

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 24th SEPTEMBER 2015

Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) – A Carmarthenshire Perspective

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- The actions proposed to further reduce the number of young people aged 16-25 not in employment, education and training in Carmarthenshire.

Reasons:

- To provide members with an update regarding the current actions to reduce the number of young people not in employment, education and training, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on the 18th May 2015.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: **NO**

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Department of Education and Children has a long-standing commitment to supporting young people aged 16-25 who are not in employment, education and training (NEET). This work dates back to a Big Lottery Fund Bid in 2000 and has been followed by two successful ESF projects (Youth First and Engage) and the use of both core and grant funding by the Youth Service, together with a wide range of partners, to reduce the number of young people in this category. This work has been closely linked to the implementation of 14-19 Learning Pathways in the county and has been co-ordinated by a dedicated NEET Strategy Group since 2008. This work pre-dates any co-ordinated Welsh Government policy initiative to address the needs of young people who are NEET.

At its meeting on the 18th May 2015, the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee requested that an update report including numbers and support for NEETs in the Youth Services, be included in its Forward Work Programme for 2015/16.

The attached report includes:

- Carmarthenshire Implementation of the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework
- The Youth Service Budget 2010-2015
- Careers Wales Pupil Destination Data – Carmarthenshire Context
- Departmental Actions to Reduce the Number of Young People Becoming NEET
- Future Challenges to Reducing the Number of Young People Becoming NEET

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: **Aeron Rees** **Head of Learner Programmes**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities – Youth support services linked to the Welsh Government’s Youth Engagement and Progression Framework for young people aged 11-25 in Carmarthenshire play an important role in promoting social inclusion via activities including:

- The identification of young people at risk of not succeeding in formal education via a Vulnerability Assessment Profile (VAP) of all pupils on school roll;
- Tracking of young people when they leave school via the Careers Wales IO Database;
- The follow up and use of targeted youth work to engage with young people know to be not in employment, education or training;
- A wide range of youth work projects in schools, youth centres and local communities;
- Welsh medium and bilingual education and youth support service delivery.

2. Legal – All secondary schools are required to be compliant with the Welsh Government Education (Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) Regulations 2009. Secondary schools and further education colleges are required to be compliant with the Welsh Government Education (local Curriculum for Students 16 to 18) (Wales) Regulations.

These regulations set out the minimum curriculum offer requirements for young people in the 14-16 and 16-19 age cohorts. The details of these regulations are available in the documents accessible via the links below:

Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/wales/mwa2009/mwa_20090001_en_1

Education (Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) Regulations 2009:

https://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/wales/wsi2009/wsi_20093256_en_1

Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009: Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4 Guidance:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/circulars/learningandskillsmeasure/?lang=en>

3. Finance

Details of the current youth Service funding arrangements are included in the attached report.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: **Aeron Rees** Head of Learner Programmes

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
WG Guidance on the Youth Engagement & Progression Framework	Cymraeg: http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/skillsandtraining/youthengagement/?skip=1&lang=cy English: http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/skillsandtraining/youthengagement/?lang=en
Education & Children Scrutiny Committee (18th May 2015)	Minutes: http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/EDUC20150518/MINUTES.HTM