
Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

20th June 2012

Report of the Assistant Director Governance & ICT

Introductory Report – Youth Unemployment

Summary

1. This report sets out some proposals for the next steps for the agreed scrutiny review on Youth Unemployment (16-24 year olds).

Background

2. At a meeting of this Committee held on 27th March 2012 Members agreed that the next scrutiny review they would undertake would be around youth unemployment with a focus on vacancies within the care sector and business administration¹. Members tasked officers with the preparation of a draft remit for the review and this is set out below for Members' consideration and comment:

Aim

With a particular focus on vacancies within the care sector and business administration, to look at ways City of York Council can help young people to navigate the employment economy.

Key Objectives

- i. investigate what the barriers are for young people (ages 16-24) getting work
- ii. investigate whether all agencies are playing their part in supporting young people into work

¹ This was also raised by a Member of this Committee at the Scrutiny Work Planning event held on 2nd May.

3. Additional background information is attached at Annex A to this report for reference. At this point in the review it acts as a good refresher as to some of the points raised at the last meeting and some additional background information. This should be properly considered and form part of the evidence received by any Task Group formed, once the review has properly commenced.

Consultation

4. To date consultation has taken place with key officers as to the feasibility of undertaking a scrutiny review on this topic. Further consultees will be identified as part of the scoping and timetabling process for this review and consulted throughout.

Next Steps

5. In order to progress this review Members are asked to:
 - Consider the draft remit at paragraph 2 of this report and make any comments/amendments they might have
 - Form a 3 Member Task Group to undertake the work related to this review.
 - Give consideration to paragraph 3.1 of Annex A which highlights a York Skills Summit that will take place on July 9th. It is recommended by the Learning City York Partnership Manager that a Member of the Task Group attends this and reports back as part of this review.

Options

6. Members can choose to:
 - Set up a Task Group to undertake this review
 - Undertake the review as a whole Committee

There are no other specific options, however Members are asked to give consideration to the bullet points set out in paragraph 5 of this report.

Analysis

7. Forming a small Task Group to undertake the majority of the review work is generally agreed to be a more flexible and speedy approach for undertaking a scrutiny review. It allows Members to work outside of the

formal committee structure; however any Task Group formed would need to report progress to this Committee at their formal meetings.

8. At the first meeting of any Task Group set up Members are advised to scope and timetable the review in order that they have a clear understanding of what will happen when, who they will consult and what information they would like to receive.

Council Plan

9. This scrutiny review is directly linked to the 'Create Jobs and Grow the Economy' priority of the Council Plan 2011-15. The aim of this priority is for all of the City's residents to enjoy the opportunity to achieve their potential within York's economy. A strong and growing economy will provide new job opportunities and the ability for residents to achieve a high quality of life for themselves and their families.

Implications

10. There are no known Financial, HR, Legal or other implications associated with the recommendations within this report. However, as the review progresses implications may arise and these will be addressed in future reports.

Risk Management

11. There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report. However risks may occur should any review take place and these will be reported as and when they arise.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to consider the information contained in this report and are recommended to form a 3 Member Task Group to undertake the review work.
13. In addition to this Members are asked to give consideration to:
 - The draft remit set out at paragraph 2 of this report and make any amendments they may wish to make.
 - A member of any Task Group formed attending the York Skills Summit on 9th July

Reason: In order to progress this review

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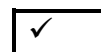


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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A Background information