

Key Decision Required	No	In the Forward Plan	No
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CABINET

4 NOVEMBER 2016

REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE ON 3 OCTOBER 2016

A.2 CAREERS ADVICE WITHIN SCHOOLS (Report prepared by Anastasia Simpson)

BACKGROUND

At the Community Leadership and Partnership Committee meeting on 3rd October 2016 the Committee raised concerns about the lack of careers advice for students within schools

Following the closure of the Connexions career's advice service, the Committee discussed the availability and consistency of career's advice across schools. They expressed concern that opportunities could be missed if advice was not available. In particular the Committee raised concern that students may not have access to advice to raise aspirations and awareness of higher learning opportunities, such as university, which could have a detrimental effect on the student's future job options and career.

Schools are legally obliged to provide independent careers guidance in England to all year 8 — 13 pupils (12 — 18 year olds). It must be provided in an impartial manner, no bias or favouritism towards a particular education or work option. It should explore the range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and other vocational pathways and advice should promote the students' best interest.

Schools must provide students with access to some external sources of careers guidance.

This could include:

- careers fairs
- mentoring
- employer visits and talks
- college and university visits
- access to careers websites
- telephone and helpline services

Schools can also have staff providing advice and guidance to pupils.

Face-to-face advice and guidance should be arranged by a school where it is the most suitable for young people to make successful next steps — particularly for students at risk of disengaging from education or training, or those with special educational needs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET

Cabinet is now asked to consider the comments of the Community, Leadership and Partnership Committee:

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that:

- (a) Cabinet look into the lack of career's advice in schools and what else can be done to assist pupils when making career choices.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

Whilst not considered to fall within the remit of Cabinet, the Portfolio Holder will look into this matter in line with her influencing role on Education projects.