

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**20 JUNE 2018**

### **ENTERPRISE ADVISER FUNDING REQUEST REPORT**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report seeks to provide Members with information relating to the Careers Enterprise Company (Careers Enterprise Advisers) and to request a decision as to whether a contribution to the continuation of this service should be funded.

#### **2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 The Career Strategy released in December 2017 is part of Government's plan to make Britain fairer, improve social mobility and delivery access to opportunity for all. The strategy focusses on excellent careers guidance, backed up by timely experiences with employers and educators, to ensure equality of opportunity for all and especially young people. The D2N2 LEP and partners are fully committed to supporting the provision of purposeful careers education, information, advice and guidance to help young people make informed choices about their future career and their education, training and development.
- 2.2 One of the six key actions for delivering enhanced support has been connecting businesses to schools through the Enterprise Adviser Network which has been operating across the D2N2 area since 2015. The Network consists of Enterprise Coordinators who build careers and employer engagement plans with educational institutes and match them with Enterprise Advisers – senior volunteers from local business – who support the school's work and connect them with other local businesses.
- 2.3 Each Enterprise Coordinator within the Network has been part funded by the Careers & Enterprise Company with the remaining funding from Derbyshire County Council, Futures Advice, Skills and Employment, Chesterfield & Bolsover Learning Community, Rushcliffe Borough Council and The Evolve Trust.
- 2.4 The current funding for the Enterprise Adviser Network ends in August 2018 and the District Councils have been approached to consider sharing future funding.

#### **3.0 Proposals**

- 3.1 To date the funding for Newark & Sherwood schools has been supported by match funding from Rushcliffe Borough Council. However, the Chief executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council) has confirmed that budget restrictions mean this cannot continue beyond Rushcliffe after August 2018. Support in Newark & Sherwood and for the County, beyond this date will therefore be lost if match funding cannot be secured. The rollout of support across all 12 educational establishments in the district requires local match of £15,000 per annum.
- 3.2 Within Newark & Sherwood, 4 of the schools have worked with an Adviser to complete an audit which is an online tool to evaluate a school or college's careers activity against best practice.

3.3 Table summarising activity to date across Nottinghamshire:

<b>Enterprise Coordinator Report</b>							
	No. of schools in the area	No. of schools with completed audit	Careers Local	No. of schools in regular contact with	No. of schools with an Enterprise Adviser	No. of schools with EA as W.I.P	No. of Schools with COMPASS
BROXTOWE	7	4		4	3	0	1
GEDLING	8	4		4	3	0	1
NEWARK	8	4		4	3	1	2
SHERWOOD	4	2		2	0	1	2
RUSHCLIFFE	7	6	1	7	5	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	34	20	17	21	14	2	8
<b>Change</b>		0	(+1)	0	(+1)	0	
Note 1: Knowhow - Michelle Goodwin (Talent Acquisition M'ger), Bell Group - Nicola Hall (Community Engagement) ,							
Note 2: Hope House SEND Newark - EA Appointed. Prospective EA's being taken to Toothill & Dukeries 25th May.							
Note 3: Careers Local - Ash Lea (Rushcliffe) Application prepared							
Note 4: CEC - Personal Guidance Fund - Rushcliffe Schools interested ELA/South Wold.							
Note 5: CEC Skills Hub Eol: ELA, Rushcliffe, South Wolds - Toothill. D2N2 activity being coordinated by Rachel Quinn D2N2 Careers, Employability & Inclusion Manager							
Note 6: Activity with schools in Rushcliffe.							
Note 7: Enterprise Coordinators Meeting Monday 23rd July							
Note 8: COMPASS training - various schools - RUSHCLIFFE							

3.4 As can be seen from the table above, the support for the Nottinghamshire Districts has not been equitable and in Newark and Sherwood only 6 of the 12 schools have completed the audit and only 6 of the schools have had regular contact. It is felt that improved contacts and close working relationships with the local schools has been established and that we can better support these schools from the resources already allocated within the existing budgets.

The circumstances for Newark and Sherwood have changed; five years ago the District Council struggled to gain contacts with the schools. We now have a good network and support the schools with their careers events – this includes Guest Speakers for Assemblies, Careers fairs in schools and our Careers Expo which all the secondary schools in the District attend. We also host our Employment and Skills Group on a quarterly basis which allows the schools, groups working with schools and related Apprenticeship and Training Providers to share information. We support business based projects with the Primary schools and secondary schools through Together for Newark and the Sherwood Forest Education Partnership. Alongside this, through Silicon Forest we deliver code clubs in the schools and in Ollerton, a Heritage App has just been developed.

- 3.5 The Nottinghamshire District Council Chief Executives have discussed this proposal and believe that any further commitment to budget would be best utilised by increasing the offer through the District Council and therefore to decline the offer to contribute to the continuation of the Enterprise Adviser Network. As additional budget has already been allocated in the current financial year through the Social Mobility work, there is no requirement for budget in this financial year.

#### **4.0 Equalities Implications**

- 4.1 None identified

#### **5.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework**

- 5.1 There is no request for further budget in the current financial year.

#### **6.0 Comments of Director(s)**

- 6.1 It is crucial that the schools have access to the District Council and our resources and that activity is co-ordinated so that businesses are not being contacted by many different organisations seeking to achieve similar outcomes. An evaluation of the success of the Enterprise Co-ordinator role has been undertaken and although some work has been undertaken with the schools, this has not been well co-ordinated and the feedback from the schools does not indicate that the service has added value. It is therefore concluded that a contribution is not made to the Enterprise Adviser Network and that any future considerations of additional budget allocation be to activities carried out directly by Newark and Sherwood District Council

#### **7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee decline the offer to support the continuation of the Enterprise Adviser role for Newark & Sherwood.**

#### **Reason for Recommendation**

**The recommendation is to decline to support the Enterprise Adviser role going forwards as support is already available internally for the schools.**

#### **Background Papers**

The Careers Strategy link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-strategy-making-the-most-of-everyones-skills-and-talents>

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