

Subgroup update
SWLEP Board
26 January 2023



Skills and Talent– 11 January (1)

Labour Market Intelligence

- Paddy Bradley presented an overview of key issues, aspects of growth and data of concern.

Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP)

- Update provided by Business West on their programme of activity to engage businesses and stakeholders in helping to define the priority skills needs in the area.
- There was a call to action for more businesses to become involved and attend the events.
- There was now a team of staff within Business West working on the LSIPs, so they would be able to conduct 1:1 conversations if necessary.

Creation of Local Steering Group for the LSIP process

- The subgroup recognised there is frustration about the way the LSIP is being developed.
- CK to act on the proposal to establish a Local Steering Group for the LSIP which would inform Business West and maintain an overview from a stakeholder perspective. Participants would include colleges and other providers, SWLEP, the Careers Hub and Local Authority representatives.

Skills and Talent– 11 January (2)

Performance reports

- Updates provided on the Careers Hub, the Apprenticeship Campaign and the Computer Coding Challenge.

The Swindon and Wiltshire Institute of Technology

- The Managing Director of the Institute of Technology (IoT), presented to the meeting and outlined its progress.
- The IoT was working with the employer group to maintain technology within the facility as cutting-edge and current.
- Businesses which were interested in joining with the IoT should contact Danielle Hoy of the Participation Team.
- The subgroup members were invited at the end of the meeting on a tour to see the IoT's excellent facilities.

Business Environment

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Discussion on SWLEP objectives from the past year

Discussion of various external factors that may change our objectives going forward

A need to meet with the chairs of the other sub-groups and identify any overlap and / or duplication of effort

A decision to take a more detailed look at technology and its impact on SMEs

A decision to identify any socioeconomic factors that may be impacting our Swindon and Wiltshire businesses

The last two will help to shape our objectives into this year and next.



Ideas, Infrastructure and Places – 18 January (I)

Ideas

- Sustainable technologies
 - The closure of Recycling Technologies (RT) has forced a re-think on the plan to use the RT processes to recycle plastics from health services and pharmaceutical manufacturers managed by a limited company ICCE Ltd (Innovation Centre for the Circular Economy) set up for that purpose. ICCE Ltd has now closed down while the commercial prospects are e-developed, potentially using other companies with similar technologies.
 - Westbury Site Development Group- progress continues on developing a case for funding from The South West Net Zero Hub to create a masterplan for the site with the purpose of creating a Centre of Excellence for the Circular Economy.

Place

- Labour market Intelligence – the subgroup requested a presentation on the subject, which has previously only gone to Skills and Talent. The IIP group would like to receive this presentation now as part of the usual cycle.

Ideas, Infrastructure and Places – 18 January (2)

Place

- Informative presentations made on the development of St Modwen's Park, Chippenham and the Salisbury River Park. Both projects are of significance to the area.
- Similarly, the subgroup has access to a summary of the current position of the Porton Science Park development. This is a further important project in the area.
- These three projects are examples of developments helping to realise the vision for Swindon and Wiltshire as a place renowned for innovation, entrepreneurialism and a beautiful environment in which to live.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

- The subgroup has begun discussing ideas to put to the Board about how SWLEP Ltd can contribute in the next financial year to its ESG commitments.