

Economy, Learning, Skills & Employment (ELSE) Theme Group
(Management) Meeting
Wednesday 26th November 2008
CHAIR: Jane Beaver

Present : Abtar Sanga, Alison Orr, Carol Jones, Dave Sternberg, Geoff Hyde, Jacqui Crisp, Jane Malbasa, Jim Newton, Nigel Wain, Elaine Spraggett, Janet McLean ,Dean Marjoram

Apologies

Prit Bharadwa, David Keresey, Janet Franklin, Lesley Dunn, Jane Johnstone ,Christine McNaught, Haramandeeep Toor.

Presenting Chaman Verma, Myles Mackie

Minutes of last meeting & actions arising
LEGI – Response from Andy Williams

We are currently in the final stages producing a draft interim evaluation, we've presented some key findings to the board and are drafting an executive summary. We've been consulting with Key delivery partners on the main findings and all the evaluation needs to be approved in its entirety by the Chair before we can send it out and communicate with others.

We should be able to present something in the New Year.

It was agreed at the board that the project will work with customers on the current caseloads until the end of the funding rather than take on new customers

Communications Event – We will be writing out to the group for volunteers to work on a Stake holder event

PCT Single Equality Scheme - Chaman Verma, Equality and Diversity Lead Coventry NHS
<http://www.uhcnhs.uk/about/equality>

AP – Carol Jones (CCC HR) would like to meet with Chaman to share good practices
AP Return to the group in the New Year to discuss how this works in practice

Local Economy & Discussions on Implications for Group Myles Mackie



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Redundancy Up date - Jane Beaver

Redundancies (HR1) notifications have significantly increased with volumes of people as follows:

2006 Total: 4856
2007 Total: 5662
2008 Jan - date: 5354

There has been a build up since the summer with of the above:
Total since July: 4139
Total since October: 1782

During October - date we received 18 notifications; 11 of these were manufacturing and 3 construction. We have already received notifications for 2009 totalling 1386

Local Jobs Review

Geoff Hyde will provide a written report to update the group.

Updates :-

Coventry and Warwickshire Economic regeneration Partnership (CWERP)
Jane Malbasa

Formed to co-ordinate the support provided to companies facing redundancies in Coventry and Warwickshire. 2 meetings have been held. Redundancy pack – looking to update the old pack. Each organisation has been asked to look at the section relevant to their service. Early sharing of intelligence and pooling of resources from partner organisations will help deal more effectively with redundancies.

City Strategy /MAA

Geoff Hyde

2 years in we are now under pressure from DWP/DIAS to sign a Multi Area Agreement
Advantage is that we can talk directly to Ministers rather than via Regional Organisations.
Coventry's view is that if it is seen to be our advantage it will be considered.

Housing Theme Group Feedback

Jane/Dave/Nigel

We can work with them on several levels
As an employer : ideal to sign up to LEP although at the moment there are few opportunities apart from through energy efficiency which may generate jobs in insulation and loft lagging
Can be used to access customers. There is a high level of unemployment amongst the tenants.
We can help support the RSL's agenda on worklessness.
7000 student registered mainly looking for part time jobs
AP how do we work with this group - ie Carol Jones – City Council Clerical Register
Voluntary work can now provide accreditation for skills gained using Train to Gain

NEETS – Malcolm Emerson

Figures are up on last year. At 16 most YP go into education but drop out fairly quickly with a further high number dropping out in January.
Biggest impact could be made by focusing on maintaining engagement.

Unemployed non claimants

What information can we get on the experience and make up of this group

Can any information be gleaned from Myles Mackie or the Household Survey data ?

Issues for feedback to Strategic meeting in January

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Local Jobs Team Report

Single Offer

**Need to plan how to up-skill Employer Engagement Staff of all organisations on how to sell the various aspects of the single offer
Geoff Hyde and Jacquie Crisp to take forward .**

Subjects for future meetings Themed items:- Drugs(Feb), Offenders ,Communities, Refugees : Other LAA Indicators, NDC issue- People not in receipt of benefits,

Dates for future meetings – Janet McLean to arrange and circulate. To be held in months where there is not a Strategic Meeting .