

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 13 JUNE 2017**

**FUTURE SKILLS COLLEGE**

**Background**

The 2017 National Improvement Framework and Improvement Plan lists improved attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy and improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people as priorities. The Future Skills College (FSC) has been established in order to facilitate a senior phase (S4 to S6) flexible learning pathway which can result in young people gaining a Foundation Apprenticeship as well as additional SCQF accredited qualifications.

Young people from both Angus Council and Dundee City Council are eligible to apply to FSC. The programme is 'demand driven' with places being available to young people only where there is an offer of employment. For session 2017-2018 Foundation Apprenticeship courses in Early Education and Childcare, Plumbing and Electrical Services are being offered.

The model of delivery will involve successful applicants attending Dundee and Angus College full time to undertake the relevant work related studies and additional qualifications, including English and Mathematics. These additional qualifications will be at a level suitable to each young person.

This model is a positive response to some of the issues associated with the current Foundation Apprenticeship model which has seen some young people finding it difficult to sustain attendance at both college and school. Most importantly this model engages with employers in order to bridge the gap between the course of study and subsequent employment. Young people will be offered employment as apprentices or trainees on successful completion of the course.

Angus Council has made a commitment in terms of work placements in Early Education and Childcare and schools will support a proportion of the teaching commitment.

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