

Commitment to apprenticeships and recruiting local labour

The commitment on apprenticeships and the target to acquire local labour is captured in the ES in Volume 2i Scheme wide assessment: Chapter 21: Socio economics: Sections 21.5.22 to 21.5.26 (Apprenticeships and skills).

The commitment is then enshrined into the TRU West Alliance delivery through the Sustainability Strategy (NR113).

Section 7, Table 2 of the Sustainability Strategy highlights the stakeholders that have already been consulted regarding the opportunities for joint partnership that includes Huddersfield University and Kirklees Council.

Current progress towards the Key Performance Indicator

Current apprenticeships on TRU-West total 69 up to November 2021. This includes a varied range from level 3 apprenticeships through to almost half of the apprenticeships studying to degree level and includes apprenticeships as varied as digital technology through to all disciplines in civil engineering.

Work Experience and Graduate Data on the TRU programme (Manchester to York).

In compliance with the Sustainability Strategy (NR113) Section 8.9: Inspiring tomorrow's workforce:

Young persons have been offered work from partner schools and colleges and this totals 870 days of work experience up to November 2021.

There have also been 601 work experience days for unemployed and hard to reach groups.

The TRU programme has recruited 40 graduates up to November 2021.

Spend with small, medium-sized businesses and local businesses

In compliance with the Sustainability Strategy (NR113) Section 8.7: Support Britain's economic development:

The Alliance tracks and reports spend with SMEs and local businesses quarterly. The data for Q2/21 shows that 62.70% of spend to subcontractors in the period was with 'local' labour, based on an office address.