

# Apprenticeships Review

## Purpose

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

## Information

2. On 23 July 2009 the Overview Committee agreed to include in the scrutiny work programme a review of apprenticeships in Nottinghamshire with a particular focus on public sector providers.
  3. The review will examine current provision of apprenticeships available for young people in Nottinghamshire across all sectors with a specific focus on public sector providers and in particular the County Council. It will consider if there are sufficient places to meet demand, if the County Council has a role in increasing the number of apprenticeships available and in promoting this route to obtaining employment with a recognised skills qualification.
  4. At the first meeting of the review apprenticeship participation and promotion across all sectors in Nottinghamshire was discussed.
  5. At the meeting on 8 February the work of the Public Sector Compact in developing and supporting apprenticeships in the public sector in Nottinghamshire and the County Council was examined.
  6. Nottinghamshire Training Network discussed how they promote work based learning and support work based learning providers at the meeting on 8 March. Representatives from Nottinghamshire Skills for Employment, Youth Support Services, Nottinghamshire County Council informed Members about the vocational opportunities and work based learning projects they offer young people. Workforce training issues within the Adult Social Care and Health and their involvement in offering young people work placements and apprenticeships in social care was also considered.
  7. Members requested additional information regarding the Care Ambassador Scheme supported by Adult Social and Care and Health.
-

Claire Poole, Service Manager, Workforce Planning, will attend the meeting to discuss the initiative.

8. Jean Pardoe, Chief Executive, Connexions has been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the role of Connexions in supporting young people in their career choices. Connexions provides quality guidance, support and personal development services for all 13-19 year olds in Nottinghamshire. Connexions Personal Advisers, based in schools, colleges, Connexions centres and in the community, provide help and advice on a range of issues from careers, employment, training and education to health, housing, money and relationships.
9. Terry Laws, Head of Service, 14-19 Education and Training, Children and Young Peoples will be attending the meeting to inform Members how the County Council, works in partnership, to ensure that 14 - 19 year olds have access to education and training that will prepare them for adult working. This will include the role that apprenticeships can play in achieving this objective.
10. It was agreed at the last meeting that Members would visit the Eastbourne Centre to find out how the Nottinghamshire Skills for Employment Service operates its apprenticeship scheme.

Available dates are:

- o Monday 19 April
- o Wednesday 21 April (times to be confirmed)

### **Recommendations**

11. It is recommended that the Apprenticeships Review Committee:
  - consider and ask questions about the information provided and discuss any issues arising from the presentations
  - consider issues where the Committee may require additional information and agree any areas around the future work programme
  - agree dates for the visit to the Skills for Employment team.

**Councillor Liz Yates**

**Chair of the Apprenticeships Review Committee**

Lead Scrutiny Officer: [helen.lee@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:helen.lee@nottsc.gov.uk)

Background papers:  
Nil