
HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST JOINT COMMITTEE (PLEASE NOTE – ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.) SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

12 March 2021
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Item No.	Title
3	Minute of the previous Meeting
	<p>DECISION The Committee approved the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2021, subject to the following amendments: the Chair, Cllr Val Keitch being added to the apologies; Cllr Benet Allen being added to those present; and Cllr Tudor Evans being shown as having Chaired the meeting</p>
5	Endorsement of the Build Back Better Plan
	<p>DECISION The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) endorsed the publication of the Build Back Better Plan as a tool to open a conversation with Government on the transformational opportunities in the area (b) noted that the plan was still draft and agreed to delegate final sign off to the Chair
6	Endorsement of the HotSW Skills Plan
	<p>DECISION The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) noted the portrait of the skills environment outlined, both recent and ongoing challenges, but also the significant progress being made by local partners to address these (b) agreed to endorse the draft Local Skills Report annexed to the main report (c) agreed to endorse the pursuit of Trailblazer status for local areas, working closely with Chambers, FE and Training/Education providers and wider

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	<p>stakeholder partners to secure additional recognition of the strength of the area's skills partnership approach and</p> <p>(d) agreed to support the case for future funding of the HotSW Careers Hub, ideally through securing additional funding from Government, or through agreement of a sustained local approach</p> <p>(The report author agreed to include/make specific reference to Taunton and Bridgwater in the geographical delivery areas)</p>
7	Updates from HEROG, Coastal Communities Plan and Housing Task Force
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Committee noted these updates (and that a further update on the work of the Housing Task Force would be circulated after its upcoming meeting)</p>
8	Communications and Engagement Update
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Committee noted the Chair's update</p>
10	Date of next meeting
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Committee noted the dates of its next scheduled meetings:</p> <p>25 June 2021 1 October 2021</p>