Swindon & Wiltshire Appren-T-Fest branded student/employer engagement events:
 - Swindon SEND/EOTAS: 16 November 2023
 - Salisbury: 24 January 2024
 - Trowbridge: 2 February 2024
 - Swindon: 6 February 2024
 - Lackham/Chippenham – date tbc
- Other events scheduled for Devizes

Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) Year 2

1. Employers Skills Needs – research and understanding (deep dives)
2. Employer Engagement in the Skills System
3. Providers Response to Identified Needs -*Accountability Statements*
4. Incorporate other Stakeholders
5. Data Analytics – LMI and Trends
6. Annual Report Updates – progress, impact, additional needs
7. Project Management & Governance*

**small working group from S&T to draft Terms of Reference etc including areas of focus and KPIs*

Business, Ideas and Infrastructure Subgroup, update, 13 November 2023

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Business, Ideas and Place

13 November 2023

- New beginnings
 - Merger of Ideas Infrastructure and Place and Business Environment Sub-groups
- SWIC update
- Business Support
- Wavehill
 - Evaluation of Growth Hub
- BCC
- Business Festival
 - Took place at BCC on 15 November 2023 (report in CEO report item 10)
- iCAST
 - Update from The Innovation Centre for Sustainable Technologies at the Carriage Works, Swindon

