

Learning, Skills and Employment Group

25th July 2007

Apologies:- Afzal Hussain NDC , Dee O'Donohue Probation

Janet Fortune Warwickshire County Council , Nev Wells Whitefriars Housing

Present :-

Jane Beaver (Chair)	Jobcentre Plus	Pritti Bharadwa	NRF Team
Steve Stewart	Connexions	Geoff Hyde	Coventry City Council
Jane Johnson	CSWP nextsteps	Alan Newbold	Adult Education
Virginia Eze	CEN	Anne Marie Tranter	City College
Janet Mclean	Jobcentre Plus	Ian Woodall	NDC
Rebecca Young	Coventry City Council	Jane Malbasa	Jobcentre Plus
Geraldine Tsakarakis	Cov Wise	Alison Orr	CVSC
Diane Williams	Business Link (LEGI)	Ann Turner	Coventry City Council
Juliett Vernier Stott	NRF Team	Nigel Wain	Coventry partnership
Veronica Nesbitt	– Coventry City Council	Dean Marjoram	LSC
Kate Lee	WEETC	Russell Moseley	Warwick University

Trevor Howard NRF - Working Futures

Trevor presented a recovery action plan for this NRF project as requested by the JSG .

Main points

- Delivery Year 2 outputs largely as envisaged and spend identified resources
- Sharpen the “employment” focus
- Make better use of partners different abilities to support those with learning disability and health issues.
- Provide for succession - Pathways to Work, people with existing services, links with PCT
- It is not proposed to roll forward the resources from year 1 , and the shortfall in outputs in that year is unlikely to be made up.

AP – need to make sure that the lessons learned from the early problem around project management are noted -60% of first year with very little results.

AP-What is the succession/exit strategy for the project- and the other NRF project commissioned by the group – to be on the agenda for Sept Meeting. Link to LEGI workmates

AP – Good practice project is influencing health professional to consider employment for their clients

AP – Link to the Employment Engagement Group – requested that a report on the work of this group is included on next meeting agenda.

Juliette Vernier-Stott / Pritti Bharadwa NRF Update



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Succession Framework –

Future of NRF - possible more NRF money after 2008 but in a different format

AP - is there any scope for using under spend to fund events etc

AP – Many of the projects had to take 20% reduction in funding – this resulted in them having to cut resources, rethink delivery etc. Consideration should be given to re-instating these resources to help in the delivery of outcomes.

AP Is the time table realistic?– any comments to Pritti

Also requesting the support of the group and the organisations they represent

AP -financial risk of lack of succession planning - organisations having to release staff or in some cases close down -LEGI can send in support in the form of business advice

ALAN COMMENTED THAT 10.6 MILLION HAD BEEN ALLOCATED ACROSS 43 PROJECTS - WORTH CONSIDERING THE IMPACT THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY A SINGLE TARGETED APPROACH.

Geoff Hyde - City strategies

Have now been given the Targets for the 55 wards – regional targets have been split down to ward level - seen as manageable if we also deliver on the other initiatives that will be running in the city - LEGI, Pathways to Work, NRF.

Level of DAF funding allocated has now been agreed. A commissioning process is being agreed and will follow LSC procurement rules. A prospectus is being put together.

(Some members of the group expressed concern that the LSC procurement process had caused problems in the past - Liz Hancock is looking at a paper based process)

AP Need to look at how we can support organisations in the bidding process whilst maintaining propriety.

Key client Groups will be individuals not eligible for Jobcentre plus mandatory programmes.

City College Plans - Mark Payne

At the moment they deliver from 3 main sites (Tile Hill , Butts and Maxwell Centre) plus 15 community based sites .. Are now relocating to one single site in Hillfields,

Phase 1 - September 2007 (construction, engineering, vehicles, music m, media computing & IT, health Early Years, SLDD)

Phase 2 – September 2008 (humanities, access to HE , hair , beauty, fashion, art and design, performing arts, ESOL/EFL, business)

Points raised by the group

How many local people had been employed on the build ?- *unable to give exact numbers but the contractor MOSS had recruited through the Construction Employment Unit where possible*

How will move to new facilities impact on the community venues ? - *These will continue - vital for initial engagement with learners, are then encouraged to move into the main site as appropriate.*

Local Development Framework Issues and Options - Ann Turner



"Options
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Anne presented the Local Development Framework - Core Strategy – The Options .The Core Strategy will set out the overall spatial planning framework for the city, including the vision, objectives and strategic policies for the future. It deals with the over-arching planning strategy The full document can be found on the City Councils web site - www.coventry.gov.uk under Local Development Framework.

AP - During the consultation period are looking for response /comments on the contents of the document .

Employment Strategy Action Plan – Jane Malbasa

Jane presented The Action Plan that has been drawn up from the Employment Strategy - Key points attached.



"ES Key points.doc"

AP – Comments/ Suggestion to Jane Malbasa/Janet McLean by 13th August

AP – Road Shows to other Theme Groups to present plan - Volunteers to facilitate – names to Jane Malbasa.

Next meeting 26th September Oak Tree Court