

Portsmouth City Council Scrutiny Scoping Document

Scrutiny Panel	Education, Children and Young People
Topic	A review into work experience opportunities for young people / young adults within PCC
Purpose of enquiry inc. potential outcomes. (The remit to be clear and concise as this statement forms the backbone of the enquiry)	<p>This topic was agreed by the Scrutiny Management Panel on 22 July 2024.</p> <p>To review the current extent of work experience opportunities for young people / young adults 14 - 25 within Portsmouth City Council, what the barriers are and what more we can do as a council to increase the availability and accessibility to a range of opportunities across all directorates. The work will extend to other opportunities that can provide a stepping stone to sustainable employment e.g. apprenticeships and internships.</p>
Reason for enquiry	<p>Many of the young people and young adults that we work with are struggling to access work experience opportunities. These include young people with SEND, care experienced young adults, those in the youth justice process; , young people who are NEET or at risk of becoming NEET, children we care for, etc. Work experience opportunities are essential if they are going to progress in education, training and employment.</p> <p>The council already offers work experience opportunities in a variety of guises, but the potential exists to significantly increase the offer.</p>
Enquiry format	<p>Meeting to agree scoping document.</p> <p>Sequence of formal evidence gathering meetings</p> <p>Final meeting to finalise the report; ask any additional questions of officers</p>
Corporate Priority linked to	Lifelong learning
Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Cllr Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
Relevant officers	<p>Sarah Daly, Director of Children, Families and Education</p> <p>Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director, Education</p> <p>Sam Bushby, Deputy Director, Children & Families</p> <p>Amanda Percy, Post-16 Skills and Campaigns Manager</p>

	Jane Lamer, Head of Economic Growth and Skills Clare Poyner, Principal Social Worker Lauren Bumstead, Team Leader, Careers & Progression
Consultees & stakeholders	Officer reps from all PCC directorates Post-16 providers Local employers who offer work experience opportunities Young people and young adult representatives (including Portsmouth Youth Cabinet - managed by Unloc)
Start Date	22 July 2024
Target Completion Date	End of November 2024