

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**REGENERATION
CABINET MEMBER**

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Cabinet Member on the development of the North Lincolnshire University Technical College (UTC).

2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 A UTC is a new type of school for 14-19 year olds. A UTC provides unique opportunities and experiences for its students. It achieves this by working with businesses alongside delivering the national curriculum.
- 2.2 An Advisory Board is now in place to lead on the development of the UTC for North Lincolnshire. This involves key stakeholders. They include: University of Hull (Education Sponsor), Able UK Limited (lead Business Sponsor), North Lindsey College, Tata Steel, Clugston Construction, Centrica and Total. The Council is providing a supporting role. The Advisory Board is chaired by a representative of the University of Hull.
- 2.3 A new company has been formed, North Lincolnshire UTC Limited. Some of the current Advisory Board members will become Directors of the company and form the Governing Body.
- 2.4 The initial bid was submitted to the Baker Dearing Trust in November 2012. This was approved to go to the next stage of a formal interview on 5th February 2013. The result of this is expected in March 2013.
- 2.5 The area has a unique opportunity to develop the right skills and experiences for its future workforce to meet the needs of existing employers and new companies coming onto the South Humber Bank in the renewables and engineering sector. The North Lincolnshire UTC will focus on renewables and engineering. It will be open to students of all abilities.
- 2.6 The Advisory Board continues to meet to develop the UTC application. This includes creating an education vision and curriculum, building and co-ordinating the co-operation and interest of businesses and training providers, evidencing the needs and requirements of both business and students, ensuring the UTC development is capable of delivery and is financially viable and developing a brief for infrastructure requirements. The Advisory Boards activity is also key in preparing for the interview noted in 2.4 above.

2.8 The Council has, to date, provided co-ordination and application development support for the UTC application. The UTC Advisory Board recognises that the work required to successfully deliver the UTC will necessitate a significant increase in the scope and amount of resources should the interview lead to a successful award of funding.

3 OPTION FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 There are no options as this paper is for information only.

4 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

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

5.1 Financial – Existing budgets are meeting the council's costs arising from supporting the UTC.

5.2 Staffing – The staff resource currently involved in supporting the Advisory Board are from within the existing establishment.

5.3 Property & IT – A provisional site has been identified that the Council could make available for the UTC. Officers will bring forward a separate report on this issue at a later date as final details become clearer.

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

6.1 Officers have completed an Integrated Impact Assessment relating to this project.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 An initial public consultation was undertaken in October 2012. It demonstrated significant support for the development of a UTC in North Lincolnshire. Further recent survey work has reaffirmed this indication.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member notes the contents of this report.

8.2 That the Council continues to provide appropriate expertise and skills to the Advisory Board.

- 8.3 That the support provided by the council be reviewed should the bid for a UTC prove successful.

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