

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2013

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review of Employment and Education

The Committee has considered the scope and project plan for their in depth scrutiny review of Employment and Education and received introductory presentations in respect of the three stands of the review. The review will examine whether education and training provision matches the needs of industry and growth sectors or if in fact young people are making informed choices about the prospects of securing employment on completion of their course at an early enough stage. The review will seek to establish how education and business can work together to ensure that learning provision matches local industry need.

The review will be conducted in three stands:

Strand One – Demand (Richard Poundford lead)

What do employers expect/ need?
What are the skills gaps?
What are the sector growth areas?
Funding Opportunities

Strand Two – Provision and Performance (Lynda Brown lead)

Mapping out post 16 provision and travel to learn patterns
Performance at Key Stage 4, post 16, including vulnerable groups

Strand Three – Participation and Support – (Shaun McLurg lead)

14 – 19 Partnership and Raising Participation Plan
Careers/ Quality of Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)
Integrated Youth Support
Targeted activities for those not in employment, education or training (NEETs) and participation data

The next meeting of the Select Committee on 18 September will focus in more detail on Strand One. The Committee will also be undertaking visits to local businesses as part of the work of this strand.

Other Work

At their last meeting, the Select Committee also considered a report which proposed a framework for quarterly performance reports to the Committee on performance of Children's Services

The reports will cover two areas:

- An overview of performance, based on the quarterly Children & Young People's Thematic Report which is prepared as part of the current corporate performance reporting cycle – this includes a summary of some performance indicators linked

to priorities in the Council Plan, along with some commentary on other performance issues arising during each quarter

- A focus on a particular topic. These topics could be drawn initially from the list of challenges which were identified in the 2012/13 Overview Report discussed at the last meeting of the Select Committee