

**Learning, Skills and Employment Meeting  
Wednesday 21st May 2008**

Attending : -

Alison Orr CVSC, Jane Beaver Jobcentre Plus , Brinder Seni CEN, Christine McNaught Foleshill Womens Training , Dave Sternberg NDC , Dean Marjoram LSC, Jane Johnstone CSWP, Kate Lee WEETC, Jane Malbasa Jobcentre Plus , Rebecca Young Coventry City Council , Geoff Hyde Coventry City Council, Elaine Spragget Henley College , Kim Tierney CSU, Carol Jones Coventry City Council , Dave Hill Warwickshire County Council , Janet Fortune Warwickshire County Council . Tony Doran Lifelong Living Network.

Apologies:-

Alan Newbold Adult Ed, Diane Williams Chamber, Hazel Mills CSWP, Jim Newton Coventry City Council, Nigel Wain Coventry Partnership, Russell Moseley Warwick University, Steve Stewart CSWP, Sue Iannantuoni Coventry City Council , Sally Archer Henley College, Haramandeep Toor Probation Service, Abtar Sanga

**Minutes and Matters arising**

Sector Skills Councils - List of all the sector skills councils to be sent to the group - Dean Marjoram .

Welfare to Work Convention - Both projects ( Making Progress and LEGI) have been selected to present .

Future Developments – Do Inward Investment have a time line showing details of known major developments in the City - Geoff Hyde / Rebecca Young

**Pathways to Work**

Dan Searles / Kal Korla - Working Links

Pathways to Work went live in Coventry and Warwickshire on 28<sup>th</sup> April. For first 8 weeks are seeing only customers who volunteer to join - early success with 10 customers moving into employment. From the end of June participation becomes mandatory for all new and repeat Incapacity Benefit claimants. This will involve attendance at an initial assessment and action planning interview conducted by Jobcentre Plus Advisers followed by 5 ,monthly, Work Focused Interviews conducted by Working Links. The customer is then able to decide if they will join the rest of the programme, which consists of 6 Routeways : Job Ready , Job Preparation , Self Employment , Training , Condition Management and Sign Posting. There is also provision for an inwork credit of £50 per week for 52 weeks for customers moving into employment.

The main delivery site is Cophthall House in Coventry City Centre but will also be delivering from Nuneaton and Leamington with outreach sites in Rugby Stratford, Bedworth and Atherstone. Home visits will also be an option.

**AP Pathways 2 Work MI to be shared at LSE meetings – to include Regional /Local data showing age , ethnicity and ward of participants.**

**AP Include MI from DAF and ESF to give a complete picture - Dean Marjoram**

## **LAA End of year Progress**

**Rebecca Young**

Rebecca presented the paper detailing the key highlights and Areas for improvement for the Economic Development Theme of the Local Area Agreement. (circulated with the agenda )

## **LAA 2008 – 2011 Targets – Coventry**



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All targets have now been agreed by Government Office and now need to be signed off by the Council.

**AP Delivery Action Plan to be discussed at June meeting**

## **Updates**

### **City Strategy – Geoff Hyde**

Will be going out to tender to contract for an evaluation of City Strategy comparing the approaches taken by each area.

DAF – have engaged with 169 participants and places 12 into jobs

On target in general but with disparity in some wards.

### **Warwickshire LAA – Janet Fortune/Dave Hill**

Targets are still being agreed - indicators in EDE theme

Working age people on out of work benefits

Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher

VAT Registration Rate

Average earnings of employees in the area

Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher

## **ESF – LSC**

Contracts awarded to Coventry city Council, Warwickshire County Council, North Warwickshire and Hinckley College, Coventry Bangladesh Centre and Heart Of England

**Governance – Update will be available at the next meeting**

## **Life Long Learning Partnership**

**Tony Doran**



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## **AOB & Items for future meeting**

**Offender Skills and Employment**

**Child Poverty**

**Review of Action Plan**

**Identification of future priorities – Linked to LAA decisions.**

**LEGI (planned for June)**

**Advice Service Coventry**

Future Meeting Dates 18<sup>th</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

All meetings 10-00-13-00 pm