
LIFEWISE LEARNING PROJECT

Purpose of Report

1. To raise awareness to Members on the Lifewise Learning Project.

Information and Analysis

2. The Lifewise Learning Project came into being in August 2007 and is an initiative that aims to help people who would like to return to learning but are placed in the 'hard to reach' category due to the nature of their employment
3. The Project is a partnership between Unionlearn and Darlington Partnership and is signed and sealed with a Learning Agreement. Rose Gallagher is the Project Coordinator and works alongside a team of 6 Union Learning Reps.
4. The Project realises that if you work unsociable hours or are not office based, for example The Street Scene Team, Home Care Workers, Car Park Attendants, it can be difficult to access all the learning opportunities that may be available. These people are often people who have had a bad experience with some form of learning, lack confidence and have low self esteem. The Project aims to help overcome these barriers to learning and encourage people back into education to help raise their skills base and increase their quality of life both personally and in the workplace. Confidentiality is assured at all times.
5. To date the project has carried out a number of awareness initiatives including articles in the Flyer, leaflets on pay slips and one to one sessions with employees. A Project meeting is held once a month.
6. The Project is funded through the Learning For all Fund, which is funding administered and managed by the Unionlearn Northern TUC on behalf of the regional LSC and One North East.

Legal Implications

7. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

8. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to note the content of this report

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Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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