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The Greater London Authority (GLA) engaged and worked closely with BusinessLDN and its partner employer representative bodies in the development of London's Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP). GLA officers and members of the Skills for Londoners Board¹ and the Jobs and Skills Business Partnership² provided their insight to the development of the plan.

The Mayor of London supported the partnership approach to the development of London's LSIP led by BusinessLDN, with input from the other employer representative bodies represented on the Jobs and Skills Business Partnership, a board of London business leaders and representatives chaired by Rajesh Agrawal, London's Deputy Mayor for Business.

The GLA was represented on the London LSIP Advisory Board (a stakeholder group made up of business, education and London government leaders) and was an observing member of the Employer Representative Body working group. Within and outside of these formal groups, the GLA was provided with regular updates from BusinessLDN on the progression of the development of the LSIP and opportunities to feed into the programme of work.

BusinessLDN and the other business groups leading London's LSIP were given the opportunity to present and consult with members of related GLA boards. The LSIP was a standing item at the quarterly Jobs and Skills Business Partnership board meetings and BusinessLDN also presented to the Skills for Londoners Board (which acts as London's Skills Advisory Panel in July 2022) to scope out ideas and provide input.

GLA Economics, the GLA's in-house economic analysis unit, provided the pan-London evidence base which is a significant annex of London's LSIP. Developed in close consultation with BusinessLDN officers, the evidence base provides a meaningful data pack to inform the LSIP, employers, London's skills sector, and other stakeholders.

GLA officers fed into the engagement events run by BusinessLDN to provide information on current programmes being managed by the GLA and to engage on the key discussion points emerging from employers and stakeholders. The GLA also supported the promotion of these events by circulating event notices across GLA networks that included its AEB funded providers, stakeholders and board members and officers from other relevant GLA teams such as Culture and Health.

In the latter stages of the LSIP development, the GLA Skills and Employment officers and BusinessLDN colleagues held a series of meetings to review the draft recommendations.

¹ Members of the Skills for Londoners Board: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/jobs-and-skills/governance-and-partners/skills-londoners-board>

² Members of the Jobs and Skills Business Partnership: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/jobs-and-skills/governance-and-partners/jobs-and-skills-business-partnership>

GLA officers were able to contextualise current programmes and understand how the LSIP priorities and recommendations could work alongside or feed into future plans.

The development of London's LSIP will enable the GLA to deliver on the Mayor's commitment to better meet the skills needs of businesses and support Londoners into good jobs as set out in the Mayor's Skills Roadmap for London, published in January 2022. The opportunity to work with and support BusinessLDN and the other business groups in the development of London's LSIP was invaluable to the GLA and it looks forward to continuing this partnership working in order to ensure London's skills system meets the needs of the capital's employers.