

Annex C – Local Intelligence Sheet

Local Authority: Telford and Wrekin

Young People :
Partnership Structures / Sub regional Groupings
<p>Reporting to the Children's Trust Board via the Achieving Economic Well Being sub group, there is a 14-19 strategic partnership with senior level representation covering Telford and Wrekin focused on delivering a 14-19 "Campus Telford" model. This is supported by a 14-19 Implementation group and a separate NEET action group. The Local Authority are currently developing the notion of 5 "Learning Communities" that make up Campus Telford.</p> <p>The Authority has agreed to form a Sub Regional Group with Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire Local Authorities.</p>
Progress Checks Headlines
<p>Consultation has taken place on increasing post-16 provision in local schools/academies supported by a strategy of collaborative delivery through the wider post-16 delivery network. The aim is to increase participation and achievement through more local delivery and a broader vocational offer and to address Telford high levels of NEET.</p> <p>The plans will align BSF capital with FE capital proposals from Telford College of Arts and Technology. There are 14 secondary schools in the area, 6 (one with a sixth form) are in the National Challenge. There are low take up of Apprenticeships with only 468 young people in 2006/07 taking up the offer of an apprenticeship place.</p> <p>69% continuing in education at 17 (2005/2006 figure) 40.8 achieving GCSE A*-C including English and maths (06/07) 67.8% achieving L2 at 19 (06/07) 41.4% of young people achieve full level 3 at 19 (06/07) 9.7% NEET (Nov 07/jan 08) 1.8% increase in young people completing Apprenticeship 53% received offer under Sept guarantee end of Sept 07 32% received offer Oct/Dec 07 84.7% year 11 destinations in learning 2007</p>
Academies / Presumptions
<p>Madeley Academy operates through a partnership with Thomas Telford City Technology College and proposals are under consultation for an additional 100 post-16 places.</p> <p>Abraham Darby Academy sponsored by Telford and Wrekin Council and The Haberdashers Association opened Sept 2008 and is under consultation for 200 new post-16 places available from 2009.</p>
NEET/EET Strategies
<p>There is a NEET action group in place which reports to the 14-19 Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>Through the ESF Open and Competitive Tendering process Telford and Wrekin Local Authority and partners won £250,000 for pre-NEET activity and £630,000 for post-16 NEET activities.</p> <p>As at July 2008 438 young people were NEET. (9.5% of the 16 to 18 cohort (4,591)). High levels of NEETs are centred around teenage parents (82% of teenage parents are NEET (2007)).</p> <p>The biggest age group of NEET is at 17, indicating a high drop out rate in post-16 provision.</p> <p>There is a lack of provision for some LLDD young people and those with behavioural difficulties. Limited Post-16 provision is in place to support students from Mount Gilbert, Southall and The Bridge special schools leading to issues of progression at 16. Loss of a key E2E provider, which took the most challenging learners, could lead to compounding the problem.</p>
Young Apprenticeships
<p>The first cohort began in 2004/05 with continued provision from this date. Programmes running are in Engineering and Sports Leadership and Management both delivered by Telford College of Arts and Technology. There is some difficulty with recruitment as not all schools are engaged. (5 out of 14 schools are engaged).</p>
Schools Engagement Programme
<p>There are 100 places on the School Engagement Programme in 07/08 and 08/09 and this is well supported with 12 schools engaged in the programme.</p>
Diploma Summary

There is no diploma delivery planned in 2008. Delivery of Creative and Media is planned for 2009, IT in 2009(subject to conditions being met) and Business Admin and Finance in 2010 (subject to conditions being met).

Curriculum alignment is taking place as part of the BSF and TCAT capital proposals.

Economic Development

The sub-region has a significant number of planned major regeneration projects: .

A consortium of Further Education and Higher Education is collaborating to develop a proposal to fund a Higher Education Centre in Telford and Wrekin. The University Challenge initiative led by the Higher Education Funding Council will support the development of new higher education centres to address the creation of a highly skilled workforce with relevant skills, increase higher level skills particularly for those with no previous experience of HE and support appropriate progression arrangements.

The Building Schools for the Future programme is planned for Telford. This is a £200m investment in local communities. Aligned to this is a proposed Capital build for Telford College of Arts and Technology.

Large areas of the borough are identified for housing growth both private and social. Vision 2026 states that 21,000 new homes will be built in the borough.

There are two wards in the City Strategy area, Malinslee and Donnington. In these two areas targeted work is in place to deliver the Integrated Employment and Skills model.

Transforming Telford is a major regeneration plan to remodel the Town Centre. This includes the remodelling of the Woodside Estate, a major re-build at Telford Town centre creating 1,750 new jobs, retail and office space development at Lakeside and the Telford International Railfreight Park.

The area benefits from an Employment and Skills Board which consists of key local private and public sector employers. The Board is a vehicle for improving the responsiveness of employment, skills and business support programmes to the needs of individual employers.