

HEY Skills Board
2.00pm on 17th July 2025
Ergo, Hessle

Present

Jayne Adamson, Councillor Aitken, Mark Burley, Andy Crossland, Iain Elliott, David Gent, David Inness, Lizann Lowson, Rob MacNaught, Michelle Peacock, Richard Stockton, Susan Weeks and Adrian West.

In attendance

Luke Campbell, Teresa Chalmers, Hannah Crookes, Chris Howell, Ben Odams and Jayne Wilcox (substitute).

Dorinda Guy (Democratic Services Officer).

Apologies

Paul Britton, Becki Hamnett, Danny Metters, Councillor Tock and Claire Watts.

Minute No	Item	Action By/Deadline
24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that followed below.	
25	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 21ST MAY 2025 The Democratic Services Officer submitted, for approval, the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st May 2025. Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st May 2025 be approved as a true and correct record.	Dorinda Guy
26	MAYOR INTRODUCTION To provide a verbal update on the Mayors ambitions and advise whether the Skills Board remains as is. Discussion took place around working more collaboratively with all agencies and skill networks, linking every element of the Combined Authority together. How it wasn't just about creating jobs, it was about, aspiration, providing experience and creating desire and opportunity.	

	The Board thanked the Mayor for attending; in which he advised he would attend a future meeting, hopefully staying for the full duration.	
27	HEY WORK AND SKILLS STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT The Associate, Question Factory provided a report which asked the Board to provide comment, also on the development of a Work and Skills Strategy by the Combined Authority. The Board was informed – a. That the paper outlined the current context, priorities and proposed development process for a comprehensive Work and Skills Strategy for Hull and East Yorkshire (HEY), it would be one of the first strategies development by the Combined Authority which hopefully should be in place by March; b. that if the Board had any specific priorities to bring them forward, and c. that the strategy development process would be developed in strategies; however it would take at least a month longer than the projected timescales. The Board discussed the following matters – a. Whether the Combined Authority was suitably funded to be able to provide and deliver the work and skills recommended; b. that a Mapping Plan be provided for visual aspect, and c. how the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) would fit into a strategy.	Ben Odams
28	LOCAL SKILLS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LSIP) Ben Odams and Hannah Crookes advised that unfortunately they had still not received guidance from the government on the LSIP process to be able to produce a briefing paper at present. The initial thinking around what the guidance was expecting the MCA to do was the Local Skills Improvement Plan would be seen as the delivery mechanism for the Local Growth Plan. Hopefully a draft would be available by the end of the month and what may be included in the statutory guidance was how it links with other plans, higher education engagement would be more at the forefront and clarity on how the LSIP should help drive decision on funding.	
29	HORIZON SCANNING UPDATE	

	The Employment and Skills Manager submitted a briefing paper which provided the Board with details of new and emerging policy, strategy, research or though pieces relevant to the work of the HEY Skills Board. The Board was informed – a. That the UK’s Modern Industrial Strategy was a 10-year plan to increase business investment and grow the industries of the future in the UK; b. that Skills England produced a report called ‘Driving Growth and Widening Opportunities’, which outlined how skills can drive UK growth, along with an initial assessment of skills needs in the economy. The analysis brought a wealth of evidence and summarised key insights from Skills England’s engagement and analysis on the growth and skills offer and identified key gaps in the current apprenticeship skills system, along with potential ways to address them, and c. that the Department for Health and Social Care announced the ‘10 Year Health Plan’ setting out how the government plans to tackle inequalities in people’s health through fundamental reforms to the health system.	Chris Howell
30	FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME The Democratic Services Officer submitted the Work Programme to update the Board on future agenda items. Agreed – That the Work Programme be noted.	Dorinda Guy