

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 a view to the new apprenticeship levy and public service organisation quota being introduced.	BFC HR / AP (monitoring)
Update:	Date:
BFC asked to consider whether this Programme is still relevant.	
Programme 2:	Lead:
Manage and sustain the Elevate Bracknell Forest initiative.	BFC / KN & BA
Update:	Date:
The current Elevate Hub coordinator left their post at the end of February. Plans are being developed to evolve the Elevate model through conversations with partners and a devolution of tasks. Arrangements will be in place for a smooth transition to ensure that there is no impact on service to young people.	
Programme 3:	
Skills for the Lexicon – develop and deliver a recruitment and events programme for the Lexicon Bracknell	LtW / RB
Update:	Date:
Phase 1 (up to September's launch) was successful. BRP have some issues with Phase 2. Retailers are expressing concerns about lack of skilled people. BRP have approached BWC for some assistance but have not followed up as yet.	
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:
FSB keen to see short modules offered for small businesses to complement longer approved/funded courses – for discussion at next Sub-Group mtg. Adviza offer in Buckinghamshire may be of attraction in Berkshire – draws down ESF funding. LEP's Skills Summit was successful – 170+. Key speaker was Minister for Employment Alok Sharma MP.	27Apr 18
The ripples of success from the Mayor's Business Forum to promote Apprenticeships continue to have good effect. Schools engaging ore with BWC.. CC has recommended a similar function to CEO WBC.	
Government's Careers Strategy is also positively influencing behaviour especially in schools. Careers Strategy debated in a Panel of Experts Q&A session on 26 Apr at Adviza's annual staff conference.	
ICare Ambassadors scheme re-launched.	
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:
Programme 6 (monitoring programme):	Lead:
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

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Update:	Date:
CC conducting a series of calls on Secondary School Headteachers to promote this Workstream programme. Highlighting the new TVBLEP Skills Priority Statement that was launched at the Skills Summit on 19 April.	<i>ongoing</i>