

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY PANEL B		
SUBJECT:	APPRENTICESHIPS INQUIRY MEETING 6: RECOMMENDATIONS		
DATE OF DECISION:	26 TH SEPTEMBER 2013		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF COMMUNITIES, CHANGE AND PARTNERSHIPS		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

The final meeting of the Scrutiny Panel B's Apprenticeship Inquiry will consider the key findings and emerging recommendations of the inquiry.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Panel discuss, amend and agree a final version of the draft recommendations attached as Appendix 1.
- (ii) That, to enable the comments made by Scrutiny Panel members at the meeting to be incorporated into the final report, authority be delegated to the Head of Communities, Change and Partnership to amend the final report, following consultation with the Chair of Scrutiny Panel B.
- (iii) That the Chair of Scrutiny Panel B presents the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 10th October 2013.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable the Panel to formulate and agree recommendations and key findings at the end of the inquiry process to formulate the final report to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (OSMC).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Over the previous five evidence gathering meetings, the Panel has heard from a wide range of organisations and Southampton City Council departments.

4. Those providing evidence include representatives from
 - National Apprenticeship Service
 - Southampton City Council services including Skills and Economy, HR, Housing Services, Children's Services.
 - Apprenticeship Employers (Barratt Homes, University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust, Care Organisation)
 - Apprenticeship Providers (Southampton Engineering Training Association (SETA), Brockenhurst College, City College Southampton, Cantell Maths and Computing College and Solent Education Business Partnership)
 - National Careers Service
 - Apprentices
5. Members are asked to consider the draft recommendations in appendix 1, and agree if they wish to make any amendments or add any new recommendations within the scope of the inquiry.
6. The panel has identified key themes and has made recommendations within each theme:
 - Theme 1: Improve the promotion, preparation for, and recruitment of, young people into Apprenticeships
 - Theme 2: Maximise employer take up of Apprenticeships across the city, particularly in key sectors and in the Council
 - Theme 3: Establish an Apprenticeship training offer in Southampton which includes frameworks and levels which are likely to employ young people and meet the needs of the Southampton economy.
 - Cross Cutting Theme 4: Best Practice
7. The key findings and emerging recommendations attached in Appendix 2 have been developed following evidence from witnesses to the Panel and background research.
8. The draft recommendations have been circulated to all of the representatives who have been involved in the Inquiry, feedback will be tabled at the meeting.
9. Once the emerging recommendations are agreed these will be used to form the final report for the Apprenticeship Inquiry by the Chair of Panel B, and representatives from each political party in the Panel. The Panel will be asked to feedback their comments on the final report electronically.
10. The final report will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny management Committee on 10 October 2013.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

11. The recommendations have been drawn together considering the existing budget constraints and reductions in public spending.

Property/Other

12. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

13. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

14. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

15. None

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Apprenticeship Scrutiny Inquiry Draft Recommendations
2.	Key findings and emerging recommendations

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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Report Tracking

VERSION NUMBER:

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DATE LAST AMENDED:

12 th September 2013
Karen Hilleard

AMENDED BY:

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