
Report to: Employment and Skills Panel

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Subject: **Topic Insights: a) Careers
b) Policy Statement Metrics**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To set out the approach to the Topic Insight session on careers that will take place at the Employment and Skills Panel on 29 November. An overview of the key issues surrounding careers advice in the Leeds City Region will be provided at the session. This will form the basis for discussion by the Employment and Skills Panel, with a view to identifying potential practical responses and a policy position for the Leeds City Region.
- 1.2 To update Panel members on Policy Statement Metrics that were requested at the last meeting.

2. Information

- 2.1 It has been agreed with the Chair of ESP that topic insight sessions should become a core element of future ESP meetings. These sessions will explore key issues facing the Leeds City Region, based on summary of the evidence and key issues. The aim is to identify practical responses that meet local needs, whether that be in the form of policies or solutions / services. This session focuses on the action that needs to be taken locally to address the issue of effective careers education, information and guidance.
 - a) Careers Education, Information, advice and Guidance
- 2.2 Careers education, information, advice and guidance should play a vital role in ensuring that the region has the skills needed to meet the challenges it faces. Given the disparate nature of funding and the multiple players it is often a confusing space with patchy provision for young people and adults.

2.3 To provide the basis for discussion, a short presentation will be given. The presentation will cover the following areas, as set out in the slides provided at Appendix 1:

- What we mean by careers education, information, advice and guidance.
- Importance of careers support
- The current offer in the Leeds City Region and across the country.
- The challenges with the current system.
- Potential responses to the challenges.

2.4 Panel members will be asked to discuss the following questions during the course of the presentation:

- What should the City Region's overarching ambition be in this area?
- How can we address the challenges / what can we do better?

b) Policy Statement Metrics

2.5 At the previous ESP, Panel Members requested that more specific targets be added to the draft Policy Statements. A new section 'key metrics and aspirations' has been added to each of the statements discussed and agreed at the last meeting, these are included at Appendix 2.

2.6 In the More and Better Apprenticeships policy statement the limited ability of the region to increase apprenticeship starts in order to meet the Government's ambitions has been highlighted. Panel Members are asked for views on this.

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 That a Policy Statement is developed and agreed at the next Panel meeting which incorporates answers to the discussion questions.

7.2 That Panel Members agree the sections on 'key metrics and aspirations' now included in the previously agreed Policy Statements.

8. Background Documents

None.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Presentation – All Ages Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

Appendix 2 – Policy Statements with metrics included.