

WIRRAL COUNCIL

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

22 September 2014

SUBJECT:	<i>WIRRAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME</i>
WARD/S AFFECTED:	<i>ALL</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>MEMBERS OF THE APPRENTICESHIP REVIEW</i>

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report (included as Appendix 1) provides the findings and recommendations emanating from the Apprenticeship Review.
- 1.2 Members of the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee are requested to consider the contents of this report and note the recommendations arising from this review.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting on 17 September 2013, the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee agreed a work programme which included a review of 'Wirral Apprenticeship Programme'. Four Members of the Committee volunteered to undertake this work including Councillors Anita Leech, Rob Gregson, Eddie Boulton and Mark Johnston.
- 2.2 It was agreed Cllr Anita Leech would be the Chair of the Panel and the review was conducted over a number of meetings held with appropriate officers, external organisations and a local business. Information was provided as requested by the Review Panel to allow detailed question and answer sessions to be carried out.

3.0 SUMMARY

- 3.1 Following evidence gathering the Members of the Review Panel has made a number of recommendations around key themes including the requirement for support of apprentices, the availability and quality of information and guidance available to young people, getting young people ready for work, Wirral Apprentice policy and barriers to those considering an apprenticeship.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 4.1 Members of the Committee are requested to note the contents and consider the recommendations arising from this report.
- 4.2 Members of the Committee are requested to consider whether they wish to refer the report to Cabinet.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Apprenticeship Scrutiny Review