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LEP - Lancashire Skills and Employment Board

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City Deal Skills and Employment Report (Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

This paper provides an overview of the information submitted by the City Deal Skills and Employment Steering Group to the wider progress report which is produced bi-annually for the City Deal Executive. As previously agreed, the information collated is also reported to the Skills and Employment Board to provide an insight into progress in the City Deal area (which spans Preston and South Ribble).

The broader City Deal Report will be presented at the City Deal Executive on the 29th November 2018.

Recommendation

The Lancashire Skills and Employment Board are asked to note the contents of the report.

1.0 Background

1.1 Skills and Employment data by academic year is fed into the broader mid-year City Deal Report which is produced annually in November. The City Deal Report will be presented to the City Deal Executive at its meeting on the 29th November 2019. The Skills and Employment data provides performance data against a number of thematic areas outlined below:

- Apprenticeship Starts
- Graduate Destination Data
- HE STEM Subject Starts
- Careers/Curriculum Engagement
- JSA/UC Claimant Count



1.2 A full breakdown of performance against these selected indicators is provided in the attached report (Appendix 'A') along with case studies providing examples of activity delivered across the City Deal area (Appendix 'B'). Some key points are outlined below:

- There was a rise in apprenticeships starts amongst the 16-24yr old group, increasing from 875 reported for 2016/17 to 1,018 in 2017/18. Apprenticeship starts in the construction sector experienced an even greater year on year increase over the same period from 155 to 279.
- There was marked rise in the number of new students enrolling on STEM and construction undergraduate programmes from 2,146 in 2015/16 to 3,120 in 2016/17, representing a 45% year on year increase.
- The 'Bridge the Gap' programme has continued to go from strength to strength. Developed in partnership with STEMFirst the activity aimed at Year 8 and 9 pupils has been designed to shine a light on the wide range of STEM and construction careers being created across the City Deal area. A total of 43 staff have been trained with 963 pupils spread across 15 schools benefiting from the programme. Planning for the 2018/19 academic year is currently underway with a number of schools expressing an interest.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		