
Report to: Employment and Skills Panel

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Subject: **Further and Higher Education offer to businesses**

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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Further and Higher Education offer to businesses, and invite comments.

2 Information

- 2.1 At the last Panel meeting, the Chair invited members to provide ideas for discussion at future meetings. A number of members highlighted the need to discuss how a clearer skills offer to businesses could be developed and implemented.
- 2.2 Prof Margaret House (Vice Chair of CLR Skills Network and Vice Chancellor of Leeds Trinity University) will deliver a presentation on the offer from the University Sector. The paper attached has been prepared by Nav Chohan (Chair of the LCR Skills Network and Principal of Shipley College) about how Colleges are responding to the current and future skills needs of businesses. The paper then offers suggestions for how both Universities and Colleges may work together with the Employment and Skills Panel to address major challenges and opportunities.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5 Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6 External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7 Recommendations

7.1 The Panel is asked to note and comment on the presentation from Nav Chohan and Prof Margaret House.

8 Background Documents

None.

9 Appendices

Appendix one – West Yorkshire Consortium of College – Introduction to Further Education Colleges