

HIGHWAYS AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

6 December 2018



Cabinet Responses to Issues Referred To By the Select Committee

Meeting of 18 October, Employment and Skills Board Recommendations to Cabinet:

1. **That the Deputy Leader includes a work stream in the Apprenticeship task force that looks at the challenges presented in the apprenticeship levy from a business perspective, and on findings relating to issues preventing the Local Authority from maximising the use of apprenticeships and that this is reported to the Committee upon its conclusion.**

RESPONSE: The Apprenticeship Task Force is focused on Surrey County Council only and not private sector levy payers. Paula Neal, Skills for Business Relationship Manager, is part of the internal Task Force team and will be applying the recommendations from the study of Surrey levy payers (see Solutions to Debug the Apprenticeship Levy report), to develop an Action Plan for Surrey County Council Apprenticeships. This work will be presented to the Adult and Lifelong Learning Select Committee in early 2019 and will be shared with members of the Highways and Growth Select Committee.

2. **That the Deputy Leader ensures that sufficient resource is allocated to the Employment and Skills Board to guarantee that it can effectively outreach to businesses and partners and that it can successfully undertake the work in its forward programme.**

RESPONSE: The Deputy Leader has allocated £60k per year for 2018/19 and 2019/20 for use for a dedicated employee to support the Employment and Skills Board (Paula Neal), and for the support of key initiatives identified by the ESB, such as supporting the Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony, an annual celebration of over 100 apprentices from local employers. In addition, the ESB will source funding opportunities, where appropriate, to facilitate the forward programme.

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