

REPORT TO: Children, Young People & Families Policy
Performance Board

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REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Economic Development
Children and Young People

SUBJECT: 14-19 Strategic Analysis and Work Priorities
(SAWP)

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present to PPB key data and information from the 14-19 Strategic Analysis and Work Priorities (SAWP) document.

2. RECOMMENDATION: That the Board notes the work identified within the 14-19 SAWP presentation that takes place to meet the Local Authority's statutory duties outlined below.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 In April 2010 Halton Borough Council took over responsibility for the planning and commissioning of training and education for 16-19 year olds and for those with a learning difficulty up to the age of 25 from the Learning and Skills Council. The funding element of commissioning however moved to the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA), which has now been joined with another agency and is called the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).
- 3.2 Since that time Halton Borough Council have published a Strategic Commissioning Statement, which later became the 14-19 Strategic Commissioning Statement. Without the funding or responsibility for contracting that would allow the commissioning of provision Post 16 the content of the document was developed to focus on what the local authority and partnerships in the borough were doing and needed to do to meet certain statutory duties related to young people. These statutory duties are listed below:
- 3.2.1
- Local authorities must secure sufficient suitable education and training provision for all young people aged 16 to 19 and for those up to age 25 with a learning difficulty assessment (LDA) or Education, Health and Care (ECH) plan. (Sections 15ZA and 18A of the Education Act 1996, as inserted by the Apprenticeships, Skills and Children and Learning Act 2009 and Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014)

- 3.2.2 • Local authorities must make available to all young people aged 13-19 and to those up to age 25 with an LDA or EHC plan, support that will encourage, enable or assist them to participate in education or training. (Section 68 Education and Skills Act 2008 as updated by Section 20 in Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014)
- 3.2.3 • Local authorities must promote the effective participation in education and training of 16 and 17 year olds in their area with a view to ensuring that those persons fulfil the duty to participate in education or training. (Section 10 Education and Skills Act 2008)
- 3.2.4 • Local authorities must make arrangements - i.e. maintain a tracking system - to identify 16 and 17 year olds who are not participating in education or training. (Section 12 Education and Skills Act 2008)

3.3 The 14-19 Strategic Commissioning Statement identified key priorities for the borough which came from an analysis of data and information, and identified focus areas to guide the work of the 14-19 team, schools, colleges and providers and other services in the local authority. The last 14-19 Strategic Commissioning Statement was published in 2015 for the academic year 2015/16.

3.4 The 14-19 Strategic Analysis and Work Priorities (SAWP) has been developed to take the place of the 14-19 Strategic Commissioning Statement, reflecting the change in emphasis because as a local authority we do not have a commissioning function within Post 16 education and training provision.

3.5 Key work areas related to the four statutory duties above have been identified within the 14-19 SAWP document through the analysis of data and information. During the PPB meeting there will be a presentation of key data and the work taking place as a result of the 14-19 SAWP document.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

6. **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The 14-19 SAWP provides examples of how Halton meets key statutory duties, and could be used in an Ofsted Inspection to demonstrate this.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Apprenticeships and providing employment opportunities for local people are an important part of the Employment Learning and Skills Division and the 14-19 Programme Team works with the division to maximise progression for young people and support each other's work.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None identified.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7. **RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 Failure to share 14-19 SAWP document risks members not being fully informed about how the council meets key statutory duties, and the importance of specific work priorities in doing this.

8. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 Halton Borough Council has a statutory duty to secure that enough suitable education and training is provided to meet the reasonable needs of:

(a) persons in their area who are over compulsory school age but under 19, and

(b) persons in their area who are aged 19 or over but under 25 and are subject to learning difficulty assessment or education, health and care plan

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None.