

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

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Plymouth Employment and Skills Board

The purpose of this briefing is to provide a summary of the work of the Plymouth Employment and Skills Board

1. Membership of the Board

Graham Stirling (Chairman)	Private sector employer
David Parlby	Plymouth Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Jacki Williams	Jobcentre Plus
Charles Mills	Private sector employer
Viv Gillespie	City College Plymouth
Colin Williams	University of Plymouth
Geoff Evans	Skills Funding Agency
Stephen James	Plymouth City Council
Graham Morris	PESB Project Director
George Plenderleith	Plymouth Guild
Tim Jones	Devon & Cornwall Business Council

2. Outline of the Employment and Skills Board Skills Action Plan

Skills Objectives

1.0 Young People (before entry to labour market)

- 1.1 – Support Wise Theme Group in encouraging PCC and 14-19 partners to support the development of generic employability and enterprise skills in young people, and make best use of available resources.
- 1.2 – Encourage more employers to engage with City College's Employer Endorsement Scheme in support of the Employability Centre.
- 1.3 – Ensure wider employer engagement with apprenticeship provision and increase in number of apprenticeship places.
- 1.4 – Recommend Plymouth Employment & Skills Board to develop sector based skills maps for use by local providers and advice agencies.
- 1.5 – Examine whether Gateway provision in University of Plymouth is a model which can be adopted for wider use in the city

2.0 Jobseekers and those at risk of redundancy

2.1 – Recommend Plymouth Employment & Skills Board to develop and articulate map of subcontracted provision for adult job seekers when DWP Work Programme has been contracted, and review whether additional actions are necessary to achieve local objectives.

2.2 – Establish a local action force (referenced to Devon Action Force) to respond quickly to job losses in Plymouth and to support those at risk of redundancy (irrespective of scale of job loss in individual workplaces)

3.0 Adult Workforce

3.1 – Establish productive links between PGAIN and City College Employability Centre.

3.2 – Review success of Employability Centre and evaluate potential for city-wide multiple-provider model.

4.0 Skills in support of economic growth and inward investment

4.1 – Maintain communication links with the diverse skills and employment network, in order to develop a model of rapid response which can quickly provide information on skills and labour resources which would support major investment and growth.

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