

ECONOMIC & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS SUB-GROUP

WORK STREAM



Economic & Skills Development Partnership

Programme 1:	Lead:
Introduce a revised apprenticeship programme to the council with view to the new apprenticeship levy and public service organisation quota being introduced.	BFC HR / AP (monitoring)
Update:	Date:
Kim Stevens (Head of HR Organisational Development Environment, Culture & Communities)in post. BFC plan for 98 Apprentices spread over 2 years.	
Programme 2:	Lead:
Manage and sustain the Elevate Bracknell Forest initiative.	BFC / KN & BA
Update: Extension of the project to June 19. Impact of extension likely to be on reduction of local provision. KN to provide a summary of support available to local businesses from Elevate and shared with ESDP.	Date: 30 Jun 18 31 Nov 17
Programme 3:	
Skills for the Lexicon – develop and deliver a recruitment and events programme for the Lexicon Bracknell	LtW / RB
Update:	Date:
Completed with launch of Lexicon on 7 Sep 17. Routine and ongoing work to follow on. Programme 3 to be removed	
Programme 4:	Lead
Promote information available around opportunities for businesses (especially SME's) to take on work experiences, trainees and / or apprentices	CW, PS & CC
Update:	Date:
KN to provide a summary of support available to local businesses from Elevate and shared with ESDP.	31 Nov 17
Higher Apprenticeships attracting much interest. BWC introducing a Degree Apprenticeship in Jan 18. CC writing to Head teachers to promote the Degree Apprenticeship route.	31 Jan 18 31 Nov 17
Adviza delivering Higher Apprenticeship workshops.	Ongoing
L2W chairing a sub group to explore what SMEs need.	TBC
LC requested a (very) simple guide. CC offered BWC assistance - BWC to meet with interested schools to go through what is involved in taking on an Apprentice.	31 Dec 17
Programme 5:	Lead:
Conduct one or more surveys with local businesses to establish current needs with regards to employment and skills	CW, PS
Update:	Date:
FSB (National) survey report nearly ready. CW to distil for Berkshire relevance but unlikely to be able to distil further down to Bracknell Forest specific relevance.	TBC
Programme 6 (monitoring programme):	Lead:

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Encourage education providers to develop and offer training in soft skills and employability skills as well as encourage education providers to use available labour market intelligence (LMI) to raise awareness of local skills needs which should inform careers advice and guidance and the curriculum.	LC, CCu, CC
Update:	Date:
Schools regularly and routinely informed by LC. TVBLEP refreshed Skills Priority Statement due by Christmas. TVBLEP initiative to develop Career Clusters drawing upon ESF funding. Schools to be invited to participate. <i>Study Higher</i> Initiative to report back in Jun 18 to seek endorsement by ESDP	<i>Ongoing</i> <i>31 Dec 17</i> <i>TBC</i> <i>30 Jun 18</i>
New Programme:	Lead:
Business Breakfast Forum to promote Apprenticeships	All
Update:	Date:
BFC Mayoral initiative at Southill Park to encourage businesses leaders, schools and colleges to collaborate to create more apprenticeships. Dr Philip Lee MP speaking + CC (+ Lord Digby Jones tbc)	<i>23 Feb 18</i>