

## **Mid Devon District Council Scrutiny Proposal Form**

(This form should be completed by Member(s), Officers and / or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny).

**Note:** The matters detailed below have not yet received any detailed consideration. The Scrutiny Committee reserves the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the District Council's remit.

Proposer's name and designation	Cllr Sue Robinson	Date of referral	20/06/2025
Proposed topic title	Extending / Enriching Apprenticeship Opportunities in MDDC		
Link to national, regional and local priorities(Corporate Plan) and targets	There is very limited 16+ provision within MDDC's area. There is a high demand for skilled workers particularly in "trowel trades" – bricklaying, plumbing, electrician etc. at NVQ L1 and L2.		
Background to the issue	MDDC offers apprenticeships throughout the organization but these practical apprenticeships have been challenging because of the need to find day release / block release for the education aspects.		
List main points this report should cover (What do you want to achieve?)	(i) An increase in career opportunities via apprenticeships amongst MDDC's workforce. (ii) Closer links with NVQ Education providers in the area to accommodate the needs of new apprentices.		
Should this be referred to the appropriate PDG/ Committee?	SD&CI PDG should be asked for this to be a substantial item.		
What degree of priority is this issue? 1 = Urgent    2= High 3=Medium    4=Low	2.		

## Proposing an item for the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

