

INFORMATION BULLETIN



Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee – [20th Feb 2023]

Skills Overview and Update

We recognise that that skills and education are not a statutory function for Tier 2 Local authority bodies, however our priorities include ensuring that our residents, communities and employers are able to take advantage of quality, accessible and timely support, education and training that enables them to be successful.

To this end we have included a number of skills/education related activities within the Recovery Plan that the Councils' adopted in 2021.

These actions recognised the challenges for our economy both during and post Covid and identified some focused areas for initial intervention to support the delivery of an effective recovery.

The specific targets relating to the Successful and Skilled theme are set out below:



SUCCESSFUL AND SKILLED TARGETS:

Strengthen engagement and interaction between education and industry partners across the district

Work with education partners and businesses to raise ambition and levels of aspiration in primary and secondary school children

Support growth and development of existing sector businesses and supply chains

Take a lead in the growth and development of new commercial floorspace to meet rising demand from high growth high value businesses

During the Overview and Scrutiny session on 20th February 2023, we will provide an update to Members on progress made against these targets on the specific skills/education actions that we committed to delivering as part of the Recovery Plan.