Providing support for County Councillors

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Information 

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| To: | All County Councillors |

**Somerset Education Business Partnership**

[Somerset Education Business Partnership](http://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk) connects businesses with education providers so that Somerset’s:

* **employers** can build a strong talent pipeline they need to thrive and grow
* **young people** are aware of local career opportunities and prepared for the workplace

We help businesses to develop education outreach plans that match their needs and resources. Larger businesses may develop full outreach programmes whereas small businesses may simply connect with their local school or college.

We also help schools and colleges to access employer input to support their careers activities such as assemblies, mock interview and workplace experiences.

During COVID we developed a comprehensive [online resource](https://talentedacademy.thinkific.com/). This remains available and supplements in person activities.

Whilst our service is available to all Somerset’s:

* **employers** we proactively seek to work with those in Somerset’s bedrock and growth employment sectors
* **young people** – we proactively seek to support those with the greatest barriers to employment including care leavers and those with special educational needs or disabilities.

The staff team of 3 is employed within Somerset County Council’s Economy & Community Infrastructure service and work closely with the Education team. We are physically based at Somerset Chamber of Commerce which enables us to network effectively with the business community.

Somerset County Council provides 1/3 of the required operational budget with the remaining costs met by external funders and earned income.

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