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REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

14-19 pathfinder

The North Nottinghamshire Learning Partnership (NNLP) has been awarded a second round pathfinder to test new approaches to delivering 14-19 provision in the four district council areas in the North of the county. The pathfinder budget is £473,000 per annum, guaranteed for the first year, then subject to performance and availability of resources in year 2 and possibly year 3.

The pathfinder will use the Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) to help deliver new collaborative approaches to enterprise education and to test new vocational pathways for young people. Examples include:

- A construction academy in Mansfield that will prepare young people for supervisory and management roles within the construction industry
- Giving young people in a special school an entitlement to take part in the increased flexibility programme, and therefore gain experience of different vocational areas
- Embedding enterprise skills in schools in Ashfield
- Offering 25 student apprenticeship places in Engineering and Manufacturing
- Developing links in the NHS to develop career pathways into the health sector

The budget will enable NNLP to offer:

- staff support to each LSP area
- approximately £60k per annum for activities in each LSP area
- focus groups and evaluation feedback during and at the end of the pathfinder

School Council visits

School councils are developing in many primary and secondary schools as part of the National Curriculum Citizenship initiative. In addition to the taught course, schools are required to provide opportunities for development of practical citizenship skills by being actively involved in the life of their school, neighbourhood and wider communities and taking greater responsibility. In response to this schools are setting up school councils and providing community work. As part of this initiative some schools are making arrangements to visit County Hall to understand more about the democratic process.

As a part of this programme of citizenship the following schools have visited County Hall during the Summer Term.

- Awworth Primary and Nursery
- Bishop Alexander Primary
- Trowell C of E Primary

Other schools will be invited to County Hall for the Autumn term.

Building Learning Communities in schools with the help of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding and Children's Fund

The **attached** report provides an update on the bids to Ashfield and Mansfield Local Strategic Partnerships for Neighbourhood Renewal Funding, and to the Children's Fund to support extension activities in schools as part of a Building Learning Communities approach.

School leavers destination survey 2002

The **attached** report sets out information on the first destination of sixteen-year-olds leaving school in the summer term 2002.

Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Strategy

The **attached** report updates Cabinet on one of the planned outcomes from the recent Best Value review of services for special educational needs in mainstream schools: to produce a written strategy for special educational needs. A copy of the strategy is **attached** to this report.

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