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Welcome to the September edition of our Sussex LSIP e-newsletter

The Sussex LSIP report and associated Future Skills Sussex Improvement Framework can be found on the [Sussex Chamber's website](#).



Secretary of State designates Chamber to deliver Local Skills Improvement Plan across Sussex



Sussex Chamber of Commerce are delighted to announce that they have been chosen to lead the development and delivery of the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) for Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex.

Following the successful development of the Trailblazer LSIP for Sussex, published in April 2022, the Chamber have now been designated as the Employer Representative Body to take forward the LSIP for Sussex, as they are rolled out across the country.

Over the coming weeks we will be working with Department for Education (DfE) colleagues to finalise our LSIP delivery plans through to March 2025, which will enable us to continue the work started during the LSIP Trailblazer.

We will be taking these plans forward by bringing together and working in partnership with employers, training providers and other key stakeholders across Sussex, to continue to respond to the skills priorities and solutions identified within our LSIP report and the associated Future Skills Sussex Improvement Framework.

LSIPs have been placed on a statutory footing through the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 and this guidance sets out the process for the rollout of LSIPs across the country and includes the process for developing and reviewing an LSIP. Further information can be found in the DfE's [Statutory Guidance for the Development of a Local Skills Improvement Plan](#).

Watch this space for further updates regarding our LSIP delivery plans and opportunities to get involved.

LSIP Board Recruitment - New Construction sector member



We're delighted to report that Liane Richardson, HR Director at Thakeham Homes, will be joining the LSIP Board as our new Construction Sector representative.

Liane has a wealth of knowledge not only in the construction Sector but is also very active across the skills agenda in Sussex. She has previously been a member of the Coast to Capital Skills 360 Board and is the chair for the Coast to Capital Careers Hub. In addition, Liane is an Enterprise Advisor for the Royal Alexandra & Albert school in Reigate, which has helped her gain a detailed understanding of education provision and the challenges schools and other education bodies face.

We're looking forward to welcoming Liane to our Board meeting in September.

Key Sector Deep Dives



Digital Sector - Reports now published

We're pleased to announce that we have now published the Digital Sector Deep Dive report on our [website](#).

The report is broken down into an overall **Executive Summary** which highlights the key findings, skills challenges and priorities for change within the Digital Sector, as well as conclusions and recommendations for further action.

There is also an **Evidence Base report** that accompanies the main Executive Summary. This report is broken down into sections what provide information, data and resource links on the skills demand, skills supply, careers services and strategic initiatives. **The aim of the evidence base is that partners can dip into the sections most appropriate to them and as they need.**

The findings and recommendations from the Digital Sector Deep Dive will be used going forward with our development and delivery of the LSIP and we will work with partners to take forward any actions.

This Deep Dive has been a pilot undertaken on limited resources and will be the basis for future Deep Dives into all the Sussex LSIP Key Sectors.

Key Sector Deep Dives



Creative and Cultural Sector - Postponed

In last month's newsletter we report that the Creative and Cultural Sector is now underway. However, we have now taken the decision to postpone the Deep Dive until we have the LSIP funding and delivery plan in place which will enable the project to be better resourced. We hope to commence with the Deep Dive in the autumn and will keep our creative and cultural stakeholders updated on developments.

Sussex Chamber Events



At the Chamber we hold many events for our members and also non-members. They are a great opportunity to hear about business and sectorial topics and network with others.

We are holding the following events that are available to book on our [Events Gallery](#) on the Sussex Chamber website:

Sussex Chamber Business Awards Celebration 2022

20 SEPT 2022; 18:00 PM - 23:00 PM

BUXTED PARK HOTEL, BUXTED, UCKFIELD

We're thrilled to announce the inaugural launch of the prestigious Sussex Chamber Business Awards celebration. The evening is an excellent networking opportunity with some of the leading businesses in the region as well as an opportunity to celebrate the year's successes with friends and colleagues.

Business Networking Lunch and AGM

29 SEPT 2022; 12:00 PM - 14:30 PM

THE WHITE SWAN, ARUNDEL

Join us at The White Swan in Arundel for our AGM.

Our guest speaker will be a representative from the British Chambers of Commerce.

This event includes a buffet lunch and there is FREE car parking at the venue.

Gatwick Airport regional update

11 OCTOBER 2022 - 08:00 AM - 10:30 AM

THE OLD SHIP HOTEL

Gatwick is the UK's second largest airport and flies a range of both short and long-haul point-to-point services. The airport is a vital piece of the UK's national infrastructure and is also a major driver for both the regional and national economies.

Our guest speaker will be Richard Lennard, Economic Partnerships Manager at Gatwick Airport.

Join us for a networking breakfast at The Old Ship Hotel, a prime location and landmark on the seafront in Brighton. A continental breakfast will be served whilst you have the opportunity to network with other businesses, both members and non-members.