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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Buckinghamshire Local Skills Report</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>To provide Board members with information about the Buckinghamshire Local Skills Report prior to its publication on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.</b>
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<b>That members endorse the Local Skills Report.</b>
<b>Impact on Risk Register:</b>	<b>The LEP received funding from the Department for Education to develop the Report. It is a requirement that the Report be published by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to ensure continued funding for 2021/22.</b>

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- 1 Gavin Brooks, the Chair of the Buckinghamshire Skills Advisory Panel (SAP), will provide a summary for Board Members of the Buckinghamshire Local Skills Report - word version attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 2 LEPs are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to work with their SAP to produce annual Local Skills Reports. This is the first edition, with a second edition required in November 2021.
- 3 A draft version of the Report was submitted to DfE in February 2021 and positive feedback was received.
- 4 The Report is designed to be the 'go-to' document for all involved in the skills ecosystem in Buckinghamshire. It follows a set structure (as stipulated by DfE) and includes evidence, skills priorities, case studies and the Buckinghamshire Skills Action Plan.
- 5 The Report provides a framework for skills activity across Buckinghamshire. It is intended to inform investment decisions, collaborative activity and curriculum planning for post-16 education and training providers.
- 6 Progress on the activities set out in the Skills Action Plan element of the report will be monitored by the Buckinghamshire SAP on a regular basis.
- 7 The Report, along with reports being produced by other LEPs, will feed into national policy thinking through national [Skills and Productivity Board](#).
- 8 Accompanying the Report is a comprehensive evidence base, sector summaries and an Apprenticeship dashboard. All of which will be published on the LEP and Skills Hub websites.
- 9 The report will be promoted and shared widely with key stakeholders. It is anticipated that the report will raise the profile of the Buckinghamshire Skills Advisory Panel and lead to more employer / education collaboration on skills initiatives that drive economic growth and provide 'good work' for residents.

- 10 At the BLEP Board meeting in January an outline of the Skills Programme activity over the past 5 years was presented, it was agreed that a budget request for the continued support for the activity programme be presented to this meeting the budget for the skills programme has been included as part of the SLA and MOU with Buckinghamshire Business First that is included as part of Agenda Item 5 of this board pack.

**Board members are asked to:**

- i. Endorse the Buckinghamshire Local Skills Report.**
- ii. Promote the Report through their networks.**