

## SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT BOARD

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### Skills and Employment- Future Priorities

#### **Purpose of Report**

The paper provides a discussion paper for the Board on the high-level priorities that it may wish to pursue in support of the economic strategy and other plans including devolution of the Adult Education Budget.

#### **Thematic Priority**

Develop the SCR skills base, labour mobility and education performance

#### **Freedom of Information**

This paper will be made available under the MCA transparency scheme

#### **Recommendations**

That Board Members discuss the content, propose any amendments to the policy objective and agree future areas of work.

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At the Skills and Employment Exec Board meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Board members received an overview of the current evidence base for skills and employment which formed part of the Strategic Economic Plan evidence base.
- 1.2 As part of that presentation, the Board agreed to consider 4 broad areas for further analysis and discussion, including:
  1. World Class Technical Education
  2. Young People
  3. Support into Work
  4. In work Support

### **2. Proposal and justification**

- 2.1 This accompanying paper provides a more in-depth consideration of one of these areas - World Class Technical Education - and what this could mean for our residents / businesses. Once agreed and defined, these priorities will provide a clear remit to the board and a plan for any future outcomes and activity.

### **3. Consideration of alternative approaches**

- 3.1 The discussion on priorities, requested by the Board, will help set the direction for city regional activity. These priority areas will form the direction for future workstreams, and implementation plans will follow setting out the programme of activity, the outcomes and

outputs to be achieved and the resource plans. As part of this stage, a full range of options for delivering the priorities will be considered and more detailed information presented to the Board.

#### **4. Implications**

##### **4.1 Financial**

There are no direct implications for the MCA as a consequence of this paper.

##### **4.2 Legal**

There are no legal implications to this paper.

##### **4.3 Risk Management**

Any proposals or projects developed as part of the activity of the Skills and Employment Board will be subject to a robust risk management process.

##### **4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion**

Activity around skills and employment aim to ensure that all residents have equal access to the opportunities available in the region, thus promoting social inclusion, diversity and equality.

#### **5. Communications**

5.1 Not at this stage, but a programme of stakeholder engagement and communications will be required for specific elements of the agreed programme.

#### **6. Appendices/Annexes**

6.1 Appendix 1 – Discussion Paper – exempt from publishing under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3

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Other sources and references: