

<b>Coast to Capital Board No. 23</b> <b>14 May 2015</b>	<b>Ref No.</b>  <b>23.12.1</b>
Report Title: <b>Skills Update</b>	
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### **Recommendation**

1. The Board is asked to NOTE this update.

### **1. Gatwick 'Academy'**

#### ***Skills Strategic Priority 2.1***

Discussions have begun with both Crawley District Council and Gatwick Airport in relation to the development of a Gatwick 'Academy' (working title only). Such a facility would not be replicating learning that is available elsewhere – but rather serve as a shop-front/venue for learning institutions. The facility could work with employers to source staff/training/apprentices, and would very likely have a STEM focus. Wider discussions have yet to take place and the next step will be bringing potential partners together to consider what the facility might look like/do.

### **2. Apprenticeships**

#### ***Skills Strategic Priority 1.6 and 2.3***

The events we sponsored during Apprenticeship week successfully attracted a range of new businesses that we hope that our providers will shortly turn into new opportunities.

Events to promote specific Higher Level Apprenticeships continue, with Digital Marketing in Brighton and Leadership and Management in Care Sector both happening within the last week.

The first meeting of the Coast to Capital Apprenticeship Ambassadors Network will take place on 4 June in Horsham. The Network will help promote apprenticeships to employers not currently engaged.

### **3. Careers Advice/Information Advice and Guidance (IAG)**

#### ***Strategic Priority 2.2, 3.1 and 3.5***

We sponsored an event 'Be the Change' that was held on 17 April at the Amex Stadium, and which had the objective of building confidence and inspiring ambition in young people. The event was organised by Love Local Jobs.

The next meeting of the pan-LEP IAG group takes place on 20 May.

#### **4. STEM promotion**

##### ***Skills Strategic Priority 3.3***

As part of our sponsorship of the Big Bang Fair South East, taking place on Tuesday 30 June at the South of England Showground, we have chosen to award the *Coast to Capital prize for STEM Club of the Year*.

This will follow the 'Barriers to Growth in Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering' event that has been rescheduled to coincide and complement the Big Bang Fair.

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