

## Chapter 9: Achieving Economic Well-being

Our vision of children and young people having 'choice' and being 'fulfilled' includes children and young people, parents and carers being independent and economically self-sufficient. We will do this by:

- Having sufficient high quality **child care** to help support working parents and parents returning to work
- Support the raising of the compulsory participation in education age. Led by the Learning and Skills Council we will:
  - Continue to develop **Diplomas** to offer a choice of learning pathways, combining theoretical and practical learning, hands-on experience, employer-based learning, and the essential skills, knowledge and understanding to equip students for work or further study
  - Increase the number of young people entering post 16 **apprenticeships**
- Increase the numbers of young people in **education, employment or training** (EET), especially those in vulnerable groups
- Increasing the numbers of young people progressing to post 16 **Learning and training**
- Working with employer organisations to increase **employment opportunities** for young people
- Working with the Leicester Shire Economic Partnership (LSEP) in achieving their vision of Leicestershire having a **"prosperous and dynamic economy**, characterised by innovative businesses, enterprising and creative people, building attractive and sustainable communities"
- Reducing the number of **homeless** young people. Through District Council housing strategies we will:
  - Reduce the number of 16-17 year olds that present as homeless
  - Provide suitable accommodation for young offenders
  - Provide suitable accommodation for care leavers and access to housing for care leavers aged over 18 years (this was identified as an issue in the Joint Area Review 2007)
  - Provide affordable housing.

In addition, partners will work together through the local Multi-Agency Agreement to promote learning and increase numeracy and literacy of parents and carers.

In the future, what do you want your life to be like?

- "Long, because I want to have the same job as my dad."
- "Have a family and a wife/husband."
- "Happy and successful."

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