

HotSW LEP People Leadership Group
Thursday 24th September 2015
Cullompton Community Centre

<p>Attendees Stephen Criddle (Chair) HotSW LEP Keri Denton HotSW LEP Taylor HotSW LEP Jamie Evans DCC Deborah Passmore TEDC Ltd Oenone Thomas EHoD ESB Helena Davison HotSW LEP Rod Davis Dorset and Somerset TPN Ben Neild HE Representative Huw Davies NDevon ESB Ed Coley PCC Peter Livingstone Somerset ESB Richard Daulton SFA Ali Porter DWP Nora Corkery CVS Representative Tom Satterly (Notes) DCC</p>	<p>Apologies Sarah Grigg NDevon ESB Rosie Bates HotSW LEP / DCC Paul Neil Murphy Somerset Chamber Catherine Stevens BIG Lottery Fund Chris Garcia HotSW LEP Mark Shepard EHoD ESB Sally Kittle DWP Chris Evans HE Representative</p>
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1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies SC welcomed colleagues and confirmed apologies received.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from Previous Meeting Action points revisited. Minutes were agreed by the group. Digital Sub-group agenda item to be carried forward FSB and Yeo Valley representative to be approached to join group SC spoke about the recent LEP Business Conference. Hopefully notes will be produced from that to which skills related topics could be extracted.</p>	HH
3.	<p>Matters arising No matters arising</p>	
4.	<p>Devolution Agenda, Productivity and Skills SC and KD led a discussion on working with colleagues around possible asks of government. Important points and messages raised below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence base • Double devolution with greater localism? • Baseline and fiscally neutral – equalisation before decentralisation. • Scope of what is captured • Looking at what others have done already • Not a beauty parade, different negotiation, and with Civil Servants who are gaining experience across the country. Be bold and ambitious. • Business conference indicated that we have significant level of small and 	

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	<p>micro businesses and engagement in skills is an issue that needs be considered. Impact on the creating conditions for growth and needs Innovation and creativity play a part.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should Devon go early? • Lobbying, CSR, raise the issues 	
5.	<p>Area Based Reviews SC briefed the group about the Government Initiative of Area Based Reviews. Targeting Post 16 Education and Training. This has been triggered by many colleges suffering from financial difficulty with the government aim to end up with fewer, larger, more efficient colleges. Preparation conversations have already taken place between colleges.</p>	
6. 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4	<p>Updates</p> <p>6.1 ESIF SFA – might hear end of next week on order, and approach. Conversations continue. PID ready, and working on launching this side of Christmas Higher level skills – to involve the TPN as well Joint business and people group a possible future initiative</p> <p>6.2 Construction Skills Project First meeting in August. Work is still owned by the People Leadership group. Terms of reference need to be approved. People Group confirmed their approval and mandate to take forward.</p> <p>6.3 Enterprise Education – CEIAG Standards / Careers and Enterprise Company This was approved and the standards were agreed. These can be published.</p> <p>6.4 SFA Update RiD provided the SFA update. RiD to share links and a summary around the levy for large employers to support the Governments targets for apprenticeships Consultation is still open until end of next week. Construction sector already has a levy, how would a new levy work alongside this? Outcomes might come out in the CSR.</p>	RiD
7.	<p>Growth Deal 1 – Project Profile Important steer from the LEP Board and SIP, projects are starting to slip for various reasons and PLG needs to focus on the monitoring of schemes. Bridgwater College – Draft funding agreement sent, once signed can begin to claim. Somerset College – Staff turnover issues has caused delays. Plymouth City College – 1st claim submitted and exploring the possibility of accelerated claims.</p>	

	<p>HPTA South Devon College and Bicton – Draft funding agreements being examined. Bridgwater College – Currently under review. Exeter College – Delay JE to make enquiries. Strode College – Withdrawing their application Petroc – Submission under review. Outcome expected shortly Yeovil College – Ongoing conversation due to high risk of land sale.</p>	
8.	<p>Growth Deal 3 – Pipeline/Prioritisation (initial information) The 3 LEP Leadership groups have been asked to begin gathering applications. New applications have been received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Productivity and key sectors were present in many applications. • People Leadership group to be responsible for the evaluation process. <p>Action - JE and KD to progress</p>	JE/KD
9.	<p>AOB RD wanted to circulate a written update on HPTA to be attached with minutes.</p>	RD circulated
	<p>Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd November 2015 10:00 –12:00 , Cullompton Community Centre EX15 1JX</p>	