

REPORT TO: Education Committee

MEETING DATE: 10 November 2015

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: New Prevocational Offers and Post School Provision

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Committee regarding updates to the 2016/17 prevocational prospectus and to seek the Committee's support for further increased provision for post school pupils.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- i) note the updates to the 2016/17 prevocational prospectus and further increased provision for post school pupils; and
 - ii) agree to support the new early intervention programmes planned for the S3 cohort and the post school LAC specific programme, Learn 2 Work.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 To assist schools with improving pupil engagement and helping contribute to improved positive destinations, 2 new early intervention programmes have been established for S3 pupils, both of which will be piloted during 2016. This report details the aforementioned early intervention offer in addition to new prevocational provision for 2016/17.

The report also details 2 new post school options –

- Learn 2 Work, a programme specifically targeted for the LAC cohort
- A co-investment paid work experience programme established between East Lothian Council's Infrastructure Department and East Lothian Works for 16 – 24 year olds.

3.2 New Early Intervention Programmes (S3) for 2016/17

Kickstarter

This programme is specifically targeted at male pupils who are at risk of disengaging with education. The programme runs from January – May (half a day per week) and will be delivered in partnership with Hibernian Football Club. The programme will include confidence building, health and wellbeing, IT skills, teamwork and input from other agencies.

Stars in Their Eyes

This programme is specifically targeted at female pupils who are at risk of disengaging with education. The programme runs from January to May (half day per week) and will be delivered in partnership with Dance Division. The focus of the programme is to utilise the medium of performing arts to engage this cohort. The sessions will work towards building confidence, self esteem and team work by planning and taking part in a unique musical experience.

3.3 New Prevocational programmes for 2016/17

Bikefix Leadership Award

Pilot project planned in partnership with RUTS to deliver an accredited SCQF Level 5 programme with a focus on bicycle/motorcycle riding, servicing and maintenance. The programme (S3 – S5) will include motorcycle/bicycle maintenance and safe riding practices, health and safety within a workplace environment. In addition, pupils will develop leadership skills by gaining an understanding of how to be successful working in groups or teams, including leading activities.

3.4 New post school provision

Learn 2 Work

This programme has been specifically developed to work with the LAC cohort, aged 16 – 20 who are not currently in a positive destination. The programme commences on a part time basis (from as little as 3 hours per week with an expectation that participants will progress to 3 days per week). There is an expectation that participants will engage in both learning and work experience including the opportunity to achieve SQA accredited employability units and other sector specific qualifications where appropriate.

Paid Work Experience

A co-investment model has been established matching Developing Scotland's Young Workforce funding with budget made available by East Lothian Council's Infrastructure Department to offer a range of work experience opportunities to East Lothian young people aged 16 – 24 who are not in a positive destination. Similar to the Youth Employment

Scotland (YES) Fund Paid Work Experience programme, young people will be offered 6 months work experience (based on NMW rates) with a compulsory learning element. Plans are to deliver the Certificate of Work Readiness as an entire qualification or stand alone units, dependant on the capability of the participant. The full Certificate of Work Readiness qualification is accredited to SCQF Level 4.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance - Programmes will be delivered within existing budget allocation.

6.2 Personnel - East Lothian Works current staffing resource will support the programmes.

6.3 Other – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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