

Report of: Chair of Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Post-16 Education, Employment and Training Scrutiny Review – Findings of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee
1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee following the completion of its review of Post-16 Education, Employment and Training. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2 That the Executive Member’s response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee’s recommendations.

3. Background

- 3.1 In July 2016 the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee commenced a review post-16 education, employment and training. The overall aims of the review were to explore how to sustain improvements and continue to increase the number of young people progressing to, and in, post 16 education, employment and training; and to suggest ways to prevent young people becoming not in education, employment or training (NEET) in the first place.
- 3.2 The objectives of the review included assessing the strategic role of Islington Council in helping to increase the number of young people in education, employment and training; to identify and assess specific measures which will increase progression into education, employment and training; and to

assess the availability and effectiveness of information, advice, guidance, and employability skills support for young people.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The proposals in the report need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

4.2 Legal Implications

Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

4.3 Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications at this stage. Any environmental implications will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

The Committee has had regard to any equalities implications and resident impacts identified by witnesses during the course of the review. Details of any such implications are set out in the appended report. A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed as the Executive is only asked to receive the report at this stage. The impact on residents will need to be fully considered as part of the Executive Member response to the review, at which point a Resident Impact Assessment will be completed if required.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The Committee welcomes the work of the council's employment and progression support services. Services have reduced the number of young people NEET and are well received by young people. A range of support is provided to schools, and it is hoped that innovative work to develop employer-led careers education will be effective. However, the Committee has identified areas for further development, and 16 recommendations have been made in response to the evidence received.
- 5.2 In carrying out the review, the Committee met with young people, officers, school leaders, officers of a neighbouring authority, representatives of local businesses and others to gain a balanced view. The Committee would like to thank the witnesses that gave evidence in relation to the scrutiny. The Executive is asked to endorse the Committee's recommendations.

Appendices:

- Post-16 Education, Employment and Training – Report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Background papers:

- None.

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