

## SKILLS PROVISION – SCOPING

### Proposed scope of skills and training scrutiny meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013

#### 1 Recommendation

That Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- 1.1 Review the skills scoping study and advise officers as to whether the proposed scope of the meeting is fine or alternatively propose how members would want it organised and from whom they would like to hear as invited guests.

*Scope:* To understand the extent of business need for skills and training in Buckinghamshire and how and why partners are proposing to respond

*Aims:* To understand the biggest barriers to future employment growth, where the issues are most pressing and understand what partners are doing to address skills and training gaps

To understand how partners are helping AVDC progress its stated ED strategy aims of 'growing the knowledge economy workforce of the future'

*Scene setting:*

AVDC's cover paper will set out AVDC's ED strategy aspirations around "Growing our Future workforce" which includes:

- supporting entrepreneurialism and apprenticeships
- exploiting its knowledge economy research assets through collaborative R & D
- developing multi- and cross-disciplinary workforce skills

*Attendees:*

Pauline Odulinski, Principal and CEO Aylesbury College

Bev Flanagan CEO Aylesbury University Technical College

Ian Harper, CEO Aylesbury Training Group (ATG)

A BTVLEP skills group representative

A company like Arla

*Format:* 1.Current skills trends and issues as applied to  
Buckinghamshire economy

2.What are biggest barriers to growth of Buckinghamshire  
employers?

3.What are providers/trainers currently doing to address any of  
the issues and how could we do better?0

4.What are providers doing to upskill the workforce which will  
lead to further job creation?

5.What are the immediate to medium term opportunities and  
challenges?

6.Where might we work alone or across LEP boundaries with  
others and why?

7.What could be done differently?

8.What do we do next and what will be achieved in the short term?