

EAST MIDLANDS STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE PARTNERSHIP (EMSIP) **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Background

There is a strong history of collaborative research within the East Midlands region. During its first two years of operation, the Employment, Skills and Productivity Partnership (esp) gained recognition across government departments for its evidence-based approach to action planning.

Regional partners identified the need for greater coherence in gathering and analysing regional skills and employment data, and thus the East Midlands Strategic Intelligence Partnership (EMSIP) was formed.

Primary purpose: informing strategic decision-making

The primary purpose of EMSIP is to inform the strategic decision-making of the esp, through providing a robust evidence base.

Secondary purpose: co-ordinating and aligning research

EMSIP ensures that partners co-ordinate and align all research activity, thereby providing opportunities for jointly-commissioned research, and reducing the potential for duplication. The East Midlands Regional Observatory, Intelligence East Midlands (IEM), acts as a repository of regional skills and employment evidence.

Governance

The esp Executive recognises EMSIP as the regional source of intelligence, which informs decision-making and future priorities. EMSIP operates both proactively and reactively on behalf of the esp Executive. The esp Executive reviews the effectiveness of EMSIP annually.

Membership and administration

EMSIP consists of a core group of representatives from esp partner organisations, with wider involvement from Intelligence East Midlands (IEM), the Office for National Statistics (ONS), and the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). The group meets on a 6-weekly basis, or as needs dictate.

Key priorities

The main priorities for EMSIP are:

- How to better understand and evidence 'demand' for skills
- Respond to the Leitch Review of Skills and understand the implications of Leitch for the regional partners
- Supporting the development and implementation of the Strategic Added Value evaluation framework