PURPOSE OF REPORT

Scrutiny members are asked to review the attached report which will be presented to the GMCA at the meeting on 29th March 2019.

BACKGROUND

Delivering the commitment to creating a ground breaking UCAS-style application system for all Technical / Apprenticeships & opportunities in GM will contribute significantly to GM’s ambitions for a reformed technical education system across the region and underpin the Local Industrial Strategy by informing the talent pipeline of the future. GMCA Employment & Skills Team have been working on the initial development stages of this system, carrying out extensive consultations with key partners across GM including schools, colleges, independent training providers, employers, website developers and young people.

The overarching aim of the Platform is to create a single, digital space that help GM’s young people to make appropriate and informed decisions about their future careers in a way that makes it simple for them and their parents / families to choose between and apply for an academic or technical pathway. It will also provide a clear line of sight to other opportunities across GM such as Work Shadowing. It will act as a natural enhancement to the current Bridge GM activity, giving employers a space to share their opportunities to young people. Bridge GM has created the foundations for employers, schools, colleges and providers to connect to and create an excellence framework to develop the Gold Standard of careers education information and guidance.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY POINTS

The attached report provides an update on the progress of the above programmes and sets out the proposed scope of activity for each one. Members are asked to note and discuss the updates in the report.

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