

OPTION: **FOUNDATION LEARNING**

BUDGET SAVING: **£133,000**

DESCRIPTION OF OPTION

A programme is offered to schools to develop and then deliver Foundation Learning for those young people who are at risk of becoming NEET, which means not in education, employment or training.

The option in this area is to stop this programme and target support from the Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance Service.

This saving would cease the support provided to schools from the end of the current academic year.

Support for Foundation Learning in schools is provided from this budget at a cost of £133,000. Foundation learning is a programme to support vocational subject learning and personal social development, to focus help for young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (not in Education Employment or Training) to achieve aspirations such as college, apprenticeship and employment.

RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS

Schools have been piloting work around young people who are at risk of becoming NEET, using a Risk of NEET Indicator - RONI. This would in future enable resources to be better targeting from within the Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance budget (CEIAG).

IMPACT

This option could impact on the Council's effectiveness in ensuring young people are in education, training or employment. Foundation Learning supports young people to encourage and maximise employment and training opportunities. There is a risk that this group of young people may become less engaged.

No staff will be affected. Funding is used in schools mainly to buy off site learning. A significant proportion of this funding is spent by schools on off site provision. Some will be provided by the VCF sector.

MITIGATION

The impact of the budget savings proposal would be mitigated by the approach to targeting resources from within the Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance budget (CEIAG).