

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th March 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Careers Provision

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcomes of the Children & Young People Select Committee review examining Careers Provision.

RESOLVED that::

1. Recognising that a strong careers programme leads to better outcomes for young people and benefits the economy, all schools be encouraged to work towards achieving all Gatsby Benchmarks for all students.
2. All schools and colleges be encouraged to ensure they access independent and impartial Careers Guidance for all of their students.
3. Governing bodies be encouraged to identify a lead from senior management teams and a governor lead to champion careers provision and support the school to work towards meeting the Gatsby Benchmarks.
4. The Careers and Enterprise Company establish a framework for independent scrutiny and challenge of school's self-evaluation of their performance against the Gatsby Benchmarks, including a requirement for schools and colleges to evidence their self-assessments.
5. Recognising the lack of consistent quality of careers guidance across schools and colleges, the Council takes a lead role in working alongside stakeholders to establish more opportunities for schools and colleges to share best practice.
6. The Council works with stakeholders to promote opportunities for apprenticeships and work experience across the Borough.
7. Recognising that the effectiveness of the Council's targeted model in reducing NEET in Stockton (through improving Y12 starts in EET and in

reducing drop-out of students from local colleges), there should be a continued focus upon targeted support for Stockton young people as they choose and progress through their individual learning pathways.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/20. The Task and Finish Review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Children and Young People Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Cllr Cook declared a personal non-prejudicial interest due to being a portfolio holder on the Tees Valley Combined Authority.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, Friday 27th March 2020

Proper Officer
23 March 2020