

ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Local Area Agreement Action Planning

Geoff Hyde provided an update on the LAA National Indicators Action Planning process. Action plans were being developed by indicator leads; in the case of NI 152 the process had started with an Outcome Based Planning event; identified priorities had been considered and further developed @ last month's ELSE management group. Feedback to date had been positive, although some final revisions were being worked on by Priti Badwaha relating to finances, risk, and named designed leads.

Copies of all of the EDE theme plans would be issued when completed.

A progress report to the Public Services Board will be required in December.

Integrated Employment & Skills

Dean Marjoram delivered a presentation on IES – an integrated approach to skills and jobs delivered by JCP and the LSC. Coventry & Warwickshire will be part of a west Midlands Pathfinder for the new service from 28th September prior to national roll out. JCP will screen all new benefit claimants to identify for basic and vocational skills needs; IAG advisors will be co-located in JCP offices, offering an enhanced service including a Skills Health Check and referral to appropriate training provision. Running alongside this will be the National Voluntary Training Pathfinder – an opportunity for long term unemployed people to attend full time vocational training for up to 8 weeks while remaining in receipt of benefit. There was discussion about the importance of fully evaluating the pathfinders – Steve Stewart commented that evaluation should particularly focus on the relationship between JCP and nextsteps, and to compare the different co-location models in place.

Neighbourhood Employment & Skills Plans

Jane Malbasa led a discussion on use of NESP within JCP- JCP management team had considered the conclusions of the NESPs and identified a number of ways in which mainstream services could be tailored in response. Other partners were encouraged to consider a similar exercise.

Household Survey

Nigel Wain delivered an item on the household Survey, and its' findings in relation to the EDE theme. Reports for each theme are available on the Coventry Partnership website under Research & Evaluation. Caring responsibilities, a perceived lack of jobs, and lack of skills were highlighted as primary reasons for being out of work. On a more positive note, from the sample taken, the % people in priority neighbourhoods who are in work has increased.

Steve Stewart told the meeting that a major survey is underway to identify the views of Young People across a range of issues. The survey will be conducted by all Coventry schools through questionnaires and focus groups,

and is intended to be used to shape service design. SS agreed to bring the findings to a future meeting of this group.

AOB

Central Vision – Coventry & Warwickshire’s new internet TV station – needs to explore ways of generating income. Partners are invited to arrange visits to see the facilities and consider how this resource could be used by our own organisations. 90 work experience placements are to be made available to Young People to develop their own TV channel.

Martin Reeve of Bedford County Council has been appointed as the new CE of Coventry City Council.