

## CAPITAL CITY PARTNERSHIP

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**Meeting of:** **JOINED UP FOR JOBS  
EVALUATION SUB-GROUP**

**Held at:** Capital City Partnership offices, 1 Canon Street, Canonmills, Edinburgh

**Date:** **MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2005**

**Present:**

Matthew Crighton	Capital City Partnership
Stephen McMurray	Capital City Partnership
Chris Nicol	Capital City Partnership
Alister McInnes	JC+
Finlay Martin	LLMU
Gabriella Castro	LLMU
Brian Martin	City of Edinburgh Council

**Apologies:**

Susi Corner	City of Edinburgh Council
Yvonne Edmond	Careers Scotland
Sally McGreevy	SEEL

**In Attendance:**

Ron McQuaid	Employment Research Institute
Colin Lindsay	Employment Research Institute
Tam Ryan	LTURC

1 Minutes of meeting held on 28 September 2004 and Matters Arising

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Minutes agreed and no matters arising

2 Target Group Work

Stephen presented summary of the report and highlighted difficulties in estimating scales of target groups in the City. Chris considered that it was worth inserting high and low estimates of the target groups. Colin pointed out that there were issues with overlaps, multiple disadvantages, proportion that can work and degree of disability. Matthew pointed out issues with estimates and benefit figures, particularly in relation to Drug Misusers. It was agreed that more work had to be undertaken on the report and that it should be published and presented.

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3 Update from ERI and CPC

Colin discussed summary of research so far. He admitted that the field work had been slow in starting. The ERI had undertaken interviews at EASE and with Academy representatives. The following few weeks will see interviews with employers, people who have been through the Academies, both successfully and less successfully and stakeholders. Additionally there will be a mapping of services, estimation of real unemployment, as well as a comparison with other Cities. Colin will present a further progress report on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March.

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Matthew informed the meeting that CPC had produced a second draft of the EQUAL evaluation report which was still for consultation. The research has concluded that the projects have developed useful and innovative ways of working with the client groups and other intermediaries. There appeared to be more comprehensive figures from WiseMove, than from Sorted and GET ON.

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4 Labour Market Information

- Finlay mentioned that the claimant count in Edinburgh in 2004 was lower than in the previous two years. However, ILO unemployment is increasing and there is a rising trend of economic inactivity. There is an increase in the number of economically inactive who wish a job. Additionally the number of vacancies in Edinburgh is increasing. Matthew pointed out the importance of this information in relation to the setting of targets in the ROA.
- Reporting to the Strategy Group – Finlay to produce written summary of figures. FM
- 5 Update on ICT Pilot and Policy
- Matthew informed the meeting of the evaluation of the Employment Pathways Database (EPD). Generally, the organisations found it effective and helped them to do their jobs. The IDP has agreed to help with the role out. A reporting function has now been built into the database. As well as interfacing between 2 databases, such as ECHO (Council Homeless).
- The proposed policy is driven by funders and policy makers at the strategy levels. The mechanism proposed is to have a core dataset with anonymised records which will be sent into CCP in a quarterly basis. Stephen to circulate summary MC SM
- 7 Monitoring and Evaluation
- Stephen circulated information, maintaining data from a number of providers. In relation to the Academies, there was a discussion regarding how the statistics to September 2004 showed a 60% successful outcomes and the research undertaken by the ERI, where the Academies claim significantly higher outcomes. Stephen considered that there was a need to have another category 'Known not to retain employment for 3 months', as well as breaking down the disabilities into the 3 major categories and including care leavers in 'Clients Registering As'. Despite a request for statistics from the Public Administration Academy – none was forthcoming.
- Statistics were also produced from the EQUAL partners, Action Teams and from the Area Intermediaries – Worktrack, Working Links, EASE and West Edinburgh Action. Collecting these statistics has illustrated the problems of organisation and the way they record information, using different criteria and time frames. Stephen to further investigate. SM
- 8 Evaluation Framework
- Stephen to further develop a monitoring and evaluation framework, particularly in relation to above. SM
- 9 Research Updates
- LLMU
- Construction paper finished  
Annual report due in April  
Undertaking work on Attracting Talent, Knowledge Economy, Incomes within the region
- Tam Ryan
- Discussions with Trade Unionists in relation to awareness of JU4Js, support to Target Groups, Union Learning Fund.

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Undertaking research on older people and social networks  
As well as research in relation to Trade Unions and equalities Issues

10 Date of next meeting

30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2.30pm – Update from ERI  
19<sup>th</sup> of May, 9.30 – Evaluation Sub-group