

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North East Area Council Meeting:
December 4th 2014**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of North East Area Council
Manager**

Employability for Under 16's - Summer Holiday Internship

1. Background

- 1.1 Following on from discussions at several Elected Member Briefings and Workshops the Councillors from the North East Area Council agreed to consider possible interventions to address the Economy and Regeneration and Youth Provision priorities for the communities of the North East Area Council.
- 1.2 The North East Area Council Youth Steering Group met to consider the Employability for Under 16's - Summer Holiday Internship initiative as piloted by the North Area Council. The Councillors were Councillor Wraith from the Cudworth Ward, Councillor Green from the Monk Bretton Ward, Councillor Higginbottom from the North East Ward, Councillor Tim Cheetham from the Royston Ward and Councillor Hayward in his capacity as Area Council Chair.
- 1.3 It can be noted that this initiative is in line with the Corporate priorities:
 - Growing the economy
 - Changing the relationship between the council and the community
 - Improving people's potential and achievement

2. Key Considerations

- 2.1 The Specific Aims and Objectives of the initiative are as follows:
 - Motivating and inspiring young people to achieve their potential.
 - Ensuring that young people are provided with the skills they need to access the world of work so that they have an improved chance of being economically active.
 - Aiming to reduce Not in Education, Employment or Training figures of young people aged 18-24. (Although it is acknowledged that this cannot be measured in the lifetime of the project.)
 - Prevent young people becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training by engaging them in striving for a positive destination.

- 2.2 It is proposed that 60 young people will each attend a two week block during the 2015 Summer Holidays, to include:
- Week 1 - will provide experience of CV writing and the completion of application forms, interview skills, understanding the workplace, personal goals and objective setting.
 - Week 2 - will provide the young people with an internship opportunity in local employment.
- 2.3 The service will be available to young people from across the North East Area Council's geographic area of Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Wards. The young people will be identified from the secondary schools within the North East Area Council and those which have a large number of pupils who reside within the North East Area. These include Shafton ALC, Horizon Community College, Carlton Community College, Netherwood ALC and the Holy Trinity School.
- 2.4 It is estimated that the value of the contract will be in the region of £45,000 over a 5 to 6 month delivery period.
- 2.5 The Youth Steering Group gave careful consideration to the Final Report and Evaluation to the North Area Council about this initiative from C and K Careers (Background Papers), and also watched a DVD with feedback from the young people who had taken part in the scheme.
- 2.6 After thorough deliberations the Youth Steering Group's recommendation is to approve the Employability for Under 16's - Summer Holiday Internship initiative, working in partnership with the North Area Council, at an approximate cost of £45,000.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the North East Area Council approves the Employability for Under 16's – Summer Holiday Internship initiative, working in partnership with the North Area Council, at an approximate cost of £45,000 per Area Council.**

4. Background Papers

Employability for Under 16's - Summer Holiday Internship Final Report and Evaluation.

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