

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

ACTION PLAN: SCRUTINY PANEL – HEALTH CHECK OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Recommendations from Scrutiny Panel (Health Check of the Local Economy-) completed in March 2016.

Proposed dates for monitoring implementation of accepted recommendations

Report received by Cabinet	Response received by Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring activity	Monitoring complete
11 May 2016	2 February 2017	26 June 2017	

Recommendation 1: The Council, together with its partners, develops a Skills Strategy for Northampton. This should include mechanisms for colleges and employers, especially Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME's) to signpost vacant apprenticeships across the town; whilst raising the profile of apprenticeships and vocational training in Northampton.

Action	Implementation/responsibility by:	Resources required/available	Target date	Achievement/Completed
In order to support the ongoing skills needs of local employers the Council maintains a	Jon Hinde	Staff time secured Partner support secured	Presentation to O&S on 16 th November 2017	

<p>regular dialogue with local partners and educational establishments to ensure up to date awareness of skills related issues and developments. In recognition of the changing landscape of vocational training as a result of the new apprenticeship levy it is proposed that we invite partners to support us in a presentation to overview and scrutiny to explain how the skills agenda is managed across Northampton and the wider South East Midlands.</p>				
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Recommendation 2: Cabinet investigates ways that the Council, and its partners, can continue to raise the profile of the economic growth and investment in Northampton through the Northampton Alive Programme, in particular the success of the Enterprise Zone, and work undertaken by larger employers and investors in the town.

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<p>Work is currently being undertaken to provide an overview of the prospects for economic growth in Northampton. This analysis will provide the basis of a presentation to Overview and Scrutiny that will highlight both the opportunities for Northampton as a result of Alive and the NWEZ as well as forecasting key sectors and growth business clusters moving forward.</p>	<p>Paul Walker</p>	<p>Staff time secured Consultancy support secured</p>	<p>Presentation to O&S on 25th September 2017</p>	

Recommendation 3: It is recommended to Northamptonshire County Council and partners that schools and employers work closely to provide work place experiences for young people that are still in education.

Action	Implementation/responsibility by	Resources required/available	Target date	Achievement/Completed
<p>On behalf of SEMLEP, NCC and all other partners the Careers and Enterprise Company is now fully operational and is charged with reshaping the careers and enterprise landscape to help inspire and prepare young people for the world of work. A network of local senior business volunteers (Inc. from Mahle, Travis Perkins, Dacsher and Haines Watts) work in partnership</p>	<p>Jon Hinde</p>	<p>No additional resources required</p>	<p>September 2017</p>	<p>Completed The Careers and Enterprise Company are working effectively with schools and colleges throughout Northampton (and the shire) to provide young people with work experience opportunities.</p>

with schools and colleges to develop an action plan to deliver high impact careers and enterprise advice and programmes of activity to help young people still in education to secure work experience opportunities.				
Recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee				
Recommendation 4 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as part of its monitoring regime, reviews the impact of this report in six months' time.				
Action	Implementation/responsibility by	Resources required/available	Target date	Achievement/Completed
Included onto the O&S Monitoring Work Programme 2016/2017	Added to the O&S Monitoring Work Programme - Overview and Scrutiny Committee	n/a	Monitoring to take place in September 2017	