

25 April, 2019

Following discussion of the reports it was:

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

520. LOGISTICS RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Apprenticeship Co-ordinator led Members through the latest Logistics Apprenticeships recruitment opportunities. She explained that these had been buoyant with an average of around 45 learners on programme at any one time over the last year. With a national shortage of drivers in the sector the Apprenticeships supported 23 LGV Licences and 8 B + E trailer Licences.

Members were informed there would be an award ceremony held on 22 May, 2019 to celebrate the achievements of 37 Logistics Framework apprenticeships since 1 April, 2018 placed with a number of key employers.

In addition to repeat business new contracts had been secured over the last 12 months which had been encouraging with further apprenticeship opportunities in the pipeline. Also three vacancies advertised on Careers Wales Apprenticeship Matching Service were being managed.

There was another 30 profiled starts before the end of this academic year.

The Apprenticeship Co-ordinator explained the operation of the Logistics team with delivery by both staff and sub-contractors. The Deputy Clerk followed by stating that delivery requirements were being looked at taking into account the increased apprenticeships being undertaken and that a report would be presented in due course on the staffing of the team.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

521. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act, 1960) be exercised.

522. TRAINING PROGRAMMES:

(1) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES

The planned notification events for this tender had been put back a year so now tendering for Job Support Wales would be in 2020 for 2021 delivery.

(2) THE PRINCE'S TRUST FUNDING

The Training Manager informed Members that funding from The Prince's Trust had ceased but, on a positive note, funding had been secured from Neath and Port Talbot College to off-set this for learners 18 years and over.

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(3) EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME TENDER

Members were informed that tenders for Employability would shortly be worked on with delivery in April 2020.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.01 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 14 May, 2019 adopted by the Council.