

Apprenticeships Review

Purpose

1. To supply Members of the Apprenticeships Review Committee with information regarding apprenticeships in Nottinghamshire which is required as part of the evidence gathering process for the review.

Information

2. On 23 July the Overview Committee agreed to include in the programme of work for Scrutiny a review of apprenticeships in Nottinghamshire with a particular focus on public sector providers.
3. The review will examine current provision of apprenticeships in the County Council, other public bodies and the wider jobs market. It will consider if the current places meet demand both for the number and type of apprenticeships available and it will identify what mechanisms are used to inform and encourage young people to use the apprenticeship route to gain employment and skills.
4. The scope for the review, which is attached as appendix 1 of this report includes:
 - the reasons for the review
 - the objectives for the review.
5. Attached as appendix 2 to this report is a briefing paper which provides information about apprenticeship programmes.
6. Subject to Member agreement the Select Committee will meet on:
 - 21 December or 11 January 2009 - 2.00pm
 - 8 February 2010 – 2pm
 - 8 March 2010 – 2pm
 - 29 March 2010 – 2pm.
7. Terry Laws, Partnership Director, the Learning and Skills Council and Sharon Forton, Employer Service Director, the National Apprenticeship Service have been invited to this meeting to present

information and discuss apprenticeships including participation and promotion across all sectors in Nottinghamshire, and the importance of apprentices for the local economy.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that the Apprenticeships Review committee:
- consider and ask questions about the initial information provided to the Committee and discuss any issues arising from the presentation
 - consider issues where the Select Committee may require additional information and agree any areas around the future work programme.

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Background papers:
Nil