

ELSE (Management) Meeting – 23rd<sup>rd</sup> September 2009

Attendees: Jane Malbasa, Elaine Spraggett, Gaynor Smith, Veronica Nesbitt, Alan Newbold, Guy Venables, Theresa Carroll, Malcolm Emmerson, Myles Mackie, David Kersey, Andy Bourne, Sally Roberts, Sarah Powell, Lucy McGovern, Sue Ogle, Paul Hargreaves, Jacqui Crisp, Simon Smithson, Nicky Lewis-Downing

Apologies: Jane Beaver, Dean Marjoram, Nigel Wain

## ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Worklessness Data – Myles Mackie presented latest LM data showing flattening unemployment; the JSA rate for the City is 5.7% and is expected to fall by .2% with new population figures. Volumes by benefit are: 14,600 (IB), 7,000 (JSA), 5,300 (LP); there are an estimated 14,000 workless people not on benefits and there is no data to explain the make up of that group. Needs further research to assess level of priority. Worklessness amongst YPs aged 18-24 has risen sharply over the last 12 months, and some BME groups face higher levels of worklessness than the city average. Vacancy levels have fallen by 10-15% but redundancies have stabilised. Concluded that we are at the bottom of the recession, but not yet out of it. There was soft evidence of different recruitment methods – more informal recruitment from word of mouth due to increased supply of labour/vacancies not reaching usual channels. Very few JSA claims exceed 12 months; IB and LPs have fallen slightly. The ratio of JSA claims:vacancies is 5.5:1 (previously 3:1)

Labour Market – Gaynor Smith updated on recruitment opportunities @ Severn Trent, TUI, Belgrade Plaza, Hayley Roe, Prologis, UHCW, C&W Partnership Trust, and CCC. Gaynor will issue monthly reports. ACTION Gaynor Smith

Probation Service, PET, and the City Council agreed to work together re-disclosures pre- CRB checks. ACTION David Kersey

Flexible New Deal (FND) – SERCO and Pertemps presented information on the local delivery models for FND. SERCO will publicise performance data contributing to NI152 delivery on their website. SERCO already work with 20 sub-contractors and will extend. Pertemps have City Centre premises at Smithford Way and Bell Green.

MAA – was signed 2 weeks ago; includes Level 4 powers over the ay in which skills are delivered in the city Region, and L2 with DWP for co-commissioning, commencing with the new Invest to Save programme. Additional targets will follow. Local management of the MAA , with links into the ESB, is to be determined.

Future Jobs Fund – 130 placements are available through the City Council to March 2010. Adie Fitzgerald is the lead for the City Council, working with Mike

Browne, Placements Manager for FJF and the Work Placements Initiative. Placements are available for NEETs, 18-24's, Graduates, and Professional & Executives.

Scrutiny – The ELSE is due to present to Scutiny Committee – planning meeting date to be set. ACTION Jane Malbasa

Next meeting date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 @ 10-1.00, Oak tree Court