

## Appendix 2 September 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 Performance Scrutiny Committee

### **BENEFITS**

Wider choice, increased participation and learner engagement and improved levels of attainment are all positive benefits of partnership working, but difficult to evaluate.

Increased levels of participation at 16 do lead to an increase in the number of young people attaining level 3 qualifications and the potential to undertake degree level study or apprenticeships.

- (i) The cost to society of a young person becoming NEET has been quantified however and at 16 is £56,300\* per person. The total lifetime cost of the NEET cohort in Denbighshire has fallen from £3,434,300 in 2009 to £2,815,000 in 2011; a fall of £619,300. This 'saving' to the public purse is equivalent to the annual Learning Pathways 14-19 budget for Denbighshire. Please note that these are county wide figures, and not just Dyffryn Clwyd.

(\*Source: Coles, B. et al. (2010) Estimating the life-time cost of NEET: 16-18 year olds not in Education, Employment or Training Research Undertaken for the Audit Commission. York University)

**Notional saving by reducing NEET**

**£619,000**

#### **(ii) Putting a value on wider choice**

Putting a monetary value on increased participation and wider choice is complex and impracticable and at best can be an estimate. This analysis in Table C simply looks at the number of extra classes that students from the schools actually accessed with other providers during 2011-2012 – the average for all schools was 27. The notional added benefit is based upon what it would have cost the school to put the courses on themselves. It is a notional figure because our schools would not be in a position to offer these courses either wholly or in part.

**Notional Added Benefit of Partnership working**

**£1,143,107**

### **Background Papers**

Transforming Education and Training Provision in Wales – Delivering the Skills that Work for Wales

<http://wales.gov.uk/dcells/publications/publications/guidanceandinformation/deliveringskillsworkforwales/transformingprovisionwalese.pdf?lang=en>

Collaborative Arrangements between FE Institutions and Schools 2009  
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance>

The Learning & Skills Measure (Wales) 2009  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2009/1/contents>

Transforming Post 16 Education and Training in Denbighshire;

Strategic Outline Case March 2011

Review of Qualifications in Wales

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/consultation/120530rogen.pdf>

Estimating the life-time cost of NEET: 16-18 year olds not in Education,  
Employment or Training

<http://www.york.ac.uk/spsw/research/neet/>