

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee 2nd March 2017

Report of the Head of Participation – Chris Millis

Matter for information

Wards Affected: All

Adult Community Learning Report Card 2016-2017

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the progress of the Adult Community Learning Service in Neath Port Talbot.

Background

2. Adult Community Learning (ACL) provides a range of learning activities for post 16 year olds in Neath Port Talbot. It is non-statutory and around 60% of adult community learning courses provided in Neath Port Talbot County are delivered by Adult Community Learning (ACL) using two streams of external funding:

- Welsh Government;
- A franchise agreement with Neath Port Talbot College Group.

ACL acknowledges the importance of engaging adults in the learning process, developing their soft skills (including their confidence to learn) and ensuring progression into more formal learning and/or employment. An example of this is the Introduction

to Childcare which raises awareness of opportunities and helps learners improve their learning skills in preparation for undertaking more formal training onto the QCF level 2 and then the level 3 in Children's Care, Learning and Development. Other courses delivered by ACL are literacy, numeracy, study skills, confidence building, employability skills, GCSE mathematics and English etc. Adult Community Learning ensures that costs are kept to a minimum with numerous classes being free e.g. literacy, numeracy, study skills, employability, retail, hospitality etc. to enable all residents in NPT to access learning to their improve skills.

Although the Family Learning grant ceased in 2015, ACL has continued to work with schools and provides as many free courses as possible to encourage parents back into education.

Adult Community Learning works with partners to guarantee that the best possible opportunities are available in NPT by utilising funding; this includes providing tutors to deliver courses for Communities First, Glynneath Training Centre, etc:

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts in relation to this report but Members should note that ACL is funded by a combination of funding from Welsh Government and a franchise agreement with Neath Port Talbot College.

Equality Impact Assessment

3. Having considered the Council's screening assessment guidance produced to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 it has been determined that the proposal within this report does not require an equalities impact assessment.

Workforce Impacts

4. There are no direct workforce or staffing issues in relation to this report.

Legal Impacts

5. There is no legal impact in relation to this report.

Risk Management

6. The future of Communities First has been identified as a risk to continued service delivery.

Consultation

7. Not applicable.

Recommendations

8. The report be noted.

Implementation of Decision

9. Not applicable.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Adult Community Learning Service Report Card
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