



STEVENAGE WORKS

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Stevenage Works - Background

Following the procurement of several major refurbishment and regeneration contracts in 2017/18 which placed an emphasis on delivering Social Value to the people of Stevenage, SBC met with North Hertfordshire College and the Job Centre Plus, where it was agreed there would be merit in developing a joined-up approach to delivering Social Value, with the ambition of maximising the benefits.

The opportunity to develop a strategic approach and formal alliance between the parties, with all stakeholders working collaboratively was realised, and **'Stevenage Works'** was created and launched in 2019.

What is Stevenage Works?

Stevenage Works is the partnership between Stevenage Borough Council, North Herts College and the Hertfordshire Job Centre Plus (JCP) to provide an efficient approach to delivering social value.

In this context, social value refers to the aspiration to streamline opportunities for local people into jobs, apprenticeships, and work experience.

By providing a single point of contact for enquiries and engagement, the partnership works with the community and employers to match their needs.

This is done by holding regular sessions to consolidate shared learning with stakeholders, as well as a user friendly and joined-up approach to recruitment and work experience.

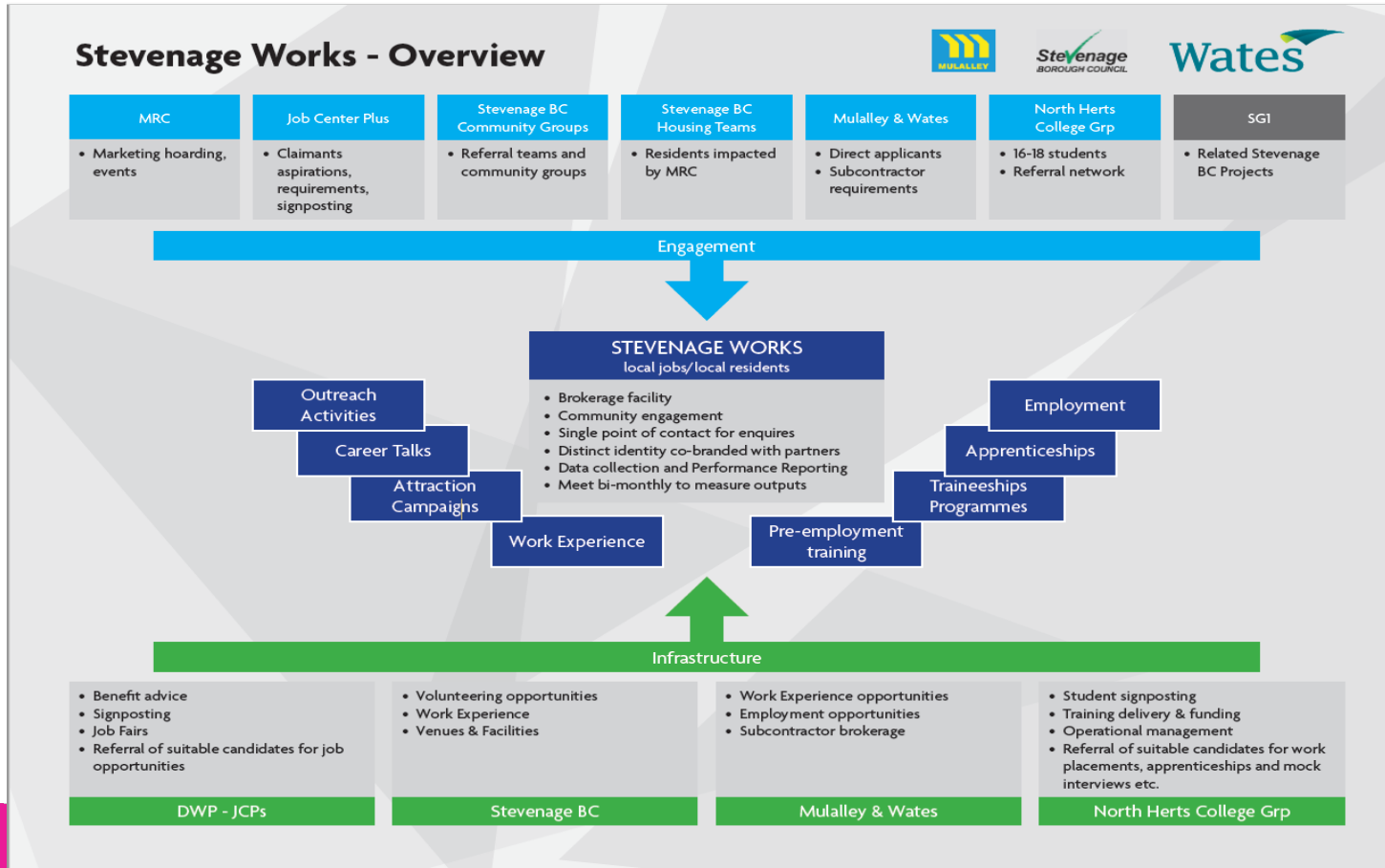
What is Stevenage Works?

Stevenage Works also covers:

Planning -we work with SBC Planning Department to ensure that Developers and Contractors fulfil the Section 106 Obligations set out in Employment Skills plans. If obligations and commitments are not fulfilled, a financial penalty is put in place.

Updates on social value commitments - Developers and Contractors provide regular updates on their agreed commitments relating to job opportunities, apprenticeships, work experience, work placements, data on local supply chain, local labour, educational work in schools and Community engagement activities.

Stevenage Works Overview



SBC Areas involved

Asset Management:
(Greta Gardiner)

Regeneration:
(Dave Wells)

Housing Development
(Simon Nuttall)

Planning and Regulation
(Mena Caldbeck)

Stevenage Works Partnerships



Outcomes

Achievements:

- Over 550 people have attended training courses.
- Over 180 candidates have achieved a CSCS card to work onsite.
- Our partners have provided CV writing; Mock interviews; Guest talks; Careers mentoring and onsite experiences.
- Over 40 apprenticeships over the last year
- 30+ residents have gained employment.
- Over £50,000 has been donated to by Stevenage Works members for local community projects and good causes in Stevenage.

COMMUNITY CHEST FUND

Winners!!



Community Activities



Stevenage Works – What’s Next?

‘**Stevenage Works**’ is now exploring **Health and Social Care** and are currently having initial discussions with partners.

Mena Caldbeck, SBC Business Relationship Manager, has advised the partnership that this sector is one our largest employers in Stevenage and some providers are struggling to recruit and retain employees.

For more information on Stevenage Works :

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Visit our webpage

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