

Item 08 - The Education People - Next Steps

The attached report was considered by the People & Places Advisory Committee on 29 November 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

People & Places Advisory Committee (29 November 2022, Minute 33)

Members considered a report which provided an update on the transfer of educational services from West Kent Enterprise Advisory Network (WKEAN) to the Kent County owned The Education People (TEP).

Prior to August 2022, Sevenoaks District Council was the accountable body for the WKEAN, which was responsible for assisting schools in West Kent with career advice services that were closely aligned with the economic needs of the district and future career opportunities. In August 2022, this service was transferred to TEP, a fully owned Kent County Council company providing similar services to the rest of Kent. The Council would continue to co-ordinate with and monitor TEP using the Gatsby Benchmarks which formed the quantitative benchmarks against which progress could be measured.

Members considered the report.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that

- a) the Education People continue to deliver the WKEAN which would be monitored by the Council.
- b) Sevenoaks District Council encourage staff to volunteer time to support local schools in connection with Careers Hub activities and events.