

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

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## WISE Theme Group Update

### 1. Development of the WISE action plan

The WISE theme group has been working to develop its action plan, ensuring it is aligned to the City's four shared priorities: deliver growth, raise aspirations, reduce inequalities and provide value for communities. This action plan has a clear focus on addressing gaps, and promoting Plymouth 2020 targets through collaborative advantage using a partnership approach. Five themes have been agreed:

**1. STEM development** (*science, technology, engineering and mathematics*)

Key action: to create a multi partner STEM action plan

**2. Higher level progression**

Key actions: develop strategy to increase participation and to foster retention at higher education level

**3. Employability and entrepreneurship**

Key actions: To add value to existing 14-19 Service Plan and the key findings of the Skills Review (young people). Summarised as:

- Support WISE Theme Group to develop employability and enterprise skills in young people.
- To encourage wider employer engagement with apprenticeship provision and increase places.
- To develop clear visual signposting and career paths.
- To encourage retention of higher level skills via closer engagement with local employers

**4. Lifelong learning**

Key actions: Summarised as:

- To develop actions that build on the lifelong learning offer for the city
- To support the activities of wider WISE Theme through for example family learning

**5. Maximising city projects and assets**

Key actions: Summarised as:

- Coordinate educational partners so that city resources and events benefit from our combined contributions and involvement
- Projects, events and tourist destinations have clear educational benefits for our learning city

Delivery plans, with identified outcomes and leads have already been developed for each workstream.

### 2. Links with other Theme Groups

#### **Children and Young People's Trust**

Closer working links have been made between WISE and the shared objectives within the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 and actions identified within the delivery plans. This shared ownership promotes further collaborative work across the City. The Chair of WISE is also a member of the Trust Board.

#### **Growth Board**

Working links have also been established in terms of addressing the recommendations from the Skills Review. The Chair of WISE is also a member of the Growth Board.

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