# **DEVELOP** OUR WORKFORCE **HOW ARE WE DOING?**



### **July 2017 – September 2017:**

## SBC/UHI Partnership for teacher training in Scottish Borders

In Scotland, there are a number of shortages in secondary teachers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects. In order to help overcome this, Scottish Borders Council is working with the University of Highlands and Islands (UHI) to provide secondary teacher training for graduates of STEM subjects. This year we have 5 STEM graduates participating in teacher training in Scottish Borders- 3 Business Studies graduates and 2 Home Economists. The training takes place by distance learning and the graduates have a total of five placements in SBC secondary schools over a year. If successful in the teacher training programme, the graduates will complete their yearlong probationary period in SBC secondary schools. Following their probationary period, the teachers will be employed in SBC secondary schools. SBC and UHI will continue building on this partnership working to provide teacher training in Scottish Borders.



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## Our performance during Q2 2017/18



#### **SBC ABSENCE RATE\***

Reporting on absence from Business World is being further developed and tested, and regular reporting will recommence shortly. This remains, along with invoice payment, a key area of focus for SBC at this time.

#### **WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**57** 

work opportunities are being supported by SBC through our "Work Opportunities Policy" as of September 2017



#### (up from 51 in Q2 16/17)

#### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

48

**apprentices** are **employed with SBC** as of September 2017

#### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

**56%** male **44%** female across various departments such as Human Resources, Engineering, Finance

# Modern Apprentices

Apprenticeships are proving to be successful and are playing an important role in building and preparing our workforce for the future, with **86** recruited since 2014, **19** within this financial year, and further opportunities in the planning.

Training has also been developed for staff mentoring apprentices with **113** employees having completed this training to date.

An Apprentice Forum will provide the opportunity for apprentices to come together to discuss their apprenticeship, share experiences, and build up a network of peer support.



(up from 36 in September 2016)

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\*Performance indicators with a quarter lag in data.

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**Priority 6: Developing our Workforce – Executive Quarterly PIs** 

Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
CP06-P14 Percentage of Working Days Lost - Council Average			Reporting on absence from Business World is being further developed and tested, and regular reporting will recommence shortly. This remains, along with invoice payment, a key area of focus for SBC at this time.		Ian Angus
CP06-P45 Work Opportunities Scheme - Current Total Work Opportunities (incl. ESS supported employees)	CP06-P45P How many people do we currently employ through our Work Opportunities Scheme? (CP06-P45P)  51 52 50  40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 4	57	Observations: There are currently 57 employment related opportunities being provided by SBC through their Work Opportunities Scheme policy.	<b></b>	Cathie Fancy
CP06-P31 Work Opportunities Scheme - Current Employability Fund Posts	Executive - Supported Employment excl. ESS  50 48	0	Observations: There are currently no individuals on work experience through the Employability Fund within SBC. Employability Fund placements are delivered Borderswide in a variety of work settings.		Cathie Fancy
CP06-P32 Work Opportunities Scheme - Current Student Placements	40 36 36 36 32 32 30 25 20 15	6	Observations: There are currently 6 students on placement within SBC with further student opportunities being sought after.		Cathie Fancy
CP06-P37 Work Opportunities Scheme - Current Modern Apprentices employed within SBC	10 7 6 6 6 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	48	Observations: There are currently 48 apprentices employed within SBC. The last 6 months has seen a greater interest in Modern Apprenticeships from SBC departments, with various apprenticeships going to advert. SBC continue to offer mentoring training for those mentoring apprentices, and to date, 113 SBC employees have completed the training.	-	Cathie Fancy

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Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
CP06-P44 Work Opportunities Scheme - Current Other SBC opportunities	CP06-P44P How many other work opportunities do we currently have? (CP06-P44P)  11  7.5  2.5  1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	3	<b>Observations:</b> There are currently 3 work experience opportunities active within SBC departments.		Cathie Fancy