Skills and Productivity Board - meeting 5

Monday 14 June 2021

16:00 to 18:00

Attendees

David Rey (Acting Chair)

Arun Advani

Claire Crawford

Andrew Dickerson

Ewart Keep

Grace Lordan

Ken Mayhew

Department for Education officials

SPB secretariat

Agenda item 1 - Welcome

Key objectives for the meeting:

- reconfirm timeline for question 1 analysis and what needs to be done before sharing early findings with government audiences
- agree scope for question 3

Agenda item 2 - Question 1

The secretariat updated on question 1 progress, confirming agreement of the indicators of shortage and overarching methodology.

Board agreed to:

 share options for weighting indicators of shortage into a single metric ahead of next week's Monday meeting for discussion

Agenda item 3 - Question 2

Secretariat updated on question 2 progress, outlining that priority areas have been decided and the overarching methodology for current skills needs in those areas has been agreed.

Agenda items 4a and 4b - Levelling up and question 3

Department for Education officials presented on the department's contribution to levelling up.

Board members presented several research proposals under the theme of skills, productivity and place.

Board agreed to:

• proceed with the research proposals as their combined question 3 response

Agenda item 5 - Research budget

Secretariat presented options on the research budget.