

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

HUMBER UTC DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on the development of the Humber UTC.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 A proposal was developed to create a University Technical College in North Lincolnshire and a bid submitted to the Department for Education in November 2013. In February 2014 it was confirmed that the bid was successful and that the Humber UTC will receive funding.
- 2.2 A UTC is a state funded school for 14-19 year olds. The difference to a traditional 11-16 school is that it has a significant business input in its running and representation on its Governing Body. Students study traditional curriculum subjects including English, Mathematics and Science but will specialise in specific areas that will prepare pupils for the world of work. The Humber UTC will specialise in Renewables and Engineering.
- 2.3 The Education sponsor for the Humber UTC is the University of Hull and Able UK Limited is the lead employer working with other local businesses: Tata Steel, Centrica and Total Lindsey Oil Refinery. Also involved are local education providers North Lindsey College and Outwood Grange Academy Trust and Team Humber Marine Alliance (who represent numerous SME companies across the Humber area). North Lincolnshire Council is also a key partner on the Board.
- 2.4 The Project Steering Group is meeting every 2 weeks to ensure that the project is ready for the anticipated opening date. The Board is finalising its governance and currently identifying skills gaps to recruit potential governors for the Humber UTC.
- 2.5 The Humber UTC will be open for its first students in September 2015. Negotiations are currently taking place with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to finalise the amount of capital funding to build the UTC. The timing to secure this is critical to meet the opening date. A pre-opening grant is available to support the development work. Partners are supporting the development work through contributions both financial and in-kind through staff and resources.
- 2.6 North Lincolnshire Council will provide pre-start support to deliver initial project management to get the EFA Funding Agreement signed and lead on the building design and delivery.

- 2.7 A site for the Humber UTC has been identified in Church Square in Scunthorpe Town Centre. The Building Sub-Group has undertaken significant work on finalising the requirements of the building and developing the design.
- 2.8 The statutory consultation on the UTC will commence in April 2014 for a 6 week period.
- 2.9 The recruitment for the post of Principal Designate will be undertaken in April 2014.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Not applicable

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

There are no financial implications.

5.2 Staffing

There are no staffing implications.

5.3 Property

There are property implications.

5.4 IT

There are no IT implications.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 Environmental

There are no environmental issues relating to this report.

6.2 Diversity

There are no diversity issues.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 No consultation has taken place.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Cabinet note the contents of the report.

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil