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Review Progress Summary				
● not on schedule	● on schedule	● undeliverable	● achieved	Total
0	2	0	6	8

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Timescale	RAG	Progress
A	That the Council examines the measures available to increase apprenticeship opportunities, particularly higher level apprenticeships, in key sectors of the city's economy	(i) Update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and associated Action Plan between the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) and Sunderland City Council	Stephanie Rose, Associate Policy Lead, SPPM	Sept 2013	●	After due consideration of the action, it was felt to be more appropriate to strengthen the working relationship between the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) and Sunderland City Council through their involvement in relevant groups and programmes, namely the Participation and Engagement Group and Work Discovery Sunderland.
		(ii) Organise and host Sunderland City Council Supply Chain Event	Glenda Herron, Acting Head of Corporate Procurement	April 2014	●	Corporate Procurement together with the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) will be hosting two supply chain events in April & May 2014. These events will bring together contractors and potential local sub-contractors to discuss opportunities available and apprenticeships.
		(iii) Council representatives will continue to participate in/provide input to the regional working group, which is responsible for establishing the North East LEP area Apprenticeship Hub	Stephanie Rose, Associate Policy Lead, SPPM	Sept 2013	●	SPPM officer has attended meetings of the NELEP Apprenticeship Hub Steering Group. The NELEP Apprenticeship Hub has now appointed a co-ordinator and will shortly go out to tender for the research contract to



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						<p>support the development of the NELEP Apprenticeship Hub.</p> <p>The completed Apprenticeship Hub Research (March 2015), recommends the expansion of the current Apprenticeship Hub model to a wider Apprenticeship Growth Partnership (AGP) charged with delivering the following priorities:</p> <p>Priority 1: A substantial activity programme to improve school engagement in Apprenticeships</p> <p>Priority 2: A sustained programme to improve the work-readiness of young people</p> <p>Priority 3: Information for employers new to Apprenticeships</p> <p>Priority 4: Enhanced marketing and PR campaigns to support increased take-up and quality</p>
B	That the Council and the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) agree a set of actions that are geared to meeting the specific needs of the city	(i) Update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and associated Action Plan between the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) and Sunderland City Council (<i>See also Ref. a (i))</i>	Stephanie Rose, Associate Policy Lead, SPPM	Sept 2013		After due consideration of the action, it was felt to be more appropriate to strengthen the working relationship between the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) and Sunderland City Council through their involvement in relevant groups and programmes, namely the Participation and Engagement Group and Work Discovery Sunderland.



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C	That further work be initiated to understand the Post-16 Destinations of learners in the city	<p>(i) Monitor and review the progress and outcomes being made in delivering priority outcomes and targets including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising participation in line with government targets for 2013 and 2015; Increasing young people in Education, Employment and Training (EET); NEET and Not Known figures Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 student destinations (as presented in Department for Education Destination Measures tables); Apprenticeship opportunities; and Youth employment data <p>(ii) Officers within Strategy Policy and Performance Management (SPPM) will incorporate Post-16 Destination Measures data returns within the Quarterly Performance Report for the Participation and Engagement Group of the Education Leadership Board.</p>	Dave Barber, Participation and Engagement Manager, People Directorate <i>(via the Chair of the Participation and Engagement Group)</i>	March 2014	 <p>Progress and outcomes being made in delivering priority outcomes and targets are regularly reported at the Participation and Engagement Group.</p> <p>The next set of Apprenticeship data will be published in April 2014 and an updated review of Sunderland Apprenticeship performance in April will be produced for further consideration at the May 2014 PEG meeting.</p> <p>Following the March 2014 PEG meeting, a group is being convened (lead by Sunderland University) to review the level of demand potential for Higher Apprenticeships (L4).</p> <p>The University of Sunderland is currently going through the required process to be able to offer the new Degree Apprenticeships and will know if they are successful by mid-April 2015</p>	 <p>The Education Leadership Board is currently developing its strategy and is not yet examining performance.</p>
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D	That the Council confirms its continuing support for the inclusion of Social and Economic Clauses into its planning and procurement processes	(i) When relevant to the subject matter, social value benefits will be considered for services (specifically over the EU threshold) at the pre-procurement stage and during the procurement. A systematic tool to be developed to consider social value when setting evaluation criteria, contract scope and performance regimes. Colleagues within Business Investment and Corporate Procurement will work closely with commissioners to ensure a value for money approach is followed when assessing contract opportunities. <i>(See also Ref. (e) - Work Programme: Policy Review Action Plan)</i> (ii) Led by the Aim 4 Group, steps will be taken to encourage other partners in the city to incorporate Social and Economic clauses in development contracts.	Karen Alexander, Employment and Training Manager and Procurement Lead - Glenda Herron, Acting Head of Corporate Procurement Vince Taylor, Head of SPPM <i>(via the Chair of Aim</i>	Sept 2014	 	Corporate Procurement has produced a Social Value Quick Guide with example clauses and key stakeholders. Key stakeholders will be approached during the pre-procurement stage to help identify Social Value benefits and outcomes which can be incorporated into the procurement documentation. The Aim 4 Group of the Economic Leadership Board (ELB) undertook some work on this action in engaging partners. Since then, the ELB have reviewed its sub group structure and will

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		<i>(See also Ref. (e) - Work Programme: Policy Review Action Plan)</i>	<i>4 Group)</i>			seek to reallocate this responsibility as part of that.
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