

Marches Enterprise Joint Committee	
Meeting date:	13 February 2017
Title of report:	Marches LEP: Updated Skills Plan and Action Plan for the period 2017 – 2020

Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not a key decision.

Purpose

To consider the updated LEP Skills Plan and Action Plan which have been developed by the LEP Skills Board over the past 6 – 8 months. The LEP Board reviewed the documents at their November 2016 meeting, requested a number of small changes and agreed they updated documents be submitted to MEJC for approval.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the Marches Enterprise Joint Committee agree the draft Marches LEP 3 Year Skills Plan and Action Plan as detailed in Annex 1 and Annex 2.**

Summary

- 1 Since spring 2016 the Marches LEP worked with Regeneris Consulting, to provide the Marches LEP Strategic Economic Plan data refresh which includes data on the skills needs of the area and then subsequently the refresh of the LEP Skills Plan and Action Plan.
- 2 Over the summer the Marches LEP Skills Board and the LEP Skills Operations Group together with the LEP team have consulted with the three Local Authority Skills Leads, Further Education establishments, Higher Education Institutes, training providers and businesses amongst other Stakeholders, to develop these documents. Attached at Annex 1 and 2 are the draft Skills Plan and Action Plan which we are asking the Marches Enterprise Joint Committee to consider and approve.

Alternative options

3 None

Financial implications

- 4 The Skills Plan sets out a range of priorities for action and the Skills Action Plan identifies actual or potential projects and actions which could be undertaken by LEP partners. The funds to undertake the projects will be applied for either from Growth Deal funds, ESF, the Skills Funding Agency or other publicly funded initiatives on a case by case basis.

Legal implications

5 None

Risks, opportunities and impacts

- 6 To mitigate the risk of non-delivery of the actions in the Skills Action Plan a progress review of the Skills Action Plan will be a standing item at the quarterly Skills Board meetings. The impact of the Skills Plan will be evaluated using the “Measures of Progress” that are outlined in the Skills Plan. Again this work will be undertaken by the Skills Board on a quarterly basis.

Consultation

- 7 See Appendix A in the Skills Plan (attached to this report at Annex 1) for details of the people and groups consulted.

Appendices

Annex 1 – Draft Skills Plan
Annex 2 – Draft Skills Action Plan