

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 15 March 2023 by the Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee.

Item No

7. **EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE GREEN JOBS AND SKILLS**

7.1 The report seeks to:

- update the Economic Development and Skills Committee on the work to date in mapping the Employment and Skills landscape in Sheffield.
- gain the approval of the Committee to establish a Governance Board including the key stakeholders that operate in this area of work
- gain approval to progress work on an Employment and Skills Strategy for Sheffield agree the initial priorities to be considered in the development process.
- Note that green jobs and skills are a critical part of the employment and skills strategy

7.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee:-

1. Approves the creation of an Employment and Skills Advisory Board.
2. Approves the development of an Employment and Skills strategy for Sheffield and the initial policy areas to be considered in the development of the strategy to be led by the Employment and Skills Board, as set out in this report.
3. Notes that green jobs and skills are a critical part of the employment and skills strategy.
4. Establishes a task and finish group composed of members of the committee, with at least one representative from each of the political parties, to receive regular updates and feedback from the Advisory Board.

7.3 **Reasons for Decision**

7.3.1 The recommendations support the following Council priorities:

- Tackling inequalities and supporting people through the cost of living crisis
- Healthy lives and wellbeing for all
- Clean economic growth
- Happy young people who have the start they need for the future they want

7.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

7.4.1 A do-nothing approach would result in Governance and Strategy being held at a Regional level.

Whilst this was considered, stakeholders have been clear that there is a need for a

strategic board to co-ordinate the wide range of partners and activities within Sheffield. This is to ensure that programmes are complementary and that all areas of the community are supported.

There is also agreement of the need to set employment and skills vision and ambitions for Sheffield as it lays the foundation for an inclusive economy and clean economic growth.

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