Recommendation to Cllr Mike Whiting, KCC Cabinet Member:

At the meeting of the Locality Board on 24th September 2012, it was agreed to establish a Student Task Force—this group is to be known as the Dover District 14-24 Student Progression Working Group. The recommendation is for the Locality Board to consider and recommend for approval the following Terms of Reference.

Dover District 14-24 Student Progression Working Group Terms of Reference

Background:

- Dover Growth Point
- Housing Growth for enlarged population
- Skilled employed people and retraining/upskilling of existing workforce
- Opportunity to challenge and change traditional approach- start at the employment end rather than the school end, Destination Management and work back.

Task and Finish

Task:

- 1. To scope existing progression pathways (undertaken by Ann McNulty and Roger Gabriel)
- 2. To develop a draft Local Implementation Plan, based on findings and KCC's 14-24 Strategy and consider joint delivery and resources
- To advise the Locality Board on the establishment of a quick win project to cement the present building blocks of Maritime Students progression route; Walmer School, FE, Viking Maritime Academy
- 4. Scope potential other employment of in-school progression, e.g., Construction, Engineering and ICT as well as apprenticeships and internships
- 5. Advise the Locality Board and KCC on the redesign of progression routes through post school middle ground and changes within FE, especially K College, as information updates
- 6. Work with KCC Education and Regeneration for implementation of the Plan in Dover and wider as a model for other deprived areas

Finish - outcomes

- a. A small number of clear well charted progression routes/pathways applicable to the Dover District's needs. Gaps and opportunities highlighted.
- b. An agreed Maritime route
- c. A model, for transfer elsewhere, of local student pathway construction.
- d. A plan for greater involvement of all stakeholders including School, business, college, providers and local authorities, students and employers,

Funding:

Up to £5k from KCC Members Community Grant (Cllrs Kit Smith and Julie Rook) Lever in other funding if necessary

Governance Arrangements and Financial Accountability:

Financial accountability will rest with KCC and the existing financial procedures for KCC Members Grant.

The Working Group will report into the Locality Board with any recommendations.

Support and Secretariat:

Patrick Leeson – Corporate Director, Education Learning and Skills, KCC has indicated possible support and secretariat for local implementation projects of KCC's 14-24 Strategy, subject to ToRs and work plan.

Taskforce Members:

Anne McNulty – Education Business Partnership Kent (EBP Kent), Chair of Task Force Nicholas Fowler – Denne (Builders Kent) Leadbitter Group, Business Improvement Manager Roger Gabriel – Maritime – Micro Business Consultant Cllr Kit Smith – DDC and KCC, Cllr Leyland Ridings – KCC

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