

Report of the Chief Executive

APPRENTICESHIP STRATEGY1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the introduction of an Apprenticeship Strategy.

2. Detail

The government has introduced, in respect of companies with an annual paybill of over £3 million, an Apprenticeship Levy in order to fund new apprenticeships. The levy is charged at a rate of 0.5% of an employer's paybill. In terms of Broxtowe Borough Council, the contribution equates to approximately £37,000 per annum at current staffing levels. The government automatically adds 10% to the funds in an employer's account on a monthly basis.

Actions are underway to ensure the contributions of Broxtowe Borough Council are appropriately used. One of those actions has been to produce an Apprenticeship Strategy, both in respect of the Levy and also the authority's wider commitment to staff development.

The proposed Apprenticeship Strategy is attached at appendix 1 and an Equalities Impact Assessment has been included at appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Apprenticeship Strategy be approved.

Background papers

Nil