

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 21ST AUGUST 2006**

Present:	Matthew Crighton	Capital City Partnership
	Stephen McMurray	Capital City Partnership
	Chris Nicol	Capital City Partnership
	Lindsay Robertson	City of Edinburgh Council
	John Palmer	Craigmillar Partnership
	Patricia Thomson	Careers Scotland
	Alister McInnes	JCP
	Cora MacFarlane	Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian
Apologies:	Madelaine Traynor	South Edinburgh Partnership
	Susi Corner	City of Edinburgh Council
	Elaine Lennon	NEAR

1. Introduction

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Matthew introduced meeting by way of attendance and asking people to review minutes from the previous minutes. Matthew discussed the successful expression of interest to the DWP in relation to the City Strategy bid. This will be a 2 year process, resulting in increased co-ordination, enhanced use of management information, both from a strategic and operational level. It is likely that JU4J will have an additional workload; JU4J will share in a £5million pot, split between the other successful cities. It is likely that Edinburgh will receive around £300,000. It is not yet clear what the conditions of this funding are. Stephen to circulate Expression of Interest paper.

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2. Minutes of meeting held on 6 June 2006 and Matters Arising

Minutes agreed, Chris discussed the midyear stock take in relation to the ROA and what work has been undertaken in the city in relation to ROA targets. The aspiration is to include a JU4Js annual report as part of the stock take; this would include Labour Market Information, Information on Programmes and Beneficiaries.

3. Update on NEET

Chris introduced the updated paper. The paper had been presented at the previous meeting. The points raised at the last meeting had been incorporated into the updated paper. Additionally Stephen had added a response from SEE&L and tables representing the educational attainment and destinations from state schools in Edinburgh from 2002/03 – 2004/05. Patricia considered that the response from SEE&L did not accurately reflect the difference between the CSMR forms and school leaver destination statistics. Patricia also felt that it was important to contrast Edinburgh with Scotland. She informed the meeting that Edinburgh has a higher ratio of school leavers entering employment than Scotland but a lower level entering education, the impact of tuition fees is likely to be negative. Patricia produced printout destinations of school leavers from independent schools. Chris to update and put on website.

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4. Benefits Paper

Chris introduced paper by discussing the profile of focus wards and ran through the numbers on Income Support (IS) in Craigmillar. John wanted information on datazones rather than wards. John wished for more clarification on the 40,400 receiving benefits and that Chris could receive more information from Penny Sinclair. The meeting agreed that there was a need to state what the purpose of the report was. Patricia felt it was useful as a benchmark and could be used to measure impact. John wondered what the purpose of just putting in information about income from benefits was and that it would make more sense to include information about wage rates and compare to benefit levels, this is available through the Labour Force Survey. Alister to check what information JC+ hold in relation to wage levels in the Academies sectors. John also felt that it was important to include age standardisation information and look at including information on Working Tax Credit. Additionally John felt it was necessary to further breakdown IB/SDA. Stephen discussed IB/SDA and trends and discussed the importance of DLA in relation to the transition to work. John acknowledged this, but wondered about the policy development of this, for example who had responsibility for increasing the number of people applying for DLA. John felt it was important to do paper on IB/SDA. Chris and Stephen to update.

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5. Reporting

Stephen discussed report he had compiled. 3 of the area intermediaries had reported. 400 new clients had been seen by the 3 area intermediaries, made up of 56% male and 44% female. Over 70% of clients had come through self-referral or JC+. No clients had come through the prison. Few had come through Careers Scotland; Patricia commented that Careers Scotland only refers people between the ages of 16-19.

Nearly 1 in 5 of clients was from the NEET group. Only 1 in 20 of clients were on IB/SDA. 51 clients had gained full-time employment. Interesting there was a higher ratio of employment outcomes from IB/SDA claimants than JSA claimants. John considered that those clients might get more assistance than JSA claimants.

In regard to Get Ready for Work, Cora pointed out that there were additional outcomes which should have been displayed. The first quarter of the financial year was the quietest in terms of new starts. In terms of Training for Work, Cora informed the meeting that it is likely that there will be only half the starts this financial year in relation to the previous financial year. This is due to reduction in spending. In relation to ethnicity, it is hard to know a baseline figure and thus the numbers that are expected to be on the programmes. The outcomes from the New Deals were also discussed and it was felt that there needed to be more clarity.

John mentioned the Viewfinder study and wondered how Careers Scotland engages with employment access services. There followed a discussion around Careers

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Scotland reviewing their service provision. Stephen to update.

6. Research Updates

Stephen mentioned the gap in relation to the labour market information that the LLMU used to report. Lindsay had produced a report for the last meeting, but did not have enough resources to produce what the LLMU did. Patricia mentioned that Careers Scotland held some information but not in as much detail as we would wish. Cora informed the meeting that SEE&L utilised Futureskills Scotland. York Consulting is due to bring out a report in September and it was agreed to see what that produced.

Stephen asked people to respond the JU4J monitoring and evaluation report.

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Cora produced a report about Improving Modern Apprenticeships.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th of November 2pm at CCP