

**REPORT TO:** Employment Learning and Skills and  
Community Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Executive Director Environment &  
Regeneration

**PORTFOLIO:** Employment, Learning and Skills and  
Community

**SUBJECT:** Sci-Tech Daresbury

**WARD(S)** Daresbury, Moore & Sandymoor

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the delivery of Sci-Tech Daresbury's Talent and Skills Action Plan. Members will receive a presentation.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Sci-Tech Daresbury Talent & Skills Strategy was developed in 2021. It is a key component of the Sci-Tech Daresbury Strategy for Science, Innovation & Growth. Its focus is on attracting, developing and retaining the wide range of skills and expertise essential to establishing Sci-Tech Daresbury as a global beacon of science and technology, focused innovation and entrepreneurship.

3.2 The Talent and Skills Strategy, delivered through an Action Plan, seeks to create an exciting, inspiring, and high performing community at Sci-Tech Daresbury and beyond.

3.3 Members will receive a presentation outlining some of the key activities and recent successes as well as providing a summary of the 2025 action plan priorities.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications of this report.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no policy implications of this report.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S**

### **6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

None

### **6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

Sci-Tech Daresbury is now established as one of the main growing science and technology hubs in the North-West of England.

It secured Enterprise Zone status in 2012 and is now one of the two key hubs in the Life Sciences Innovation Zone in the Liverpool City Region.

Sci-Tech Daresbury is a key employment location within the Halton economy with a masterplan to provide 600,000 sq ft of additional employment space.

The development is expected to increase up to 10,000 jobs over the lifetime of the Scheme.

### **6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

The Talent & Skills Strategy Action Plan identifies several priorities for working with local schools and in the community to inspire the next generation in STEM careers.

### **6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

None

### **6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future**

Sci-Tech Daresbury developments are designed to consider sustainable growth, adopting best practice in design and construction to ensure a sustainable environment for future generations, including considering and minimising impact on biodiversity.

### **6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

None

## **7.0 Risk Analysis**

7.1 There are no risks to be noted in relation to this report.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The Talent & Skills Strategy Action Plan includes consideration of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

## **9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no implications in relation to this report.

**10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

10.1 Sci-Tech Daresbury RADAR and 2025 Action Plan

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