



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 19 November 2013

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – Apprenticeships

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. The Board decided in June that it wished to carry out an inquiry on jobs and skills this year. A working group meeting was held on 9 September to meet with representatives from City Development to scope the inquiry. Members of the working group identified apprenticeships as the focus for the inquiry, resulting in the attached terms of reference for the inquiry being agreed by the Board (Appendix 1).
2. The first formal session of the inquiry was scheduled for November. A report from the Director of City Development is attached providing evidence for this session of the inquiry (Appendix 2). Officers from City Development and Children's Services will be at the meeting to respond to members' questions and comments.
3. The next session of the inquiry is scheduled for the Board's meeting on 21 January 2014, as set out in the terms of reference.

Recommendation

4. The board is requested to consider the issues raised by this session of the inquiry.

Background documents¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.