

Sheffield Employment and Skills Board – Position

Sheffield benefits from a multiple Employment & Skills programmes, delivered by a wide range of partners and stakeholders. However, in a complex and congested funding landscape – both at regional and local level – the city suffers from a lack of joined-up space to aid between those designing, commissioning and delivering programmes. A more co-ordinated approach, with closer collaboration and shared priorities, is needed to ensure provision is complementary, targeted at those in the greatest need and offers best-value for money.

The key stakeholders in Employment & Skills recognise the need for Sheffield-focused governance in this field, with strategic planning informed by a breadth of knowledge, experience and stakeholder perspectives. To this end, we propose the formation of a shadow board to develop the city's Employment & Skills Governance Board and agree headline priorities, working in the context of Sheffield City Goals, Sheffield's Place-based Plan, the Economic Baseline Study and South Yorkshire's Skills Strategy and LSIP.

Potential Terms of Reference for Discussion

Purpose

- Set the ambition for Sheffield around Employment and Skills
- Agree priorities for Employment and Skills in Sheffield aligned to the regional and local context, existing strategies and place-based plans
- Review economic intelligence and evidence of economic performance on employment and skills (e.g. qualification levels, attainment, unemployment, economic inactivity) and identify opportunities to accelerate growth and employment
- Agree key partnerships required to drive the delivery of the priorities, the goals for the priority areas and how progress will be measured. These maybe themed at age groups, those with health inequalities, certain sectors etc
- Influence national and regional government's policies, priorities and funding opportunities to meet the needs identified for Sheffield
- Ensure a shared understanding of the activities in Sheffield, recognising good practice and strong partnerships and seek to expand these or develop programmes to fill gaps



Proposed Membership of Shadow Board

Initially the membership will consist of the below with an opportunity to expand once priorities are agreed. The membership will consist of people with the level of seniority to commit their organisations to activity and investment.

- The Sheffield College
- Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
- Sheffield City Council
- Integrated Care Board
- Voluntary Action Sheffield
- Department of Work and Pensions
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Sheffield

Attendance

TBC

Monthly / Bi-Monthly