

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: **THURSDAY 12th MAY 2005**

Present:

Matthew Crighton	Capital City Partnership
Stephen McMurray	Capital City Partnership
Chris Nicol	Capital City Partnership
Alistair McInnes	JC+
Brian Martin	City of Edinburgh Council
Yvonne Edmond	Careers Scotland

Apologies:

Gabriella Castro	LLMU
Susi Corner	City of Edinburgh Council
Sally McGreevy	SEEL

In Attendance:

Malcolm Greig	Employment Research Institute
Colin Lindsay	Employment Research Institute

1 Minutes of meeting held on 30 March 2005 and Matters Arising

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Minutes agreed. Careers Scotland stated that they will be setting a target in relation to NEET.

2 Target Group Work

Stephen handed out summary paper of the report and highlighted difficulties in estimating scales of target groups in the City. Stephen plans to produce report as; main report, mini report, summary and individual reports on each of the individual target groups. The mini report still needed some work on it. The next stage will be send to relevant forums of the target groups for consultation and where to proceed. What is of interest is how many in the groups can work, though this is very hard to answer. The main report will be published and Stephen will investigate where to send copies and also will arrange a presentation with LLMU.

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3 Update from ERI

Malcolm and Colin handed out copies of a draft 'Analysis of Employment and Labour Market Trends' and 'Structure of Report and Progress Summary'. Malcolm spoke to the first paper, which covers employment/unemployment statistics generally as well as amongst the target groups. Additionally, the paper considers economic inactivity and makes an attempt on hidden unemployment in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Colin spoke to the second paper. The paper contains the structure of the report; Introduction and methodology, labour market analysis, research with stakeholders, experiences and barriers of intermediary users, views of academies representatives, views of academies employers, views of academies trainees, comparing JU4J and other city strategies and conclusions and recommendations.

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A draft has been completed on the labour market analysis and view of academies representatives. Summaries of progress on 4 other sections were included in the paper. One issue has been the difficulty in getting academies trainees, particularly

- construction. The report will be finished and discussed at the next evaluation sub-group meeting.
- 4 CPC – EQUAL Evaluation
- Matthew discussed report that Cambridge Policy Consultants (CPC) had produced for EQUAL evaluation. Part of the report contained an evaluation framework, which appeared that it needed some explanation. Matthew to contact CPC to arrange a presentation. The research has concluded that the projects have developed useful and innovative ways of working with the client groups and other intermediaries.
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- 5 Update from LLMU
- Unfortunately no one was able to attend from the LLMU. The latest version of the Lothian Labour Market e-bulletin was circulated. The bulletin showed that the claimant rate in Edinburgh had fallen between March 2004 and March 2005. There was a discussion on the increasing number of economic inactivity people in the city, which needs further investigating.
- Reporting to the Strategy Group – Gabriella to produce written summary of figures. GC
- 6 Monitoring and Evaluation
- Stephen circulated information, maintaining data from a number of providers. In relation to the Academies, it would be interesting to know why 39% have unsuccessful outcomes, ERI work should help. Again 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'.
- Statistics were also produced from the 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. Stephen to further develop a monitoring and evaluation framework, particularly in relation to above.
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- 7 Research updates
- ERI
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- Undertaking research on older people and social networks
As well as research in relation to Trade Unions and equalities Issues
- 8 Date of next meeting
- 17th of June, 11am

