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Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee 10 March 2015

Agenda Item

8 YOUNG PEOPLE READY FOR WORK - UPDATE

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To review the implementation of the agreed select committee inquiry recommendations.

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Appendix 2: Committee Assessment of Progress

1	Recommendation implemented to the satisfaction of the committee.	\bigcirc	Committee have concerns the recommendation may not be fully delivered to its satisfaction
	Recommendation on track to be completed to the satisfaction of the committee.		Committee consider the recommendation to have not been delivered/implemented

Recommendation	Comments on Progress Update provided by the Service	Committee Assessment
Recommendation One: A Ready for- Work Passport It is recommend that the department's work on producing a Ready for Work Passport be developed, in collaboration with the Local Enterprise Partnership and be offered to young people (via schools and colleges) upon completion of a certified demonstrable standard of basic "work- ready" skills. This should include a broad range of recreational and voluntary activities and aimed at engaging parents as well as the young people themselves.	See update paper from service	

Recommendation Two: Guidance to Schools It is recommended that the Cabinet Member provide clear concise guidance on the appropriate careers guidance to the delivered in schools, in line with statutory and Ofsted inspection requirements, drawing on best practice and including raising awareness of employment and key employability skills and signposting key resources for young people, parents and schools.	See update paper from service area	
Recommendation Three: Careers and Work Readiness Advice in Schools It is recommended that schools be encouraged to strengthen their capacity for careers and work- readiness delivery through an independent specialist service such as the Connexions Service. This may be accompanied by the development of in-house teaching specialisms.	See update paper from service area	
Recommendation Four: Careers Governance and Accountability in Schools It is recommended that school governing bodies appoint a lead member for careers advice and hold Head Teachers to account over their	See update paper from service area	

statutory duty to provide every child with high quality careers guidance.		
Recommendation Five: Inspiring Children into the World of Work It is recommended that primary schools include some appropriate degree of awareness raising of pupils so that young people start to become aware of work ready skills at an early age. This could form part of the preparation transition to secondary school.	See update paper from service area	
Recommendation Six: Getting Business into Schools It is recommended that schools be encouraged to invite local businesses and former pupils to speak to pupils about being ready for work as part of careers and life-skills aspects of their programme for personal, social and health education (PSHE).	See update paper from service area	
Recommendation Seven: Local Connexions It is recommended that the Connexions Service review their arrangements for referral of jobs and apprenticeship opportunities to make sure that local businesses are linked with local applicants.	See update paper from service area	

Recommendation Eight: Business Links It is recommended that local businesses be encouraged to form links with schools and colleges within their local community and within the	See update paper from service area
County, so as to increase pupil's awareness of work and business in their community. Recommendation Nine: Supporting	See update paper from
Young Parents into Work	service area
The commitment to the delivery of young parents' careers and skills development through Children's Centres is applauded and we recommend that programmes specifically aimed at supporting young parents be continued.	