**LEP – Sub Committee**

**LEP - Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Panel**

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**Skills for Jobs White Paper**

Appendix A refers

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| **Executive Summary** The government's White Paper, Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth was published on the 21st January 2021. The focus of the paper is on the continued reform of the Post-16 skills offer.  The White Paper sets out a range of reforms to tackle skills gaps, to improve productivity and international competitiveness. The Government wishes to prioritise courses and qualifications that enable people to get great jobs, and wishes to place employers at the heart of defining local skills needs. The paper recognises that England does not have enough technicians, engineers or health and social care professionals to meet the country's challenges. The paper also recognises the pace of technological change and the role of further education providers in building an agile and adaptable workforce through a flexible skills offer.  A summary of the white paper was circulated to the committee on the day of publication and is appended here. **Recommendation** Committee members are asked to contribute to a discussion regarding the recommendations of the Skills for Jobs White Paper and implications for Lancashire at the committee meeting. |

**List of Background Papers**

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