**STOKE ON TRENT & STAFFORDSHIRE**

**LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**

**COMPANY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**18 June 2020**

**Covid 19 Taskforce Activity & LIS Sub Group Work**

1. The SSLEP Covid-19 Taskforce meets each week with a purpose of:
* Enabling SSLEP to take a strategic view of recovery, ensuring consideration of short, medium and long- term area needs
* Capturing asks/offers from the area to Government
* Producing a Recovery Plan based on LIS theme areas that meets the longer- term vision and priorities of the LEP Board’s agreed Local Industrial Strategy

 The updated Terms of Reference and group members are provided as Appendix 1 of this report.

1. The LIS Growing Businesses, Future Workforce and Innovation Sub-Groups have held a number of meetings and the Chairs of those groups will provide updates at the Board meeting.

1. Key priorities arising from the LIS Sub-Groups and Covid Taskforce meetings have been captured a Theme Analysis Table included as Appendix 2 of this report. The table is split into the LIS themes of Growing Businesses, Future Workforce, Innovation & Place and sets out:
* areas of current & emergency activity related to Covid (Response) undertaken by collective SSLEP partners
* actions to support reopening & future potential support activity (Recovery & Resilience) raised at the LIS Sub-Groups and Covid Taskforce and which are under consideration as part of the Recovery and Implementation Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION That LEP Executive Board Members note the details date included in Appendix 2 of the report, providing their own thoughts on content, gaps and opportunities.**

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