

Report of:	Adam Allen – Director of Culture, Communities and Communication Councillor Mieka Smiles – Executive Member for Culture & Communities
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Submitted to:	Executive – 8 th October 2019
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Subject:	Service Response – Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel- Middlesbrough Community Learning - Employability
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Summary

Proposed decision(s)
The Executive approves the action plan in Appendix A which has resulted from the report

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent? ¹
Decision	Non Key	The report is not confidential	Non urgent

Contribution to delivery of the 2018-22 Strategic Plan		
Business Imperatives	Physical Regeneration	Social Regeneration
		Increasing employment levels; Increasing educational attainment (including skills and vocational); Improving health and wellbeing and Improving community life.

Ward(s) affected
Community Learning is available to people in all wards.

What is the purpose of this report?

To provide the service response and action plan to the Scrutiny report on Middlesbrough Community Learning Employability.

¹ Remove for non-Executive reports

Why does this report require a Member decision?

Members need to approve the action plan written in response to the Scrutiny report

Report Background

The aim of the Scrutiny Investigation was to ascertain what learning projects Middlesbrough Community Learning offered young people and adults to assist them in gaining employment.

The full scrutiny response is attached in Appendix B. The recommendations are set out in the table in Appendix B This includes the response from the service. All recommendations either are being addressed or will be.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

The executive approves the action plan, attached in Appendix A.

Why is this being recommended?

The Action Plan will enable closer working between Middlesbrough Community Learning and relevant partner organisations as well as providing timely updates to the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

No other decisions were recommended

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

The expected impact of the recommendations will allow for greater understanding of Middlesbrough Community Learning's projects and highlight the good practice and successes of the projects.

Legal

None Identified

Financial

None Identified

Policy Framework

The proposed action plan has no impact on the Council's policy framework.

Equality and Diversity

No protected groups will be affected by the decision

Risk

No risks identified

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

Reports will be provided after 6 months to provide further updates on outcomes, partnerships and the success of the projects.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Action Plan

Appendix 2 – Scrutiny Final Report

Background papers

Body	Report title	Date
Middlesbrough Council	Minutes of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel Meetings	10 th September 2018 15 October 2018, 19 th November 2018
Department of Business, Innovation and Skills	New Challenges, New Chances – Next Steps in Implementing the further education reform programme	16 th August 2011

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