SURREY SKILLS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Tuesday 5 September 2023

AGENDA

No.	Item	Speaker
01	Welcome	Mike Brennan
02	Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Integration	Jack Kennedy
03	Updates on key priorities - Skills Portal - Festival of Skills - Careers Hub	Mike Brennan Sue Taylor Jack Kennedy
04	LSIP and Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF)	Louise Punter and Jamie Mackay
05	Skills Bootcamps	Luke McCarthy
06	Any Other Business	Mike Brennan

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LEP) INTEGRATION

- A national consultation on the role of LEPs (<u>LEP consultation</u>) identified overlap between some of the functions being discharged by LEPs, local authorities and combined authorities.
- Government's view is that there is likely to be scope for greater join-up, efficiencies, and clarity for the private sector by these functions being discharged within upper tier local authorities/Mayoral Combined Authorities.
- From April 2024, Government sponsorship and funding of LEPs will cease and upper tier local authorities (and Combined Authorities) will take on the functions (the funding that will be made available is unknown).

What is being proposed?

- I. Embed a **strong**, **independent**, **and diverse local business voice** into local democratic institutions.
- 2. Carry out **strategic economic planning in partnership** with local leaders that clearly articulates their area's economic priorities and sectoral strengths.
- 3. Continue to deliver a number of functions on behalf of government departments. This includes;
 - Growth Hub on behalf of the Department for Business and Trade
 - Careers Hub on behalf of the Department for Education

Note: Technical and integration guidance has been issued in respect of reserves, finances, assets, staff, etc. which is being worked through by all concerned parties. Further detailed guidance on specific matters is promised.

Our Guiding principles for integration

- > We remain focused on delivering improved economic outcomes for Surrey in partnership.
- > We welcome the recognition of the Surrey geography as the basis for cohesive and coordinated Surrey-wide delivery of economic development functions.
- The One Surrey Growth Board, Surrey Business Leadership Forum and Surrey Skills Leadership Forum provide a strong governance framework, placing business at the heart of decision making.
- Any transfer of LEP assets (including funding, staff, data and Intellectual Property) will be focused on Surrey's sustainable economic growth.
- > Ist April 2024 will be our "go-live" date, giving certainty to businesses and local stakeholders.
- > We will continue to drive improvements in our approach, reviewing and adapting to ensure maximum economic benefits for Surrey.
- > We are aware of the potential personal impacts of the changes and are committed to acting with sensitivity.

Next steps

- Regular engagement between Enterprise M3, Coast to Capital, and Upper Tier local authorities to produce a transition plan that produces a Surrey entity.
- January 2024 Further government guidance on "business representation and local economic planning" expected.
- Instigating a governance review of One Surrey Growth Board Terms of Reference / membership (& alignment with associated working groups).
- March 2024 Final, binding agreement on transfer of assets
- March 2024 revised Growth Board established
- From April 2024 Transfer of LEP functions

UPDATES ON KEY PRIORITIES

- Skills Portal
- Festival of Skills
- Careers Hub

LSIP AND LOCAL SKILLS IMPROVEMENT FUND (LSIF)





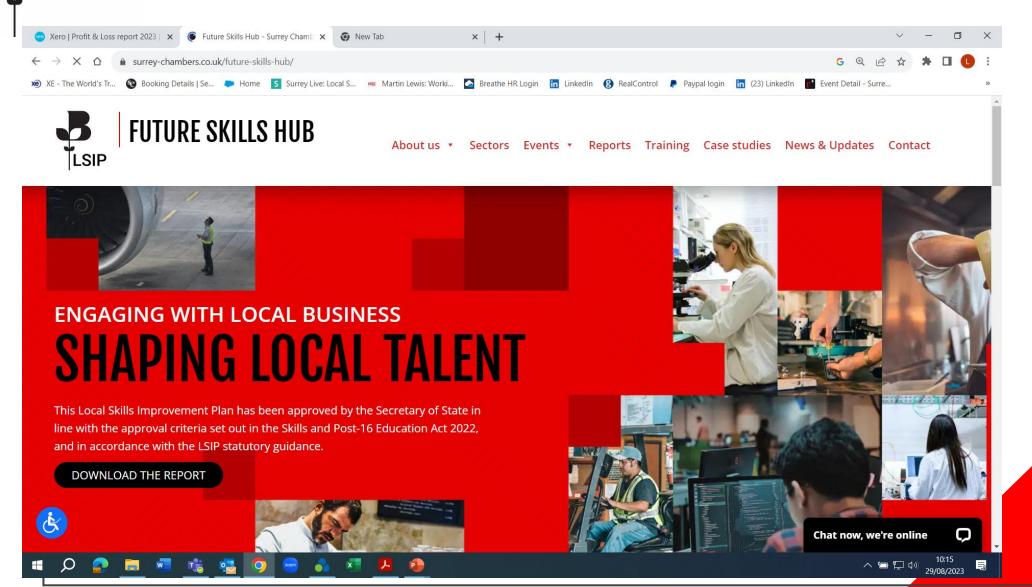


Surrey Skills Leadership Forum-LSIP update

5th September 2023









Overview: LSIP priorities for action

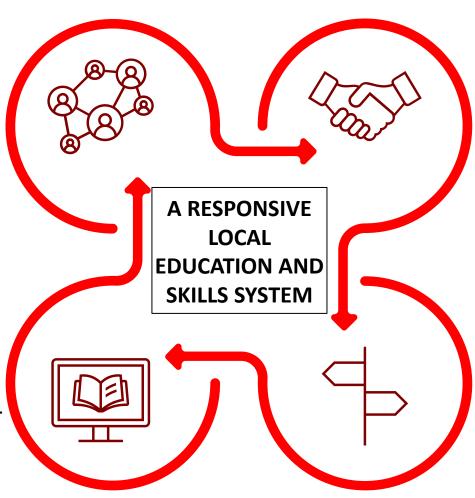
What is needed to make technical education and skills provision more responsive to the changing needs of employers and the local economy in the EM3 + rest of Surrey area?:

COORDINATE NETWORKS AND COLLABORATION

- Enhanced network approach and collaboration between FE providers at multiple levels across LSIP area
- Utilise existing employer networks and clusters, support them, and encourage the development of more

FACILITATE RESPONSIVE AND INCLUSIVE CURRICULA

- Understand and consider the specific challenges and skills needs of key local sectors and the green economy
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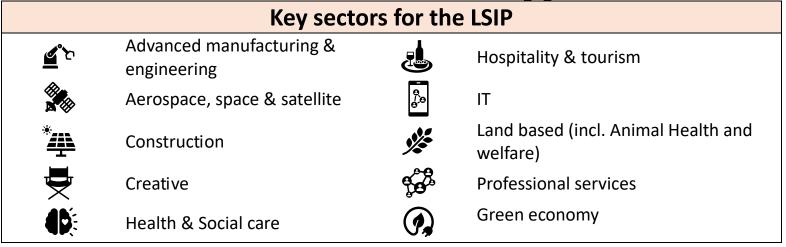
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Reminder of our key sectors and cross-cutting skills



Cross-cutting skills for the LSIP



Employability skills



Professional skills



Digital skills





UPDATES

SPECIFIC ACTIONS FROM REPORT

- Future skills website update
- Future skills forum
- Motor industry event

What else could we be doing to achieve the required outcomes??





FUTURE SKILLS WEBSITE



UPDATES

- Survey has been changed to SECTORS tab
- Skills, growth, employment related reports under Reports
- Skills newsletter & updates under News & Updates
- Promoting all skills related Events
- Training links to all short courses/training

Case studies to change to an 'Opportunities' portal





NEW TAB 'OPPORTUNITIES'

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

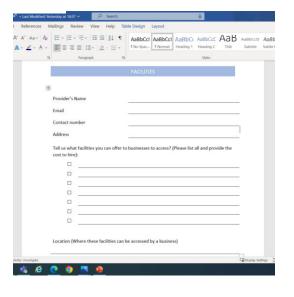
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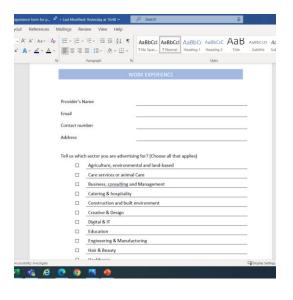
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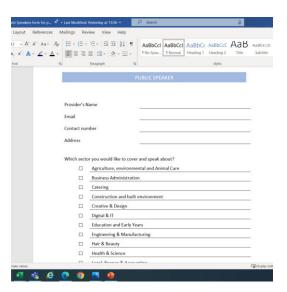
- Planning a more *interactive* platform for employers and providers
- To promote services
- Providers can publish all the details to encourage employers to work with their students.
- The business can see all these details and will get in touch with the providers directly
- In process. Will be finalised soon!
- Testing volunteers needed

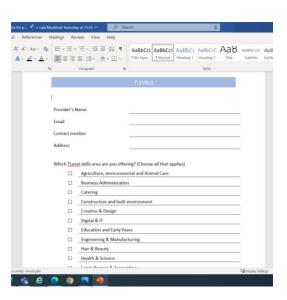












FORMS TO FILL

- Providers provide all the information in these forms
- These will be picked up/seen by employers who can then get in touch with the providers directly
- KEY success factor will be everyone promoting to employers





FUTURE SKILLS FORUM

19TH SEP | FARNHAM



BRINGING TOGETHER LOCAL SKILLS PROVIDERS AND EMPLOYERS (112 bookings)

Connecting with sector specialists, skills providers and other businesses

- Sector specific latest market information
- What local providers are doing to help upskill the workforce
- Great connections within sector and beyond
- Discover ways of increasing the productivity of business
- Enhance knowledge about the ways businesses can support reaching net zero





MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY SKILLS SUMMIT

1st Nov, 2023

Brooklands Museum | 10:00-13:30

An opportunity for businesses, providers and other key stakeholders in the local skills system to come together to discuss, identify and agree actions to address key skills and recruitment challenges faced by the **motor industry**.

- Call to action: Upskilling and learning about opportunities
- Ultra-low carbon vehicles skills
- Employers, providers, learners, career people
- Workshops (Displays & Interactive activities)
- IMI will support by promotion
- Forecast 100 people
- Please all promote







Open forum

IDEAS FOR LSIP TO TAKE FORWARD

What else could we be doing to move the priorities forward?



Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF) 2023-25

A local response to the skills priorities, set out by the LSIP

Surrey Skills Leadership Forum Tuesday 5 September 2023



THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY / GUIDANCE

- 1. Timescales
- 2. Funding breakdown
- 3. Permissible expenditure
- 4. Project outcomes & KPIs

1. Timescales

Action	Deadline
LSIF stage 2 funding application window launched for full project proposals	29 June 2023
Drop-in sessions led by DfE to help applicants develop their stage 2 funding applications	During July and August 2023
Deadline for lead applicant to submit stage 2 LSIF funding application form via Jaggaer	12:00 (midday) Friday 15 September 2023
DfE assess LSIF stage 2 funding applications (this period will include asking the lead applicant for clarification where necessary)	18 September to mid-October 2023
Lead applicants notified by DfE of the outcome of their stage 2 LSIF funding application, and grant funding agreements issued to project lead providers confirming the project scope and costs	Late October 2023

2. Funding breakdown

Period	Funding ceiling
October 2023 – 31 March 2024	£2,915,984 (£1,457,992 Capital + £1,457,992 Revenue)
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	£3,098,233 (All Capital)
TOTAL	£6,014,217 (£4,556,225 Capital + £1,457,992 Revenue)

3. Permissible expenditure

Revenue (October '23 – March '24)

- Governance, project management and support costs
- Collaboration and co-ordination activities
- Curriculum planning and design / development of new skills provision / capacity building
- Teaching costs and resources
- Employer / stakeholder engagement and business support activities, incl. innovation
- Learner engagement and progression support
- Provider quality and improvement, including evaluation
- Staff / teacher training and development
- Workforce Industry Exchange activities
- Advertising, communications & marketing

Capital (October '23 – March '25)

- Capital equipment (tools, machinery, vehicles...)
- IT hardware and software
- Support costs with managing capital projects
- Capital works for minor facility repurposing / renewal
- Capital works for minor new extensions / new build projects

4. Project outcomes and KPIs

- More learner enrolments
- More employer engagement
- Improved quality and relevance of provision
- Upskilled FE teaching workforce
- Financial savings and more efficient delivery

ENTERPRISE M3 (INCLUDING ALL OF SURREY) LSIF PROPOSAL

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25 SURREY ADULT LEARNING

LSIP KEY SECTORS & CROSS-CUTTING SKILLS

Key sectors for the LSIP



Advanced manufacturing & engineering



Hospitality & tourism



Aerospace, space & satellite



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Construction



Land based (incl. Animal Health and

welfare)



Creative



Professional services



Health & Social care



Green economy

Cross-cutting skills for the LSIP



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PROPOSED LSIF PROJECTS*

- CreaTech
- Digital
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- 4. (Revenue activities)

^{*} Subject to change!

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YOUR FEEDBACK

- 1. Proposal as it stands?
- Reflections on innovations / new tech.?
- 3. Ongoing engagement in implementation?

SKILLS BOOTCAMPS



Skills bootcamps provide flexible training for 'in demand' sectors



Eligibility: aged 19+; employed unemployed or self-employed; looking to upskill to progress into employment or within current role



Example priority sectors:

- Digital (inc cyber, games, software development)
- Green (inc construction, power, transport)
- Technical (advanced, engineering)
- Construction

Bootcamps are delivered by local colleges or training providers, using a mixture of online and in person training

We have secured £1.8m for Bootcamps for 2023-24, as part of a joint bid with Hampshire County Council





Sectors

- Digital (Cyber, Digital marketing, software development and engineering); 150 places
- Green (retrofit, electric vehicles); 230 places



Timescales

- Providers currently signing up to Hampshire procurement platform
- Sept: advertisement of 'call off'
- Oct onwards: delivery begins



Council role

- Ensuring Surrey colleges and providers sign up for Hampshire framework
- Utilising our employer relationships to support progression

We are working on an application for 2024-25 Bootcamps, especially priority sectors/levels



Initial thinking on priority sectors/levels*

- Digital
 - Cyber
 - Gaming higher level, upskilling
 - AI?
- Green
 - Retrofit
 - Landbased? Tech?
- Technical: advanced engineering
- Creative: Early careers
- Health and social care

Deadline for 2024-25 bids: 30th Sept 2023

^{*} Based on alignment between Bootcamp and Surrey priorities (Local Skills Improvement Plan, Surrey Skills Plan, EM3 Local Skills report, insights from business engagement)

We would welcome your feedback on the 2024-25 bid as well as ensuring successful delivery



Input particularly welcome on:

- Sectors/levels for 2024-25 bid
- Ensuring successful delivery (Council, provider, employer roles)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Tuesday 5 December, 15:30 17:00
 - Host?