

Council – 23rd September 2013

Youth Employment Commission

1. Summary

To inform Council of the background to the establishment of this body.

2. Recommendation

That the Council confirm the appointment of Councillor A. Andrew to represent the Council on the Youth Employment Commission.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 Shortly after the last meeting of Council in July a request was received from Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council to nominate one member to participate in the work of the Commission for its two year lifespan. Sandwell requested a quick response as they were keen to begin the work of the Commission as quickly as possible. In the circumstances the Leader was requested to make an informal nomination in order that Walsall was represented on the Commission along with the other Black Country Boroughs until such time as the appointment could be confirmed at the next meeting of the Council.
- 3.2 The Commission was established in direct response to the fact that the level of unemployed amongst young people in Sandwell and the surrounding areas has been identified as a significant challenge and one that needs to be addressed if there is to be a continuous improvement in the economy of the Black Country and provide better prospects for young people in the area.
- 3.3 The establishment of the Commission was championed by the Leader of Sandwell Council to work with public sector organisations, the business community, schools, colleges, young people's groups and organisations together with other interested parties to develop an understanding of the reasons for the levels of unemployment, its implications now and for the future and what can be done to improve the situation for young people looking for and entering work.

Background papers

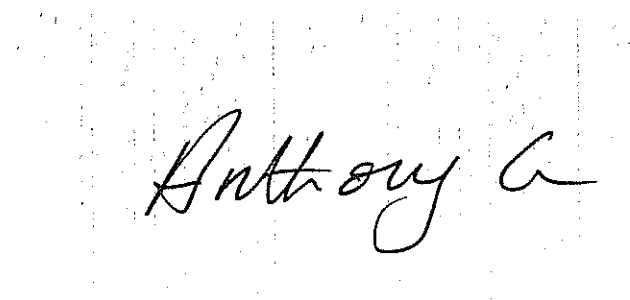
Letter from Sandwell Council dated 3rd July 2013.

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Signed:

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13th September 2013