

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on developments with the three staff appointments currently in progress.

NO. DETAIL

I) BACKGROUND

- a) The Youth Offer grant of £86,833 over the 30 months from 1 October 2014 provides for two new posts: a Youth Opportunities Officer and a Sessional Youth Worker.
- b) The Town Council meeting of 11 August agreed to create an apprenticeship in Business Administration.

2) YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER

- a) This is a 20-hour a week post to lead the development of Ventnor's Youth Offer by supporting the Partner Organisations' programmes and engaging with other local organisations providing youth opportunities in the town.
- b) At the closing date of noon on Monday 1 September 18 applications had been received from which five have been shortlisted and invited for interview on 17 September.
- c) The interview process will consist of two 45 minute sessions for each candidate: first an informal discussion session with members of each of our three partner organisations for the project Ventnor Together, Ventnor Skatepark and Ventnor Fringe to be followed by a formal interview with a Panel of the Mayor, Councillors Leigh Geddes and Tony Marvin and the Clerk.
- d) The Panel will receive feedback from the informal session before arriving at a decision.

3) SESSIONAL YOUTH WORKER

- a) This is a 6-hour a week post to provide two evenings a week of professional youth work with Café 34 as part of the extension of its provision.
- b) The closing date is noon on Monday 8 September and at the time of writing this report, three applications had been received.
- c) Interviews for this post will be on Tuesday 23 September.

4) APPRENTICE

- a) This is a 35-hour a week position with one day a week for attendance at the Isle of Wight College.
- b) The College arrange the advertising for apprenticeship posts and pass the applications of those with the appropriate qualities on to the employer.
- c) Five such applications have been received and interviews are being arranged for four of them for Friday 12 September.