

## Children and Young People Select Committee

### Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 17 December 2013

#### Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

##### Scrutiny Review of Employment and Education

The review is examining 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 is being conducted in three strands:

##### **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 Committee have continued with a range of site visits as part of this review and have undertaken the following visits:

- Business Visits - Nifco, Cotswold Manufacturing, Fujifilm Diosynth
- NEET Provision - Matty's Bistro
- Careers Intervention – Northfield and Ian Ramsey
- STEPS supported placements
- Tour of Stockton Riverside College

Further visits are to be arranged to:

- Stockton Sixth Form
- Let's Take Action Group for Looked After Children
- Eastern Ravens
- Discussion Groups with pupils from Northfield School

The Committee's last meeting focused on strand 3 of the review (Participation and Support) and took evidence in respect of

- 16 – 19 Participation Plan
- Careers
- NEET tracking and provision
- Grant Funding

Young people from Matty's Bistro also attended to contribute to discussion.