



The Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP)



Sussex Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) - E-newsletter October 2022

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



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

Local Skills Improvement Plan Rollout



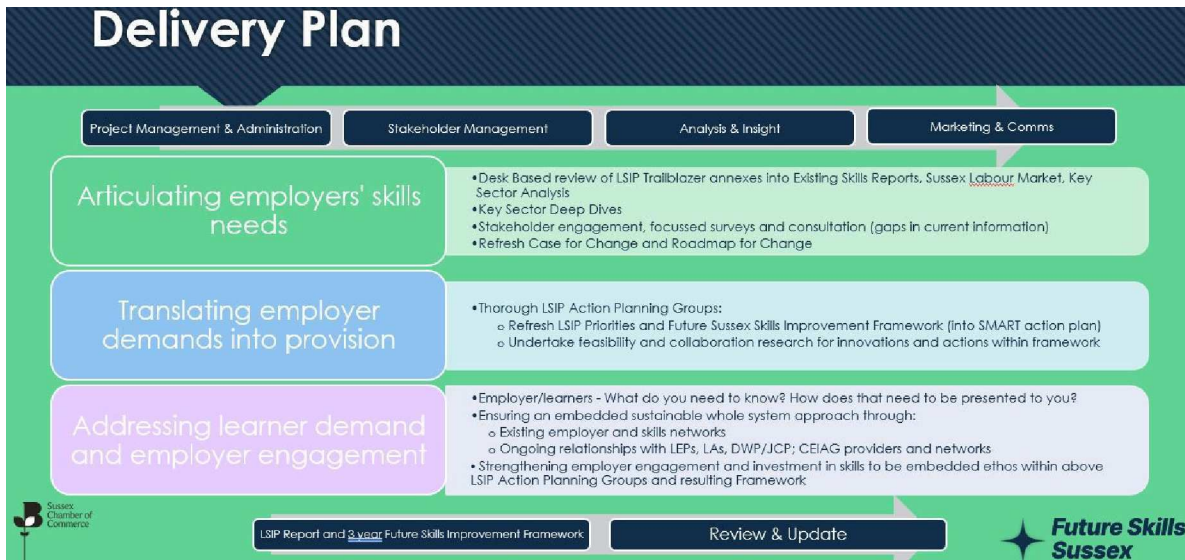
As reported in last months newsletter Sussex Chamber of Commerce has been designated by Department for Education (DfE) as the employer representative body to take forward the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) for Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex.

We have now submitted our funding and delivery plan application to DfE and expect to have agreement from them by November 2022.

Delivery Plan

Our deliver plan has been developed in line with the [DfE's Statutory Guidance for the Development of a Local Skills Improvement Plan](#) and will build on the work undertaken during the LSIP Trailblazer project. This will include updates and a refresh to the LSIP data analysis, carry out key sector Deep Dives and work with partners across the area to develop the LSIP report and refresh the Future Skills Sussex Improvement Framework into a 3 year action plan.

The timeline to undertake the delivery plan is ambitious with the finalised LSIP report due to be submitted to the Secretary of State by 31 May 2023.



LSIP Next Steps



During October we will be reaching out to all stakeholders regarding opportunities for their involvement in the key sector Deep Dives, stakeholder events and the LSIP Action Planning Groups.

Sussex LSIP External Expert Opportunities

We are commencing procurement activities to secure external experts to join the Sussex LSIP Team and support on the delivery plan and development of the LSIP report. External expert opportunities will include:

Stakeholder Engagement Leads x3 – consultants or paid secondments to engage with a range of stakeholders effectively and undertake Key Sector Deep Dives to inform the refreshed LSIP report. We are ideally seeking experts in the business community and/or skills community with strong networking skills.

Strategic Expert – a senior professional to provide high level strategic insight and support with the development and action planning of Future Skills Sussex Improvement Framework and LSIP report.

For further details and information on how to apply, please see the full procurement briefs for these opportunities on our [LSIP webpage](#).

The deadline for applications is **noon on 28 October 2022**.

Deep Dives



As part of our LSIP delivery plan we will be continuing with our series of Deep Dives, which commenced over the summer with the Digital Sector Deep Dive.

The further deep dives will take place between November 2022 and February 2023 and be into our other key sectors:

- Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies
- Construction
- Visitor, Hospitality, Creative & Cultural
- Land-based, Agriculture & Viticulture
- Health & Care, Bio Life Sciences & Pharmaceutical

The Deep Dives will be lead by the Stakeholder Engagement Leads we're looking to procure (see above) and they will be reaching out to our partners to form Deep Dive Steering Groups.

These groups will meet approx. three times during the projects and members will support the projects to:

- Support and be actively involved in the research and/or provide access to relevant data
- Feed-back on findings as project progresses
- Link into sector employers or learning networks
- Promote the Deep Dive project through networks and social media channels
- Approve and validate the final report

We are now looking for businesses, skills providers and strategic partners to be involved in the Deep Dive Steering Groups.

If you would like to support the LSIP, and influence the further of the skills system and supply in the Sussex area please do please do email us at skills@sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk to gain more information or to express an interest.

Partner Focus



Our LSIP partners at Chichester College Group are working with colleges across the Sussex area on the [Strategic Development Fund project](#) and they would love to hear from businesses across the area to support elements of the delivery

Calling all employers for our CODES!



Our CODES (Centres of Digital Excellence) project delivered by Chichester College Group and partner colleges is now underway across Sussex.

We are responding directly to you and what the Sussex LSIP has reported as critical to the successful future of their businesses – a shortage of digital skills, the digital divide and the key digital competences identified by you.

We are also looking to address this shortage with focused modular courses which respond to employers needs.

On offer will be an initial suite of short, blended learning courses offered at Introduction and Intermediate levels from January - free of charge, spaces will be strictly limited. Enrolments are not yet open, but if you are interested please email me your details and I will forward to the appropriate centre.

Centre	Specialism
Crawley Centre	Coding (Python and C#)
Brighton Metropolitan College	Virtual Reality
Chichester College	Esports and Games Development
Brinsbury College	Agritech - Agriculture and Animal Welfare
Northbrook College	Cyber Security
East Sussex College Group - Hastings campus	Web Technologies and Software Development for the Web
East Sussex College Group - Eastbourne campus	Energy Management and Business Information Modelling
Plumpton College	Data Analytics for land-based industries Digital Applications for monitoring and assessing animal health
Bexhill College	Health and Social Care Creative and Cultural Hospitality Business and finance

To progress the fine tuning and currency of the courses, which are planned to be accredited by the British Computer Society, we need your support to ensure we are delivering the right cutting edge skills.

If you have knowledge in one or more of the specialisms above, we would very much like to hear from you. Contact chris.davies@gbmc.ac.uk

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:

Gatwick Airport regional update

11 OCTOBER - 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.

Outlook for the UK Economy

12 OCTOBER - 14:30 PM - 16:00 PM
HILTON BRIGHTON METROPOLE HOTEL

Join us for a face to face update from Florence Hubert – Bank of England - Deputy Agent for Central Southern England.

Florence will discuss recent economic and financial developments and the Bank of England's outlook for UK growth and CPI inflation over the next few years. She will answer any questions people may have on this and the Bank of England more widely.

Sussex Chamber Business Expo - EXHIBITOR BOOKINGS

15 NOVEMBER - 09:00 AM - 15:00 PM
THE KING'S CHURCH, BURGESS HILL

We are delighted to announce our second Sussex Chamber Business Expo.

The expo will offer an ideal opportunity to bring companies together from across Sussex, make new connections, and catch up with familiar faces. Exhibitors can really showcase their business and services. Book your stand now to benefit from our preferential rates.