

Apprenticeships Review

Purpose

1. To supply Members of the Apprenticeships Review Committee with information regarding the establishment of an apprenticeship scheme for Nottinghamshire County Council and receive feedback from visits undertaken to look at schemes in Nottinghamshire.

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. Currently a scheme to set up a framework for apprenticeships is being established within the County Council. A copy of the report which supports this work was requested following the meeting on 29 March 2010.
5. An invitation has been extended to Marjorie Toward, Service Manager HR, to attend the meeting to present the report and to discuss how the scheme will be developed. A copy of the report will be circulated as soon as it is made available.

6. It was agreed at the meeting on 8 March 2010 that Members would visit the Eastbourne Centre to find out how the Nottinghamshire Skills for Employment Service operates its apprenticeship scheme. Members will give a verbal report from this and other visits undertaken.
7. This is the final scheduled meeting of the review. Members may wish to discuss the evidence they have received and draw together conclusions and recommendations from the review. Members may decide to set up a further meeting to discuss the final report and agree recommendations for the review.

Recommendations

8. 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
 - consider conclusions and recommendations for inclusion in the final report
 - agree a date for a further meeting to discuss the final report and recommendations.

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Background papers: Report of the You Make a Difference Board – Apprenticeships in Nottinghamshire County Council – December 2009