

Hampshire Skills Partnership

DRAFT Terms of Reference

Purpose and scope

The purpose of the Hampshire Skills Partnership is to work collaboratively across Hampshire's skills system to influence and shape provision to meet the current and future needs of employers, individuals and communities; to support participation, opportunity and prosperity for all.

It is recommended that the Hampshire Skills Partnership be comprised of two elements:

- **Hampshire Skills Partnership Steering Group** with representatives from business, education & training and local government.
- 1. **Hampshire Skills Partnership:** A wider, open group that will convene quarterly

Hampshire Skills Partnership Steering Group

The Hampshire Skills Partnership Steering Group will act as a leadership group, bringing together representatives from business, education and training and local government. The Group will advise the Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board on skills and employment challenges and priorities and co-ordinate the activity of the wider Skills Partnership.

Vision

To ensure all agencies are working together to provide the skills and opportunities needed to drive economic growth and ensure an inclusive and prosperous regional economy. Our ambition is to create a high-performing, highly skilled workforce that offers the opportunity for all to learn and to succeed, regardless of background and at every stage of their life.

Hampshire Skills Partnership

The Hampshire Skills Partnership is established as a wide-reaching, stakeholder engagement forum which is open to anyone with an interest in supporting and developing the local skills system. The partnership will hold up to four events each year, focused on pertinent skills topics with the aim of sharing information, highlighting best practice and providing networking opportunities for businesses, providers and other stakeholders.

The Partnership will work closely with the two Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs), to add value to current activities and will be guided by the priorities of the Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board (HPPB).

Building on the legacy of the successful Local Enterprise Partnerships, Hampshire County Council is working in partnership with businesses, local authorities and the education and skills community to drive economic growth for the wider benefit of the people, businesses, institutions, and the environment of Hampshire.

The Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board

The vision is to create an environment that enables sustainable and long-term economic success which in turn increases the prosperity and opportunity for the people of Hampshire now and in the future.

Hampshire's Prosperity Partnership is a strategic partnership that brings together the stakeholders with an ability to influence and drive a sustainable and resilient economy, along with the associated development of skills to increase the well-being of people and communities across Hampshire.

The Prosperity Partnership will include activities to support a sustainable and resilient economy in relation to:

1. Provision of strategic infrastructure
2. Local based regeneration and place-based strategies
3. Use of strategic assets to unlock investment opportunities
4. Sector support and business development
5. Skills, recruitment, and retention
6. Research, development and innovation
7. Net zero and net environmental gain

Outputs and Actions

Outputs and Actions from the Hampshire Skills Partnership Steering Group will include:

1. Advise the Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board on matters relating to skills and employment including providing qualitative and quantitative evidence to inform decision making.
2. Review and update the skills strategy and develop agreement between key stakeholders on the delivery of a skills plan aligned to the Economic Strategy and Hampshire 2050 vision.
2. Identify and collate evidence of current and future skills needs including labour market information; collaborate with the Hampshire Business Forum and the LSIPs to ensure the voice of employers is heard
3. Gather evidence relating to the barriers and enablers of an effective skills supply pipeline and make evidence-based recommendations for intervention
3. Enable effective strategic collaboration between education and skills providers to influence and shape the current and future skills offer.
4. Provide strategic leadership aligned to Hampshire's Economic and Skills Strategies and the two LSIPs.
4. Support the Local Authority's statutory function for post 16 education and training provision and providing strategic support and challenge to the sector.

5. Identifying opportunities for future programmes of activity to meet the objectives of the Skills Strategy.
6. Raising the profile of its collaborative successes and acting as a champion for skills, inclusion and high-quality, sustainable employment as drivers of economic prosperity.
5. Collaborate with the Business Forum and the LSIPs to ensure the voice of employers is at the heart of skills strategy and planning.
6. Identify mechanisms for engaging learners to assist in setting skills strategy and programmes.

Values

- The group will have a strong education, skills and training focus, with an overarching socio-economic purpose
- The group shall be persistently objective and non-partisan. Collaboration and constructive consideration of issues will be at its heart.
- Its intention is to serve the best long-term interests of the entire region, its citizens and its communities.

Behaviours

- Integrity – always act with integrity, putting the prosperity of Hampshire at the centre of all decisions,
- Collaborative – recognise the strengths of other sectors and how we can achieve more by working together,
- Respectful – be respectful of others’ views, opinions and backgrounds,
- Curiosity – be excited by looking for new opportunities and solving problems,
- Openness – be open to exploring new ideas and to challenge traditional ideas and solutions.

Structure

The Hampshire Skills Partnership Steering Group is comprised of key stakeholders representing the businesses and the secondary and tertiary education sectors of Hampshire. It will work with existing skills/provider groups and employer representative bodies to encourage collaboration and alignment and maximise the use of resources.

There will also be a close working relationship between the Steering Group and the Hampshire Business Forum.

The Steering Group shall comprise:

Role	Representative of:		Seats	Note
	Sector (Private/Public/ Education/Other)	Organisation		
Chair	Education	TBC	1	To be a member of the HPPB and agreed by the steering group members
Member(s)	Education	FE	4	
Member(s)	Education	HE	2	
Member(s)	Private/Education	Independent Training Provider	1	
	Education	Sixth Form College	1	Representative of Wessex Sixth Form group
	Education	Secondary School	1	Representative of Hampshire Secondary Heads group
	Education	South Coast IOT	1	
	Private sector	Hays Recruitment	1	
	ERB	Chamber of Commerce (ERB for Solent LSIP)	1	Hampshire Chamber
	Public	Department for Work and Pensions	1	
			14	Members

Record keeper		H2050	1	HCC to provide
Observer		H2050	1	Strategic Skills Lead
Observer		Children's Services	1	County Education Manager (Participation and Lifelong Learning)
Observer		H2050	1	Strategic Skills Manager (supports the Chair)

Other organisations may be invited to attend to contribute to specific topics of discussion as required and by agreement of the core members of the steering group.

Attendee roles and responsibilities

Chair

The Chair will be responsible for ensuring efficient, constructive discussion and capturing clear, relevant outputs from meetings,

The Chair will lead meetings and be responsible for running to time,

The Chair will review documentation prepared by officers and other contributors prior to distribution to the members.

Members

The Chair and all Members will read and prepare to comment upon and discuss inputs to the meeting.

All Members will share responsibility for constructive and timely execution of meetings.

All Members will draw upon insights from their own sectors and geographic areas but will be focused on capability and skills creation for all of Hampshire.

Meetings

Meetings will be held quarterly and at least two weeks before the HPPB meeting to enable any Steering Group recommendations to be considered at the next available meeting.

Papers will be submitted to the board at least five working days before each meeting.

A 12 month forward plan of meetings will be maintained.

Minutes will be distributed within seven days of each meeting.

Establishment and oversight of any relevant working groups to progress specific programmes of work as needed.

Amendments to these Terms of Reference

It may be necessary for these Terms of Reference to be amended as the Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board and associated groups become established. Therefore, it is proposed that these Terms of Reference are reviewed at every meeting for the first 12 months to ensure they remain fit for purpose.