

Financial	N	Employment (internal)	N
Legal	N	Partnership	N
Social Inclusion	N	Asset Management	N
Equality Duty	N	Health and Safety	N

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report updates Council on the work of the Committee since the previous update.

2.0 Progress on scrutiny of work and skills training provision

- 2.1 The Committee met informally with the Head of Learning and Skills from Cumbria LEP in early November.
- 2.2 The meeting focused on the funding streams and processes involved in commissioning the provision available to people in Allerdale who are seeking work.
- 2.3 The Committee will be pursuing this work over the coming months.

3.0 Conclusion of the Councillor Training Task and Finish Group

- 3.1 The Committee set up this group to consider the provision of support for new Councillors, including those joining the Council via by-elections, and support for all Councillors regarding community leadership and similar expectations.
- 3.2 The Group has made a number of recommendations which will be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 6 December, with the agreed recommendations to be forwarded to the Member Development Working Group for progression and implementation.
- 3.3 The work of the group and recommendations consider the initial introduction to the Council and training of Councillors; training related to the Council's budget and finances; working with and engaging with the community, and providing community leadership; among other topics.

4.0 Forthcoming work and task and finish groups

- 4.1 The Committee will be undertaking the following work in the coming weeks:
- An informal session with the Director of Public Health to consider the draft Cumbria Public Health Strategy; all Councillors are welcome to attend and have been invited.

- The Budget Standing Group will consider the processes involved in constructing the budget for 2019-2020.
- 4.2 From time to time the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints task and finish groups or standing groups to carry out its work.

These groups are open to all non-Executive members and the Committee would welcome regular involvement from Members across the Council.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 That the report be noted.

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