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Skills, Productivity and Levelling Up

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Operating Context

Rising investment

- £3.8bn more in further education and skills over this Parliament

But wide ranging costs of living impacts

- Direct energy cost pressures
- Pressure on wages... and challenging industrial relations climate
- Exacerbating recruitment and retention challenge in priority occupational areas
- Tight labour market also impacting recruitment and retention of learners

And political and economic uncertainty

- New government and growth ambitions
- Global economic trends and impacts

Skills and Growth

A high quality technical education and training system:

- Programmes that deliver the skills we need now and in the future:
 - Apprenticeships
 - T-levels
 - Free Courses for Jobs
 - Skills Bootcamps
- Underpinned by funding and accountability arrangements that incentivise skills outcomes
- And that meets skill needs nationally and locally

Place, Localism and Levelling Up

Better meeting the skill needs of local employers is at the heart of our reforms

- Local Skills Improvement Plans
- Local Skills Investment Fund
- UKSPF - Multiply

Contributing Levelling-up and DfE's 2030 Skills Mission

- 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.
- DfE/DWP Pathfinders