Cabinet - Wednesday 16 June 2021

Executive Response to the Final Report and Recommendations of the Aspiration, Future Economy and Enterprise All Party Working Group

Recommendations

I recommend that:

- a. Cabinet receives and considers the formal responses of the Portfolio Holder to the recommendations of the Aspiration, Future Economy and Enterprise All Party Working Group, which has identified a number of issues for Cabinet to consider.
- b. Cabinet considers the content of the accompanying action plan.
- c. Pending Cabinet consideration, the outline action plan and implementation of any recommendations is shaped further, implemented and monitored on behalf of Cabinet, on a six monthly exception basis, until all has been fully implemented as necessary.

Report of the Leader of the Council; Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills; Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND); Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change

Summary

What is the Cabinet being asked to do and why?

1. The Cabinet are asked to receive and consider the initial response to the report and recommendations of the Aspiration, Future Economy and Enterprise All Party Working Group, shape the outline action plan further and to make arrangements to monitor the plan for implementing the recommendations as necessary on behalf of Cabinet. This will make sure that action is taken and delivers the intended outcome.

Report

Background

2. The Aspiration, Future Economy and Enterprise All Party Working Group undertook an Overview approach considering "How can we in Staffordshire raise aspirations around lifelong career learning and upskilling, ensuring all local people can progress into 'better jobs' throughout their working life?" and "Given the impacts of Covid-19 and looking to our future local economy, how can we ensure that the Staffordshire workforce - of all ages - remain ambitious for their future, and how can we encourage entrepreneurship?"

- 3. The findings and recommendations of the All Party Working Group investigations were submitted to Leader of the Council; Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills; Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND); Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change, for any initial response.
- 4. Attached as an Appendix to this report is a table setting out:
 - a. each of the agreed recommendations;
 - b. the organisation/lead Member or officer;
 - c. the action proposed (or already taken) in response to the agreed recommendations; and
 - d. a suggested deadline for completion.

Community Impact

5. The All Party Working Groups were established to support the council's long term ambitions and putting forward proposals on how public services in Staffordshire could address economic issues that arise over the medium to long term, therefore they can have an impact on all communities in Staffordshire and all resident groups.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Appendix 1.1 – Executive Response Action Plan

Appendix 1.2 – Aspiration, Future Economy and Enterprise All Party Member Group Final Reports

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