

**Report to:** County Consultative Committee

**Date of meeting:** 25 January 2017

**By:** Director of Children's Services

**Title:** Apprenticeship Levy – Facts for Schools and Academies

**Purpose:** To receive a briefing on and discuss the Apprenticeship Levy and its impact on schools and academies.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is recommended to decide whether to refer the Apprenticeship Levy and its impact on schools and academies to the East Sussex Governors Representative Group (ESGRG) for its consideration of whether to take this matter to the Local Area Forums for Governors.

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### **1 Background**

1.1 In April 2017, the way the government funds apprenticeships in England is changing. Some employers will be required to contribute to a new apprenticeship levy, and there will be changes to the funding for apprenticeship training for all employers.

1.2 The levy requires all employers operating in the UK, with a pay bill over £3 million each year, to pay 0.5% of their pay bill as a Levy. They will be able to use this funding, plus an additional 10%, to invest in apprenticeships. For East Sussex County Council, the Levy will be managed and coordinated by the Council, with a workforce development led strategy for allocating the funding devised.

### **2 Supporting information**

2.1 Apprenticeship Levy – Factsheet for Schools and Academies. Please see Appendix 1.

### **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1 For the Committee to decide whether to refer the Apprenticeship Levy and its impact on schools and academies to the ESGRG for its consideration of whether to take this matter to the Local Area Forums for Governors.

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## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Apprenticeship Levy: factsheet for Schools and Academies