

Life Sciences Advisory Council

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Agenda



Welcome and Introduction

Nigel Brooksby, Chairman LSAC

Report back on progress since last meeting on In Vivo, Apprenticeships

John Holton, Director of Strategy, Cogent

Presentation by the National Skills Academy Process Industries

Phil Jones, Chief Executive, National Skills Academy Process Industries

Report back on LSSB discussion and presentation of the 4 key priorities

Joanna Woolf, CEO, Cogent

Break

Working Group Discussions

Feedback from Sub Group Chairs

Thanks and Closure

Nigel Brooksby, Chairman LSAC



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- First meeting a great success reviewing urgent priorities
- Agreed four quick wins

In Vivo

Sector Apprenticeships

SME Management Leadership Programme

The Society of Biology Accreditation Offer

- The Report for Life Sciences provided a genesis for our Action Plan



Developing ideas – achieving profile

- Ideas were expanded and Skills Action Plan delivered
- Cogent responded to the Government's *Growth Review*
- Consulted on the “quick wins” via the LAC
- Budget recognised life sciences skills as a priority
- Budget publicly supported the Cogent Action Plan
- Consultation - Action Plan circulated to LAC



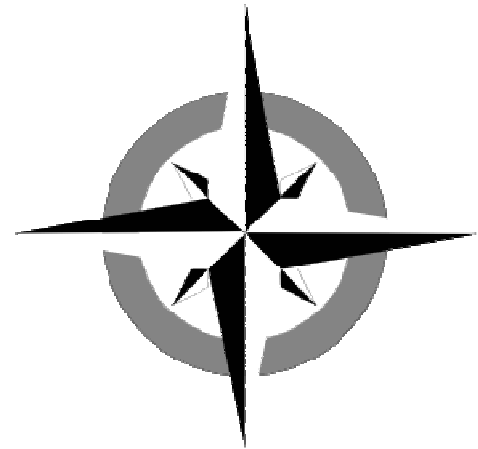
The LSSB

- The LSSB met on the 27th April to review Action Plan
- Minister for Uni's and Science, David Willetts attended to endorse this work
- As a result Action Plan was refined and is ready to publish.
- Members committed to develop ideas & be part of "One Voice"



Moving Forward with a blueprint for the future

- Have an agreed way forward – important consensus
- Now in implementation phase
- LAC forming Working Groups to deliver Sector priorities
- LSSB will review progress, steer & support the work
- Industry has written its own Blueprint for the future
- Important responsibility for achieving:
 - world class skills
 - increased competitiveness
 - future growth



CBI Headline data

The CBI survey of employers shows:

- 82% of businesses say employability skills most important in graduates
- 52% not confident of meeting future needs for highly-skilled employees, particularly in STEM
- Shortages in STEM skills widespread with 43% of employers having difficulty in recruitment
- Rises to 53% when it comes to those who expect to have difficulty next year
- 62% of businesses say Gov. must do even more to promote science and maths in schools
- More support for STEM-related apprenticeship programmes (54%)
- 31% of employers currently offering STEM related work experience
- Employers willing to pay a premium for staff with STEM skills
- 40% of companies in science and IT report that STEM graduates earn more

One Voice

- Tremendous progress on collective responsibility
- Government recognition and support
- Employer and stakeholder contribution
- Delivery through ownership of agenda & **One Voice**

