

## **Skills for Growth project call in Enterprise M3 LEP area (0C10S19P1491)**

Call to run a project that creatively supports and addresses the skills requirements within the Enterprise M3 LEP area.

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## **Detailed guide: Specified generator: when you need a permit**

Find out if and by when you need to apply for a specified generator environmental permit to meet air quality requirements.

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Readout of meeting between International Trade Secretary Liz Truss' meeting with American Ambassador to the United Kingdom Woody Johnson

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Yesterday (Monday 29 July) in her first official external meeting as International Trade Secretary, Liz Truss met with American Ambassador to the United Kingdom Woody Johnson at Winfield House to discuss fast-tracking a USA-UK free trade agreement.

The Trade Secretary and the Ambassador agreed that both Governments want to get on with negotiating and securing a free trade agreement as soon as possible, and that the Trade Secretary would visit the US to progress discussions further.

The Trade Secretary said a new UK-US free trade agreement is the number one

priority trade agreement for her department, and this point was welcomed by Ambassador Johnson.

The Ambassador also welcomed the proactive new approach being taken by this government, reiterating the messages delivered by President Trump during his call with the Prime Minister.

**The International Trade Secretary Liz Truss said:**

Negotiating and signing exciting new free trade agreements is my top priority – and none are more important than with the United States. This deal has the potential to deliver new markets for great British products and services and lower prices and more choices for British shoppers.

We are fast-tracking these deals, and making sure British businesses are ready to trade so they can take advantage of the golden opportunities ahead.

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## **New Solicitor General sworn in**

Michael Ellis QC MP has been sworn in as Solicitor General for England and Wales.

The Attorney General, Geoffrey Cox QC MP, and the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Robert Buckland QC MP, spoke at the ceremony to welcome the Solicitor General to his role.

Speaking after the ceremony the Attorney General said:

“I warmly welcome Michael Ellis to his role as Solicitor General for England and Wales. I look forward to working with him as a Law Officer in upholding the rule of law at the heart of Government decision making and in our independent public interest roles.”

Lord Chancellor, Robert Buckland QC MP, said:

“Michael’s extensive experience as a barrister makes this an eminently sensible appointment. I have no doubt he will approach the role of Solicitor General with the rigour and scrutiny required and I look forward to working with him in due course.”

Commenting on the ceremony, Michael Ellis QC MP said:

"It is an honour to be sworn in as Solicitor General for England and Wales and I thank everyone for the warm welcome they have given me since my appointment.

It is a great privilege to be appointed as a Law Officer of the Crown and I look forward to working with the Attorney General to play my part in making law and politics work together at the heart of Government decision making."

Alongside the Attorney General, the Solicitor General will oversee the work of the Law Officers Departments which include the Crown Prosecution Service and Serious Fraud Office, and the Government Legal Department and HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate.

The Solicitor General also carries out a number of functions in the public interest, such as considering unduly lenient sentences, and taking action when there has been a contempt of court. These functions are carried out independently of their role as a government minister.