

Update for Economic Scrutiny Committee, March 2023

ACTION – Head of Employment and Skills and Director of Economy and Employment to explore how the Growth Hub can support businesses with employing migrants and refugees.

The University of Gloucestershire is currently finalising plans for the revised version of the Growth Hub and service offer to be launched. It is likely that this will be clearer in April/May 2023. In the meantime, exploratory conversations are underway within the GCC Employment & Skills Hub team to determine whether the employer engagement team has capacity to do this work. Initial discussions with groups supporting refugees and with Business West indicates there may be demand for this. Funding for the work is not clear, hence seeking initially to do this work via the Employment & Skills Hub.

ACTION – Head of Employment and Skills and Director of Economy and Employment to explore what remote working support was already in place and what more could be added

Growth Hub team already signposts businesses to remote working support so no additional work on this planned.