

# Skills and Productivity Board - meeting 7

**Wednesday 29 September 2021**

**10:30 to 12:30**

## **Attendees**

Angela Noon (Chair)

Arun Advani

Andrew Dickerson

Claire Crawford

Ewart Keep

Ken Mayhew

Apologies: Grace Lordan

SPB Secretariat

Deputy Director for Skills Strategy (for item 2 only)

Deputy Director for Skills Analysis (for item 2 only)

## **Agenda item 1 - Introduction by Chair**

The new chair Angela Noon introduced herself and welcomed the board.

## **Agenda item 2 - Update on new SoS priorities**

Deputy Directors for Skills Strategy and for Skills Analysis briefed the board on the new Secretary of State Nadhim Zahawi, and new DfE ministers and their respective areas of responsibility.

## **Agenda item 3 - Statement of purpose and vision**

Angela invited the board to reflect on its role since first established and produce a refreshed statement of purpose to guide its work over the next 2 years.

Board agreed that its strengths are in:

- focusing on collating and interpreting existing evidence base, then complementing this with novel analysis
- having a strategic view oriented to the longer-term issues
- exploring interactions between skills and other determinants of productivity

## **Agenda item 4 - Workplan**

The secretariat discussed the plan for an initial output for the new SoS.

Board agreed to:

- produce this output for January

- engage business and experts (such as think tanks) to inform this output