

REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEM



1	Title of Work Programme Item	Apprenticeships for Young People
2	Responsible Director (s)	Bronwen Lacey, Director for Services for Children and Young People
3	Responsible Officer Tel No.	Colin Moore, Assistant Director Lifelong Learning
4	Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
5	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current arrangements for encouraging and supporting apprenticeship placements Review the Council's approach to employing apprentices <p>If UTC bid successful – how does this fit into the apprenticeship programme.</p>
6	Who will benefit?	Young people will have access to a wide range of development opportunities through apprenticeships. Businesses will benefit from the skills and engagement of young people. Councillors will be assured that a wide range of opportunities are available across a broad spectrum of sectors in the City
7	Criteria for Choosing Topics (see table at end of document)	Raised at panel meeting.
8	What will happen if we don't do this review?	Apprenticeships are a strong option for the continued education and training of many young people in the City. The schemes offer viable opportunities for key industries to recruit and develop new talent. If this review isn't carried out, the council misses the opportunity to directly challenge local strategic decision makers and businesses to provide a good range of well-supported apprenticeships.
9	What are we going to do?	Task and finish group over one and half days.
10	How are we going to do it? (witnesses, site visits, background information etc.)	Background information, witnesses, review of strategies

11	What we won't do.	This review will focus on the general issue of apprenticeships for young people to age 19. It will not consider adult apprenticeships, volunteering or other return to work activities. At this stage it will not consider the contribution made by other public sector bodies e.g. Health, Fire and Rescue Service.
12	Timetable & Key Dates	To take place in November.
13	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	Children and Young People's Plan Local Economic Strategy Growth Board plans
14	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel / Membership if Task and Finish Group (to be decided by OSP before submission to OMB)	Children and Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Panel and Growth and Prosperity Overview & Scrutiny Panel
15	Where will the report go? Who will make the final decision	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Cabinet and the Local Strategic Partnership.
16	Resources (staffing, research, experts, sites visits and so on)	Lead Officer, Democratic Support Officer
17	Is this part of a statutory responsibility on the panel?	No
18	Should any other panel be involved in this review? If so who and why?	Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
19	Will the task and finish group benefit from co-opting any person(s) onto the panel.	Yes
20	How does this link to corporate priorities?	By nurturing young talent, organizations and sectors develop a stronger local workforce – this will support the future growth of the City (Delivering Growth). Skilled apprenticeships which offer appropriate support and development for young people are a key element of the Raising Aspiration agenda. Similarly, for many young people who do not engage well in the education environment, apprenticeships are an important and viable route for developing the key skills and knowledge to become a successful adult and to continue to engage in education, employment or training (Reducing inequalities).