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**Report to:** Employment and Skills Panel

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**Subject:** **Labour Market Intelligence 2018**

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## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Panel Members on plans for the Combined Authority's labour market intelligence programme for 2018/19. Slides containing headline messages from the analysis are attached as Appendix 1.

## **2 Information**

- 2.1 The key purpose of the LEP's 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 / profile 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 The LEP's labour market intelligence is produced on an annual cycle. This commences with an initial review of the available intelligence and headline messages, which will be shared with the Employment and Skills Panel for comment at its June meeting. Slides containing headline messages are appended to this paper. At the meeting a short presentation will focus on the key things that have changed in the last year.
- 2.3 The presentation at the June panel meeting will provide an initial view only because a range of key data are not available at this stage but will be incorporated into the main report. This includes data from the Employer Skills Survey 2017 relating to skills mismatches and employer training practices (due for publication in June 2018); the Education and Skills Funding Agency local data cube (expected to be available shortly); and Higher Education Statistics Agency data on graduate destinations.

2.4 The main report of the labour market analysis is published in late September and publication is 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. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

2.5 A key policy development in this field is the roll-out of Skills Advisory Panels by DfE. Further details of SAPs are provided in agenda item 6.

### **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 plans for publication of the labour market analysis and to consider the headline messages in the slides provided, prior to a discussion at the panel meeting on 1 June.

### **8 Background Documents**

None.

### **9 Appendices**

9.1 Appendix 1 – Labour Market Intelligence slide pack