

<b>Scrutiny Review Scope</b>	
<b>Proposed Title</b>	<b>Scoping Date</b>
<b>Young People classed as Not In Employment, Education or Training (NEET)</b>	30 June 2022
<b>Criteria and reasons for selecting topic</b>	
<p>The Committee agreed to undertake this review at its June 2021 Work-planning Workshop. Members of the Committee noted that lack of employment, education and training opportunities was an issue that disproportionately affected young people in Blackpool and wished to gather more information on the topic in order to identify any improvements.</p>	
<b>Which priority within the Council Plan does this topic address?</b>	
Communities - Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience	
<b>What are the main objectives of the scrutiny?</b>	
To review the impact of not being in employment, education or training on young people in Blackpool and determine whether any action can be taken in order to increase the level of opportunities that are available.	
<b>What specific issues will be addressed as part of the scrutiny?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on training/employment opportunities for young people</li> <li>• The breadth of the offer in Blackpool</li> <li>• Whether young people are adequately directed to available opportunities</li> <li>• What support the Council already has in place for young people who are NEET</li> <li>• Any specific additional offer for Our Children</li> </ul>	
<b>What possible outcomes are envisaged in terms of service improvements / benefits to the community?</b>	
That the Council and its partners offer adequate employment and training opportunities to NEET young people. To ensure that the opportunities available are as extensive as possible and encourage young people into either work, training or education as appropriate for the individual.	
<b>How will the public be involved? (consider invitations / press releases for meetings, consultation with community groups / clubs, etc)</b>	
The review panel could seek input from young people who have accessed services and groups that have worked with them.	
<b>How will the scrutiny achieve value for money for the Council / Council Tax payers?</b>	
The scrutiny will seek to ensure that NEET young people are offered adequate employment and training opportunities so that they are able to enter work and become independent.	
<b>What primary / new evidence is needed for the scrutiny?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of training and employment opportunities available to young people in Blackpool</li> <li>• Details of how services are promoted to NEET young people</li> </ul>	

<b>What secondary / existing information will be needed? (include background information / existing reports (consider Internal Audit) / legislation / central government information and reports, etc.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any case studies of individual experience of being NEET</li> </ul>
<b>Which Council officers / departments will provide information, advice and assistance for the scrutiny?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Services – Paul Turner</li> <li>• Adolescent Services – Sara McCartan</li> <li>• Regeneration</li> <li>• Maybe HR for opportunities the council itself provides</li> </ul>
<b>What expert witnesses will the panel request input from outside of the Council?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Providers</li> <li>• Education Providers (such as schools and Blackpool and the Fylde Coast College)</li> <li>• Careers services</li> <li>• Young people resident in Blackpool</li> </ul>
<b>What type of meetings (e.g. fact finding, evidence gathering, consultations, questioning, site visits), and how many in number are envisaged for the scrutiny?</b>
Evidence gathering/fact finding session(s)
<b>Timescales / likely duration of enquiry</b>
1/2 review panel meetings.
<b>Lead Scrutiny Officer</b>
John Greenbank, Senior Democratic Governance Adviser
<b>Scrutiny Panel Members</b>
TBC