

Update on the implementation of the Leeds Future Talent plan's work to support green jobs and skills

Date: 24th February 2025

Report of: Chief Officer of Economy and Skills

Report to: Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The report summarises what will be presented to the CEAC committee meeting on 24th February 2025. The presentation will aim to provide an update on how work linked to the implementation of the Leeds Future Talent plan is supporting the development of green jobs and green skills in Leeds.

Recommendations

- a) To note content of the report and presentation.
- b) To provide support and check and challenge on the city's climate emergency response in relation to green jobs and skills.

What is this report about?

- The presentation will provide an update to CEAC on the work of the Employment and Skills team (who oversee the implementation of the Future Talent plan) which has contributed towards the development of skills and jobs in industries associated with sectors expected to be key in achieving net zero ambitions.
- It will summarise workstreams delivered by the Employment and skills team highlighting key achievements but also some the challenges encountered.
- In addition, the presentation will cover how we have worked with city partners to ensure a Team Leeds approach.
- It will cover how the Employment and Skills service have been working in partnership with the Combined Authority to implement the recommendations of the Mayoral Green Task Force in relation to green jobs and skills.
- The presentation will outline future workstreams and priorities.

What impact will this proposal have?

The presentation from Employment and Skills will help inform the CEAC committee on work being delivered in the city on supporting green skills and jobs to contribute the delivery of Net Zero objectives. Therefore, providing useful understanding to support ongoing work undertaken by the committee in their role supporting and providing check and challenge on the city's climate emergency response as well as providing opportunity to find alignment and shared objectives to support ongoing work.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

Green Skills development and jobs are associated with sectors which will play a major role in reaching zero Carbon ambitions. Upskilling workers is necessary to address skills shortages in these sectors and grow the workforce. Employment and Skills focus interventions on individuals in priority wards to ensure all residents of Leeds can benefit from the opportunities this work will create.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

1. Not applicable

What are the resource implications?

2. There are no direct resource implications because of this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

3. There are no specific risk management implications because of this report.

What are the legal implications?

4. There are no direct legal implications because of this report.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

5. Not applicable

How will success be measured?

6. Not acceptable

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

7. Not applicable

Appendices

Background papers

Not applicable