

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY PANEL B		
SUBJECT:	APPRENTICESHIPS INQUIRY MEETING 3: PROVIDERS PERSPECTIVE		
DATE OF DECISION:	27 TH JUNE 2013		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF COMMUNITIES, CHANGE AND PARTNERSHIPS		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report provides details for the third meeting of the Inquiry examining apprenticeships in the city. This meeting will review apprenticeship training provision and feedback from local providers.

There will also be seven presentations, followed by questions from the Panel. The presentations will highlight:

- Local Apprenticeship training arrangements (Ian Smith, National Apprenticeship Service)
- Update from Apprenticeship provider network (Claire Sutton, Southampton Engineering Training Association) on behalf of the Association of Learning Providers Hampshire and IOW (ALPHI)
- Details of local Apprenticeship training provision and coverage across sectors (Helen Mason and Kelly Simmonds, Southampton City College and Claire Boot, Brockenhurst College)
- Careers guidance in schools (Ruth Evans, Cantell Maths and Computing College)
- Issues facing apprenticeship progression by young people and adults (Ian Henser Solent Education Business Partnership)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The Panel is recommended to consider the information provided by the presentations and use this, alongside the appendices, as evidence in the inquiry.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable the Panel to analyse the evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the inquiry process.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The third meeting will review apprenticeship training provision and feedback from local providers.
4. The presentation from the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) will be given by Ian Smith, Employer Account Manager for the South Central region. He will give an update on Local Apprenticeship training arrangements. Background documents provided as appendix one and two will provide the panel with current information on apprenticeship vacancies and apprenticeship starts by provider.
5. Claire Sutton, Marketing Manager, Southampton Engineering Training Association will give evidence on behalf of the Association of Learning Providers Hampshire and IOW (ALPHI) on the Apprenticeship provider network. Claire will also outline the apprenticeship provision provided by Southampton Engineering Training Association (SETA).
6. Details of local apprenticeship training provision and coverage across sectors will be provided by Claire Boot, Careers Advisor, Brockenhurst College and Kelly Simmonds, Employer Engagement Performance and Improvement Manager, City College Southampton. Helen Mason, Project Director, City College Southampton will update the panel on the Studio School Southampton. Background information has been provided by Eastleigh College on the courses provided by the college; these have been submitted to Members Rooms. Further information on the courses provided by Brockenhurst College and City College Southampton can be found on the following link
http://www.brock.ac.uk/apprenticeships/information_for_apprentices.php and
<http://southampton-city.ac.uk/apprenticeships/default.asp>
7. Ruth Evans, Head Teacher, Cantell Maths and Computing College and Chair of the Secondary Head Teachers Forum will provide the panel with information on the careers guidance provided at Cantell Maths and Computing College.
8. Ian Henser, Business Broker at Solent Education Business Partnership will detail the issues facing apprenticeship progression by young people and adults.
9. Appendix three contains a document prepared by Fiona Wilmot, Head of Relationship Team (South Hampshire), Skills Funding Agency on Apprenticeship Funding for Providers.
10. The document attached in appendix four is a report from Department of

Education (DFE) and Department of Business innovation and Skills (BIS) on Traineeships – Framework for delivery which provides details on who traineeships are aimed at, what they will consist of and how they will be funded.

11. Appendix five contains a report written by the Centre for Economic and Business Research (Cebr) for the start of the national apprenticeship week 2013 on the impact of apprenticeships on the UK economy.
12. Documents in Members’ Rooms include a copy of report written by the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) on Tackling Youth Unemployment and a recently published report written by the National Careers Council titled “An Aspirational National: creating a culture change in careers provision” which contains 7 recommendations and practical steps, which if implemented could have a considerable impact on young peoples working lives and the economy. It signals the need for an urgent cultural change to address the mismatch between high unemployment and employers who are struggling to recruit,

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

13. None

Property/Other

14. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

15. 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:

16. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

17. None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	NAS Vacancy Report
2.	Apprenticeship starts by provider
3.	SFA – Apprenticeship Funding for Providers
4.	DFE/BIS – Traineeships Framework for Delivery
5.	Cebr – The impact of apprenticeships on the UK economy

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	Courses available at Eastleigh College
2.	APSE – Tackling Youth Unemployment
3.	National Careers Council – An Aspirational National: creating a culture change in careers provision