

Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting: 10 September 2025
 Title of Report: **Productive Growth and High Value Jobs Pillar Update**
 Lead Member: Cllr Sally Cresswell (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships)
 Lead Strategic Director: David Haley (Director for Children's Services)
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 Your Reference:
 Key Decision: No
 Confidentiality: Part 1

Purpose of Report

The Plymouth Economic Strategy has four pillars; Productive Growth and High Value Jobs, Sustainable Growth, Civic Pride and Regeneration and Inclusive Growth. These are all underpinned by the cross-cutting pillar of Skills.

This report and related presentation provide an update for the Skills Pillar.

Recommendations and Reasons

It is recommended that the Committee note this report and the continued focus on Skills as a key element of the Plymouth Economic Strategy.

Alternative options considered and rejected

This is purely an update report therefore alternate options are not applicable.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report supports:

- The Corporate Plan priority of jobs, skills and better education.
- The Plymouth Plan:
 - Theme of 'A welcoming City' where every young person has access to the opportunities, they need to gain skills for productive and fulfilling employment and every business investor/potential investor in the area is provided with the support and encouragement it needs to grow/invest.
 - Theme of 'A growing city' by improvements to the local economy, building on key sector strengths such as marine, defence, advanced manufacturing, medical and healthcare, addressing the city's low productivity, delivering higher value jobs and economic growth (Policy GRO1)

Implications for the Medium-Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
None.

Legal Implications
None.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:
No direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from the recommendation.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:
** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council’s duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*
No other implications.

Appendices
**Add rows as required to box below*

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A	Skills Pillar Update							

Background papers:
**Add rows as required to box below*
*Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are **unpublished** works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.*
None.


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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Draffan


Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes



David Haley, DCS

Date agreed: 02/09/2025

Cabinet Member approval:



Date approved: 02 September 2025