

Select Committee Work Programme Suggested Review – Pro Forma

Summary of issue you wish to be scrutinised, including key concerns and outcome for scrutinising the topic?

Corporate Parenting – Developing Education, Employment and Training (EET) opportunities for Care Experienced young people.

Care Experienced young people leave learning and employment to become Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET) at higher than national average rates here in Stockton-on-Tees.

Building on the Scrutiny Review which took place in 2021-22 and the work of the Corporate Parenting Board to develop a strong Corporate Parenting Strategy and offer of support for Children in Our Care and Care Experienced Young People, it is proposed that the Scrutiny Committee could consider:

- if the Council's revised employability offer will increase success rates of Care Experienced young people who are progressing through work tasters, work placements, work experience, apprenticeships.
- how we work with key partners to develop their employability offer for Care Experienced young people
- how we ensure Care Experienced young people receive a smooth transition through key stages and transition points i.e. school into post-16; Y12 into Y13; Y13 into Y14; local education to Higher Education; local learning into employment including apprenticeships

NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS.
PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATION NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION.

Public interest justification:

Increasing the number of care experienced young people in education, employment and training is in the public interest for the following reasons:

- promotes social inclusion
- fosters economic growth and productivity within the borough
- empowers our children and young people
- contributes to a more skilled and diverse workforce
- reduces dependency on services

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:

The cost of one young person experiencing NEET was calculated by Price Waterhouse Coopers at, accounting for inflation, as £73k. There are considerable benefits for the individual and wider community if EET rates increased.

Council performance, efficiency (identification of savings and reducing demand) in this area:

EET rates for Care Experienced young people are below national average

<p>Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?):</p> <p>A scrutiny review of Care Leaver EET commenced during 2021-22. The final action plan has yet to be fully completed however it is acknowledged that, with the renewed focus on strengthening our Corporate Parenting role and offer, this plan could be further built upon with ambitious goals incorporated.</p>
<p>How does the topic support delivery of the Council Plan?</p> <p>Increased EET rates among Care Experienced young people and young adults. Fulfilling corporate parent role. Engaging local partners to increase opportunities for Care Experienced residents.</p>
<p>What would you want the outcome of the review to be?</p> <p>Greater understanding of the SBC Employability offer for Care Experienced young people and opportunities to further develop it.</p> <p>Increased opportunities with partner organisations for work tasters, work experience, extended work placements and apprenticeships leading to employment.</p> <p>Increased support for Care Experienced young people at point of transition</p>