

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting24th April 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Employment and Education

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the Children & Young People Select Committee findings following the Scrutiny Review of Employment and Education. The review considered how education and business could work together to ensure that learning provision matches local industry need and focused on the 14 – 19 age group (25 years for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities).

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Council work with local businesses and employers, schools and post 16 education and training providers to develop an action plan to deliver the following objectives:-

- greater interaction between schools/ colleges and local business
- helping young people remain in education and training which leads to progression into further education and employment
- promoting awareness of the job market, growth sectors and employment opportunities both locally and further afield, as part of independent careers guidance for Key Stage 4 and post 16, including the development of a job search tool and improved website access to job information and access to an annual job fair event/ promotional activities
- enhance the employability of young people
- provide more and varied opportunities for work experience
- provide support in applying for further education and employment opportunities including practical support in making applications

2. Funding avenues are pursued in order to deliver these objectives.

3. Council services continue to work closely together to deliver the action plan.

4. The Committee welcomes and supports Stockton Youth

Assembly's local campaign topics which include better work experience and apprenticeships.

5. The Director of Children, Education and Social Care and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People write to all Stockton Schools and Chairs of School Governing Bodies drawing attention to the Select Committee report and emphasising the importance of interaction with local businesses and employers as part of the provision of quality careers information and guidance and encouraging all Secondary Governing Bodies to appoint a governor champion for Enterprise and Employment and consider placing a regular item on Governing Body meetings.

6. The Children and Young People Select Committee receive reports on the performance of post 16 education providers as part of their quarterly performance reporting framework

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2013/14.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 2nd May 2014

Proper Officer
28 April 2014