

Annex C – Local Intelligence Sheet

Local Authority: Worcestershire

Young People :
Partnership Structures / Sub regional Groupings
<p>The Worcestershire County Council has a 14-19 County Partnership Board in place, involving representatives from the schools, FE College, Sixth Form College and training provider sectors, the local authority, Connexions, LSC, local 14/19 geographical partnerships and employers.</p> <p>A review of sub-group support is currently taking place in order to agree revised future arrangements. Current sub-group structure reflects interest in Information Advice and Guidance (IAG), LLDD, Transport and Consortium Leaders.</p> <p>The Authority has agreed to form a Sub Regional Group with Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Local Authorities.</p>
Progress Checks Headlines
<p>Good overall process is being made.</p> <p>Information Advice and Guidance is a key development issue</p> <p>Employer Engagement is a major continuing challenge</p>
Academies / Presumptions
<p>The proposal to develop Elgar Technology College as an Academy, in Worcester City, appears not to be making progress.</p> <p>There are no other known developments within the county.</p>
NEET/EET Strategies
<p>Comparison of the NEET group count, July 2007 to July 2008, shows a good improvement year on year. The NEET total in 2007 was 791, a rate of 6.2%; in July 2008 the total was 725, a rate of 5.6%. The major NEET “blackspots” continue to be Worcester City (7%), Wyre Forest (6.6%) and Redditch (5.8%). The later two areas are showing positive improvement from last year, Worcester City has an unchanged persistent problem.</p> <p>The County 14/19 Partnership Board will review NEET totals on a regular basis through 2008/09 and will commission local action through its relationship with the geographically - based 14-19 partnerships.</p> <p>The county approach to prevention and action is demonstrated through ESF-funded provision for 14-16 year olds, (vulnerable and at risk of disengagement), contracted through the County Council, and a post-16 ESF tender which will target those young people who are not yet ready to enter E2E/Level 1 provision.</p> <p>A strategy to tackle the large numbers of 16-18 year olds in employment without training will be formulated in the autumn 2008.</p>
Young Apprenticeships
<p>In 2008/09, a broad range of programmes are on offer spanning two cohorts of learners:</p> <p>Cohort 4 (Year 2)</p> <p>Worcester City (Aspire Consortium)</p> <p>Construction (16 learners); Business Administration (15)</p> <p>Wyre Forest (Continu Consortium)</p> <p>Engineering (15 learners); Business Administration (10)</p> <p>Bromsgrove and Redditch (Forward Consortium)</p> <p>Hospitality (28 learners); Sport (9)</p> <p>Evesham and Pershore (EPIC)</p> <p>Motor Vehicle (19 learners)</p> <p>Upton and Malvern (UMC)</p> <p>Sport (20 learners)</p> <p>Cohort 5 (Year 1)</p> <p>Worcester City (Aspire)</p> <p>Construction (20 learners) ; Business Administration (13)</p> <p>Wyre Forest (Continu Consortium)</p> <p>Engineering (15 learners) ; Sport (15)</p> <p>Bromsgrove and Redditch (Forward)</p> <p>Hospitality (30 learners) ; Retail (10) ; Business Administration (10) ; Sport (10)</p>

<p>Evesham and Pershore (EPIC) Motor Vehicle (23 learners)</p> <p>Upton and Malvern (UMC) Sport (20 learners)</p>
<p>Schools Engagement Programme</p> <p>A total of 100 places has been contracted for the academic year 2008/09.</p>
<p>Diploma Summary</p> <p>Delivery to commence from September 2008</p> <p>Gateway 1 Forward Consortium Bromsgrove and Redditch Creative and Media L2 (28) ; L3 (16) Engineering L1 (11) ; L2 (13) IT L2 (13)</p> <p>Continu Consortium (Wyre Forest) Construction L1 (32) ; L2 (39)</p> <p>Delivery to commence from September 2009</p> <p>Gateway 2 Forward Consortium (Bromsgrove and Redditch) Construction; Hair and Beauty; Business Administration and Finance; Hospitality and Catering</p> <p>Continu Consortium (Wyre Forest) Creative and Media; Engineering; Society Health and Development; Land Based and Environment; Hair and Beauty; Business Administration and Finance; Hospitality and Catering; Information and Technology.</p> <p>Aspire Consortium (Worcester City) Construction; Engineering; Society, Health and Development; Creative and Media; Hair and Beauty ; Hospitality and Catering; Information and Technology.</p> <p>Upton and Malvern Consortium Construction; Land Based and Environment; Hair and Beauty; Hospitality and Catering; Engineering.</p> <p>Evesham and Pershore Consortium Land Based and Environment ; Hair and Beauty</p>

<p>Economic Development</p>
<p><u>Worcester City</u></p> <p>The county has a number of planned major regeneration projects</p> <p>University of Worcester Building Developments:</p> <p>Second City Centre Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £120m scheme at Worcester Royal Infirmary to create 1,250 new jobs • Joint University and public library, student residence and conference centre • Phased opening from September 2009 <p>St John's Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Arts Centre, Sports Centre, Laboratories, Drama Studio, 3D Motion Analysis Centre • £7m extension to Aerobiology Research Unit (NPARU) • £10m student residences adjacent to existing halls <p>Lowesmoor</p>

- 206,000 sq ft retail including ASDA to create approx 100 jobs
- 10 flats and 15,000 sq ft restaurants
- Multi-storey car park (535 spaces)

Six Ways Development

Development of new north stand, health centre, racquet club, a new car park and replacement training pitches. This will result in approximately 60 retail vacancies (approx 100 jobs overall)

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Building Schools for the Future

- Potential for contractors and sub-contractors to be engaged to sign the Skills Pledge which will encourage pre-employment training and workforce development

Regional Spatial Strategy

Worcestershire County Council is in the process of identifying substantial amounts of land for the allocation of residences.

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.

