

APPENDIX 2

CHESHIRE SKILLS & GROWTH CURRENT SERVICES & FUNCTIONS TO TRANSFER

14+ Skills and Lifelong Learning

Adult and Community Learning

- ✓ Improve the personal and employability skills of eligible adults over 19 by:
 - procuring and delivering Community Learning programmes including; Health and Wellbeing Programmes; Taster/Engagement Programmes and Longer Programmes Leading to Employment Outcomes.
- ✓ Procure and deliver accredited qualification based programmes funded through the Adult Skills Budget.

Young People

- ✓ Support the development of personal and employment readiness skills in young people by working closely with schools, colleges and training providers to shape and influence careers education information advice and guidance.
- ✓ Drive up the demand for apprenticeships from employers and the supply of suitable young people.
- ✓ Drive up demand for STEM subjects linked to high growth/value areas

Major Projects

- ✓ Provide specialist programme and project management for complex and technical projects to drive economic growth in the key thematic areas of Energy/ Low Carbon, Science, Technology: Superfast Broadband, Creative & Digital, alongside effective and responsive 'problem solving' to support the growth ambitions of other key sectors, including developing evidence bases for future sectors - Advanced Manufacturing, Agri Tech, etc.
- ✓ Develop the funding and investment pipeline for the Council, whilst influencing, persuading and informing partners to invest their resources in a way that maximises economic growth
- ✓ Maintain and enhance strategic relationships with key public and private sector stakeholders ensuring that Cheshire East's commercial objectives are aligned.
- ✓ Deliver flagships projects such as Connecting Cheshire, Fairerpower, Geothermal District Heating and Alderley Park.

Business Engagement & Inward Investment Services

Business Engagement

- ✓ Deliver a programme of activity to support growth, increase productivity, encourage the creation of new jobs and minimise threats to Cheshire East's Top Strategic Investors & High Growth Small to Medium Enterprises.
- ✓ Target Strategic investors and high growth SME's with the potential to make an impact on the GVA output of Cheshire East with a focus on business in the energy, technology and science sectors.

Inward Investment.

- ✓ Develop and deliver a programme of activity to encourage and secure new investment from business looking to relocate or expand
- ✓ Secure financial investment in key infrastructure and assets with a focus on the priority sectors of Science, Energy & Technology to create high value jobs.
- ✓ De-risk the investment process for companies committed to investing in Cheshire East through effective support and advice, and identification of funding.

Enabling Development.

- ✓ De-risk and enable developments to ensure a sufficient pipeline of employment land and suitable assets to support Cheshire East's growth ambitions.
- ✓ Maximise the opportunity to generate additional revenue through increased business rate income.
- ✓ Focus development on Cheshire East's strategic sites.