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INFLUENCING Provision of Careers Advice in Tendring

A review has been undertaken of the provision of careers advice (Information, Advice and Guidance, (IAG)) to young people in the Tendring district. This has identified that there are a number of providers including Tendring Education Trust, ECC and Job Centre Plus. Areas of particular strengths and good practice have been identified and the provision is offered in a range of ways to meet the needs of the target audience from primary to the age of 24. There is however an opportunity to improve the accessibility of information and enhance the overall offer to young people.

REVIEWING Current Provision of IAG in Tendring

Primary Stage - There are a number of partners involved in the provision for young people from year six via the Job Jungle programme. Tendring District Council with Coast-Ed and Essex County Council have developed Job Jungle where people are trained to act as mentors and encourage the pupils to focus on a positive future. Although successful the programme could be extended beyond the four schools engaged to date.

Secondary Stage - In secondary school, and while young people are in compulsory education, each school has a statutory responsibility to provide IAG to each student.

Tendring Education Trust (TET) - provide 'Participation Mentors' who work with young people to help them reach their full potential. They contribute to the provision of IAG across four schools with the primary aim being to prevent young people from becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) and provide support for those who are already NEET.

Job Centre Plus (JCP) - provide support in schools from year 10 upwards with a variety of activities including hosting events, assemblies, options presentations, an 'Apprenticeships Fair' and mock interviews.

Essex County Council (ECC) - provide a number of opportunities for young people to access information, from a NEET Intervention Team currently operating from Magnet House, a Transition Pathways Team for 13-25 year olds who are making a transition from one educational establishment to another and an IAG Participation Consultant.

WORKING on the Next Stage in Partnership

A meeting of all key partners is to be called to discuss ways to enhance the current provision in Tendring with a view to providing a more joined-up approach delivering an improved offer through accessible and effective information advice and guidance for young people in Tendring.

ACHIEVING Outcomes

Through the District Council's community leadership role work with partners to enhance the offer and accessibility to IAG available to all young people in the District. This contributes to a number of corporate priorities not least to help children and young people achieve their full potential.

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