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Councillor Amy Brookes.

Dear Councillor Brookes,

Council – 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

As you were unable to attend the Council Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 you were unable to ask your question and agreement was given to provide this in writing.

Your question related to work experience being a vital part of education which could hugely affect career choices for the future and you asked what was the Council doing to help young people in Rotherham build meaningful experiences of the working world before they left school.

This question was timely because the Government has recently released a new version of the statutory guidance, 'Careers guidance and access for education and training providers - Statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff'.

The revised guidance goes into some detail regarding the requirement on schools for meaningful employer contacts for students and workplace visits.

The Council, via the Careers and Enterprise Advisers in Rotherham, supported the matching of industry leads with senior leaders in schools to support the maximising of opportunities for work experience for pupils.

This scheme both supported and challenged the links that schools have with employers and how pupils were preparing for the world of work.

The Council also supported schools to optimise participation in the Local Employment Advisory Forum events and brokered links between schools and employers to facilitate business engagement in the curriculum.

You will be pleased to hear that there was some excellent joined up working with colleagues across the Council departments to ensure there was a range of meaningful work experience opportunities for Rotherham's young people, including collaborative work across Environment and Regeneration, Early Help and Education and Skills.

I trust this answers your question, but if I can help further in any way please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

*G. Watson*

Councillor Gordon Watson,  
Deputy Leader of the Council.