



**NOTES OF THE CANCELLED MEETING OF THE
EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PANEL
FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A,
WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS**

Present:

Stephanie Burras CBE (Chair)	Ahead Partnership
Karen Milner	Paths and Progress
Beverley Parrish	Parrish Environmental Consulting Ltd
Councillor Carol Runciman	City of York Council
Amanda Stainton	Portakabin
Don Brearley (Advisory Representative)	LCR Skills Network
Diana Towler (Advisory Representative)	DWP

In attendance:

Merran McRae	Wakefield Council
Michelle Burton	WYCA
Sue Cooke	WYCA
Christian Denison	WYCA
Emma Longbottom	WYCA
Dathan Tedesco	WYCA

**This meeting was not quorate therefore these notes will not
be submitted to the next meeting**

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Susan Hinchliffe, Mohammed Rafique and Dan Sutherland, Simon Barratt, Ian Billyard, Julie Colley, Peter Duffy, Professor Margaret House, Tom Keeney, Glynn Robinson, Joanna Robinson and Sue Soroczan.

2. Chair's update

The Chair offered her congratulations to panel member Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe, on her appointment as Chair of WYCA.

The Chair also announced that after three years of chairing the panel she would be stepping down over the next year.

3. Re-Shaping the Skills System

Panel members were provided with an update on current and planned activity in preparation for devolution of the Adult Education Budget including the publication of Delivery Agreements with West Yorkshire colleges.

Members were also given an update on the implementation of recommendations from the West Yorkshire Area Review of post-16 Education and the publication of the York, North Yorkshire, East Riding and Hull Review.

Finally, members had an informal discussion after being given a presentation on the current and anticipated employment and skills policy landscape.

4. Embedding Inclusive Growth in Employment and Skills Services

Members were presented with a report on the proposed approach to embedding Inclusive Growth in Employment and Skills services.

5. Cross-Cutting Themes

Members were presented with a report on the work being done to progress the priorities and actions in the cross cutting themes in the Employment and Skills Plan: “More and Better Apprenticeships” and “Raising the Bar on High Level Skills”.

6. Great Education Connected to Business

Members were presented with a report updating them on the work to progress the priorities and actions in the “Great Education Connected to Business” priority of the Employment and Skills Plan. This included an update on the last meeting of the Advisory Group, which took place on 11 August.

7. Building Workforce Skills and Attracting Talent

Members were presented with a report updating them on the work to progress the priorities and actions in the “Building Workforce Skills and Attracting Talent” priority of the Employment and Skills Plan. This included an update on the last meeting of the Advisory Group, which took place on 4 August.

8. Employability, Accessing Jobs and Realising Potential

Members were presented with a report updating them on the work to progress the priorities and actions in the “Employability, Accessing Jobs and Realising Potential” priority of the Employment and Skills Plan.