

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****FESTIVAL OF SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES 2017****1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide a update of the month long Festival of Skills held during September/October 2016.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council is developing a Skills and Employability Plan 2017-2022, which sets the high level ambitions the council wants to achieve in order to drive forward skill levels and employment in the area. The plan is one of a wider bookcase of plans that are being development to bring together priorities to create a prosperous North Lincolnshire.

In support of the emerging Skills and Employability plan we have continued to develop the Festival of Skills and Opportunities. During the month of October 2016, a number of events were successfully delivered within the community. The programme links in with the longstanding careers event, working in partnership with John Leggott Collage, North Lindsey College, Job Centre Plus, Army Barracks and local businesses.

- 2.2 In 2017 it was agreed to enhance and support existing activity via events and workshops that broaden the employment skills, enhancing the Employability Framework, working with the wider population of the area.
- 2.3 The programme for the Festival of Skills and Opportunities is as follows:

Event	Date	Venue
Open Doors	14 September 2017	Baths Hall
Graduate Speed Networking	4 October 2017	Civic Centre
John Leggott Open Event	7 October 2017	JLC
Women returning to	12 October 2017	Baths Hall

Work		
Careers Event	17 October 2017	Baths Hall
North Lindsey College Open Event	19 October 2017	NLCo
This Ability Event	20 October 2017	Glanford Park
WiME	21 October 2017	Humber UTC
Apprenticeship Event	26 October 2017	The Pods
Discover	28 October 2017	The Pods
Celebration Event	2 November 2017	Army Barracks

2.4 Over 4,000 people attended the events during the Festival of Skills and Opportunities in 2016, with a broad age range. The first event in 2017 was the Open Doors event saw 40% increase in people attending with 1028 people attending the event. 20% of the people claiming JSA attended the event without mandate.

2.5 We are expecting 1500 young people to attend the Careers Event on the 17 October 2017 at the Baths Hall from a good proportion of our secondary schools.

2.6 There are two new events in the programme this year 'Women returning to Work', this event is targeting those women who are looking to return to the labour market following a career break. The 'Ability Event' is a business event looking to encourage businesses to support those with disabilities into the workforce.

2.7 Popular events like 'Discover' will be running in the October half term – where there will be opportunities for young people to get 'hands on and interactive' to help unlock their thoughts on future careers options.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 N/A

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 N/A

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

5.1 The Festival of Skills and Opportunities will be staffed using existing staff resources within the Council.

5.2 We have been successful in securing £7,000 grant funding to support the Festival of Skills and Opportunities from the Careers Enterprise Company for 2017.

6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 Not applicable

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 At each event feedback from attendees and exhibitors is gathered and will be used to evaluate the programme.

7.2 Officers will use the feedback to consider lessons learnt and explore how we can continue to improve, add variation, retain focus and continue to inspire when planning future events.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Cabinet endorses the programme for the Festival of Skills and Opportunities.

8.2 That Cabinet receives an evaluation report the Festival of Skills and Opportunities in December 2017.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

None