


Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	16 March 2023
Reporting Officer:	James Mallion - Assistant Director of Population Health Sarah Jamieson - Head of Economy, Employment & Skills
Subject:	HWB PRIORITY - WORK & SKILLS: INTRODUCTION
Report Summary:	This presentation gives an overview of the situation around Work & Skills in Tameside with a range of challenges and opportunities for improvement. This introduces this topic for further work and discussions across the Health and Wellbeing Board following it being allocated as one of the three key priorities for the Board in 2022 (alongside Poverty and Healthy Places). Following an initial task and finish group in the autumn, this presentation further outlines the current picture with work & skills in the Borough and poses some of the potential areas of further work for the Board to focus on.
Recommendations:	That Health and Wellbeing Board members note the content of the presentation and engage in discussions as part of the meeting.
Corporate Plan:	This presentation and the wider work of the Health and Wellbeing Board around the priority of improving Work & Skills across the Borough supports priority two in the Corporate Plan, aspiration and hope through learning; priority four, opportunities for people to fulfil their potential, as well as a range of other priorities including nurturing our communities and people living longer, healthier lives.
Policy Implications:	This work and discussions directly influences the future direction of the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and partners in improving opportunities around work & skills in the Borough. This directly links to the Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy, particularly priority two within this strategy, which sets out to increase aspirations, employment, pay, skills and health across our whole population.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	There are no direct financial implications arising from the presentation at this stage. Related implications will be reported to Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board as further developments arise from this key priority.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report, which is intended to provide the Board with an overview to facilitate discussion to assist progress going forward.
Risk Management:	There are no direct risks associated with this piece of work or presentation.
Background Information:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting James Mallion, Assistant Director of Population Health

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Following development work of the Health and Wellbeing Board in 2022, three key priorities for the Board were set, which were Poverty; Work & Skills; and Healthy Places. A series of task and finish groups were held in the autumn including a session on Work & Skills to further define the key priorities, which the Board would focus on in this area in the coming months.
- 1.2 Following an initial focus on Poverty in late 2022 and early 2023, the presentation sets out the current situation and challenges around Work & Skills in Tameside, proposing next steps for further discussion, and opportunities for improvements across all partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board going forward.
- 1.3 There are a number of links between the Work & Skills agenda and some of the wider evidence around the impact of poverty, which will also form part of the discussion.
- 1.4 The discussions at the Health and Wellbeing Board will inform next steps including a further session on Work & Skills as part of the next meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out at the front of the report.