

2nd MEETING OF THE LABOUR MARKET EVIDENCE GROUP
Wednesday 22nd October 2025, 14:00 – 16:00
Virtual conference

Attending

Professor Brian Bell (Chair)
Dame Nancy Rothwell
Catherine Craig-McFeely
Phil Smith
Richard Murray
Thomas Nichols
Victor Dukelow
Holly White
Sarah Maclean
Jonathan Bateman
Supporting Staff for LMEG Members

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and introductions

Brian Bell opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees, including Catherine Craig-McFeely who was standing in for DWP representative Tom Younger.

Agenda Item 2 – Governance

Catherine Craig-McFeely and Phil Smith provided an overview of the machinery of government changes on skills policy and their impact on LMEG. Members agreed to update the Terms of Reference to reflect changes in ministerial portfolios and review LMEG membership in the Spring to ensure continues to align with skills policy governance.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates from members

Members provided updates on current work strands including the Temporary Shortage List review, Jobs Plans, Skills Needs Assessments and Labour Market Data Publications.

Agenda Item 4 – Prioritising Occupations of Interest

There was a discussion on which skilled occupations LMEG should focus on. Members agreed that Temporary Shortage List occupations should be the immediate priority, with further consideration given to higher-skilled roles and ongoing monitoring of lower-skilled occupations in the longer term whilst ensuring efforts are aligned with available resources of member organisations.

Agenda Item 5 – Forward Look

A member of the MAC Secretariat provided an overview of the key LMEG timelines and a summary of upcoming work. Members then discussed the key projects and their resourcing implications.

Agenda Item 6 – Next Steps

LMEG members to update and publish Terms of Reference, minutes of first two meetings and ministerial letter on LMEG webpage.

Agenda Item 7 – Any Other Business

No substantive items were raised. The MAC will continue to chair for the remainder of the first year. The next meeting date will be confirmed in due course.