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Challenge & Improvement Committee

Date: 5th April 2016

Subject: Consideration of Scrutiny of Public Body – Issue of Youth Unemployment in West Lindsey

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Purpose / Summary:	To present Members with an outline approach to identifying and inviting relevant bodies associated with the issue of youth unemployment

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. Members are asked to consider the outline approach designed to identify relevant bodies to invite to this Committee and detail their involvement with and actions to address youth unemployment across the District.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None

Financial: FIN/8/17 None

Staffing: None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: None

Risk Assessment: None

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s

If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)	Yes	No
Key Decision:		
A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications	Yes	No

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At the previous meeting of this Committee on 22nd February 2016, Members received a presentation and paper on the subject of Youth Unemployment across the District. This was to generate discussion on the subject and to consider an appropriate approach to the inviting of relevant public bodies that work directly in this field.
- 1.2 From the discussion at the meeting it was clear that youth unemployment is a complex issue, with many possible causes and involving many agencies.
- 1.3 Having considered further, it is suggested that the Committee takes a detailed look at the issue of youth unemployment and adopts a structured, chronological approach.
- 1.4 To that extent it is proposed that a series of bodies are invited, starting with education through to careers advice (or equivalent), employers' bodies and finally Department for Work & Pensions and/or supporting job scheme/training partner agencies.

Stage	Possible Public Body/Agency		
Education	Education Authority		
Careers	Trent Valley Academy; Lincolnshire		
	Careers Service		
Employment/Apprenticeship	Prince's Trust/Talent Match;		
	Gainsborough Town Partnership;		
	Gainsborough Manufacturing Forum		
Unemployment	DWP Employment & Partnerships		
Training	Riverside Training/Hill Holt Wood/CLIP		

- 1.5 This approach is intended to map the 'journey', interventions and approaches taken at differing stages by agencies to identify and remedy the issues that face the youth of the District in obtaining required qualifications, work skills and experience which support sustainable, rewarding employment.
- 1.6 Members are therefore asked to consider:
 - The appropriateness of the suggested approach
 - The most appropriate bodies to invite over the period