

Task and Finish Specification

Accountable Organisation	South Staffordshire College
Descriptive Title	To increase aspiration and educational attainment levels
Statement of purpose	The project is needed within Tamworth to address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low educational attainment at Level 3 • low levels of progression to Higher Education • Low levels of employment for young people
Background	Whilst attainment levels at Level 2 have risen in recent years due to improving GSCE performance achieved through Tamworth schools, and in vocational achievement through TORC and other facilities, progression and attainment remains low at levels 3. Progression to Higher Education, although improving remains well below County and national levels and aspiration to progress to Higher Education is insufficiently developed Unemployment amongst young people remains high, partly as a result of the underdevelopment of the skills required by employers
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish group to promote aspiration to include secondary schools, primary school pyramids, further education and higher education providers • Ensure young people are fully aware of progression and employment opportunities through development of impartial advice and guidance • Develop network of employers to facilitate meaningful work experience for all learners aged 16-18 undertaking vocational learning and to source employment opportunities
Business Case	Low levels of skills lead to unemployment. Improving the aspirations and skills profile of young people in Tamworth will lead to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher levels of employment • Higher levels of community cohesion • Lower levels of welfare dependency • Reduced levels of alcohol consumption • Reduced levels of anti-social behaviour • Improved life chances • Improved levels of inward investment and job creation
Implications for other workstreams	The work of this stream will support the work of other projects including those under: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce alcohol misuse by tackling both the inappropriate availability and consumption of alcohol 2. Improve levels of enterprise and job creation in the local economy 3. Improve the capacity and skills of parents
Measures of Success	Criteria and measures will be developed following the establishment of the group. It is expected that measures would include quantifiable

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Sponsor/ Champion on TSP Mandate Accountable Officer	<p>improvements in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation and attainment at level 3 • Participation in Higher Education at Age 19 • Reduced levels of unemployment among young people • Improved levels of young people engaged in meaningful work experience <p>Graham Morley</p> <p>Mark Robertson</p>