

**West of England Local Enterprise Partnership
Board meeting – Tuesday 13 September 2022**

Climate & Ecological Strategy and Action Plan – progress and opportunity

Purpose of the report

1. To update the LEP Board on the West of England Climate and Ecological Strategy and Action Plan (CESAP) and support a discussion on progress. The CESAP can be accessed [here](#).
2. The discussion will cover:
 - A summary of the CESAP
 - Progress since April when the strategy and action plan were launched
 - Focus on Green Jobs and Skills
 - A forward look to areas of focus for the next 6 months

Recommendation

The LEP Board note progress and consider where members may be able to support delivery against the plan.

Background

3. The CESAP has been in place since April 2022. It sets out an ambitious approach to tackling the climate and ecological emergencies that have been recognised by the region. Now that we are six months on from the adoption of the plan, officers have begun to review our progress against key actions.
4. We have an ambitious target of bringing 23,000 green jobs to the region. There is significant activity in place which is moving us in the right direction. However, more needs to be done to scale up and join up existing activity if we are to reach this target.
5. A key challenge is creating the demand for green skills. We are well positioned as a Combined Authority to help stimulate demand while in tandem supporting business to transition to low emissions, and create the green skills pipeline required.
6. Officers have identified several challenges and opportunities in delivering the green skills actions. We would welcome the Boards insights on the following questions during the meeting:
 - What challenges are you facing relating to green skills/jobs? what do you see as the major opportunities?
 - Are there particular areas where you think stimulating demand should be prioritised?
 - Are there areas of current delivery you think should be prioritised for upscaling?

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