

## **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Report of North East Area Council Manager**

**Agenda Item 9**

### **North East Area Council Apprentices and Employability Programme**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up to date overview of the North East Area Council's priorities, and provides the background and context for a proposed new Apprentices and Employability Programme, and;
- 1.2 Seeks permission to develop a specification for an Apprentices and Employability Programme.

#### **2. Background and Context**

- 2.1 Following the North East Area Council's decision (NEAC 2018 02 01, item 43) that the work of the North East Area Council going forward should include the following priorities:
  - A Local Thriving and Vibrant Economy,
  - Young People,
  - Love Where you Live, and
  - Healthy Lifestyles
- 2.2 It can be noted that the current Apprenticeship and Employability Study Programme helps to contribute to all these priorities.
- 2.3 The current commission operates across the all communities of the North East Area Council, and links in with Barnsley MBC's Corporate priorities to achieve:
  - A Thriving and Vibrant Economy
  - Strong and Resilient Communities
  - People achieving their Potential
- 2.4 The Apprenticeships and Employability Study programme, which has a strong focus on the local environment, is due to conclude on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The current commission's approach is to enhance the educational achievements and improve the CV's of the apprentices, and delivers work experience, which in turn will strengthen young people's employment prospects and aspirations.

#### **3. Proposal**

- 3.1 Following consultation with local members it is proposed to seek permission to draw up, and develop, a specification for an Apprentices

and Employability Programme to operate across the North East Area Council communities, involving the North East Area Council Environment Steering Group member representation from each of the four Wards of the North East Area Council, as follows:

Cudworth Ward	Councillor Wraith
Monk Bretton Ward	Councillor Green
North East Ward	Councillor Ennis
Royston Ward	Councillor McCarthy

3.2 The draft Specification will then be submitted to a future meeting of the North East Area Council for the Councillors consideration.

3.3 Project benefits:

- Improved health and wellbeing
- Improved community asset
- Stronger and more resilient communities
- Increase skills to get more people working
- People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities
- Create more and better jobs and good business growth

#### **4.0 Financial implications**

4.1 It is anticipated that the value of the contract will be in the region of £215,000. Councillors are asked to note that because of the value of the commission it is likely that the tender will have to go through the Official Journal of the Europe Union procedures.

#### **5.0 Recommendations**

**It is recommended that:**

**5.1 Within the context of the information presented within this report Members reaffirm their commitment to the work of the North East Area Council focusing on the following priorities:**

- **A Local Thriving and Vibrant Economy,**
- **Young People,**
- **Love Where you Live, and**
- **Healthy Lifestyles**

**5.2 Members approve the proposal to develop a specification for the Apprentices and Employability Programme.**

## **6.0 Next Steps**

- 6.1 It is anticipated that the Procurement Programme will be as follows:  
The tender documentation will be advertised on YORtender on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020, asking potential providers to return submissions by the 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The tender evaluation will be completed by the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The Tender Report will be finalised and the notification of the intent to award by 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020. The Standstill Period and feedback ends on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Finally the Issue letter of contract to the successful provider will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020, and the Contract to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

**Officer Contact:**

**Tel. No:**

**Date:**

**Caroline Donovan**

**01226 773013**

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**