
Report to: Employment and Skills Panel

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Subject: Labour market information

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update Panel Members on the LEP's labour market intelligence programme for 2019/20. A presentation on the key messages from the analysis will be made at the meeting.

2. Information

- 2.1. The key purpose of the labour market intelligence work is to provide robust analysis of the City Region's labour market and skills needs in order to influence planning and action by key audiences. As well as being used to support strategy and policy development by the LEP, the analysis is used to shape the focus of local learning delivery with reference to evidence of labour market demand and to inform careers choice by individuals by providing clear and robust information on labour market opportunities.
- 2.2. This year's activity has been influenced by national policy developments around Skills Advisory Panels (SAPs). The purpose of SAPs is to bring together local employers and skills providers in order to develop a shared understanding of local skills needs and to define clear priorities. These deliberations need to be under-pinned by an evidence-based approach grounded in high quality labour market analysis.
- 2.3. At the Panel meeting of 28 February it was agreed that the ESP should take on the SAP functions as part of its existing remit, since they are largely complementary to its current role. This involves some changes to governance arrangements for the ESP, including the addition of a voluntary sector representative. These changes are currently being implemented.
- 2.4. The labour market analysis produced to inform SAPs is also required to comply with quality standards set out by the Department for Education (DfE). These have been taken into account in the development of our latest labour

market report and interim feedback from DfE indicates that the standards will be met.

- 2.5. The report will be published in October and will be supported by a programme of workshops to disseminate the headline results to key stakeholders, including education and training providers, careers professionals, businesses and local policy makers.

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 the latest developments around the production and dissemination of the LEP's labour market intelligence.
- 7.2 The Panel is asked to comment on the key messages from the labour market analysis. These will be incorporated into the final version of the report prior to its publication in October.

8 Background Documents

None.

9 Appendices

None.