

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 24 June 2004**

Present:	Matthew Crighton	Capital City Partnership
	Stephen McMurray	Capital City Partnership
	Nick Langan	Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh & Lothian
	Chris Nicol	Capital City Partnership
	Susi Corner	City of Edinburgh Council
	Caroline Currie	Lothian Labour Market Unit

Apologies:	Yvonne Edmond	Careers Scotland
	Brian Martin	City of Edinburgh Council
	Gill Broadbent	Jobcentre Plus

1 Minutes of meeting held on 25 February 2004

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

2 Matter Arising

Infrastructure Development Programme – JU4J Evaluation and Research

Matthew Crighton reported that the post part-funded through this budget had now been filled by Stephen McMurray. A report on his work programme would be given at the next meeting

Database Development

Mathew Crighton reported briefly on the implementation of this project. Caroline asked to be given summary information in light of possible links to other databases and directories.

3 Article 6 ESF Baseline Study Brief

The main elements of the draft brief were considered:

On labour market information, it was noted that much of the data and analysis could be said to lie within the mission of LLMU so the brief should emphasise using their data, working alongside them and specifying what additional could be added by the consultant, for example on flows in and out of non-JSA benefits. Nick said that SEE&L would have sectoral information. Caroline mentioned the issue of workless households. It was agreed that the section on characteristics of the unemployed and inactive should be incorporated into the LMI section

As regards Patterns of provision and needs, given the potential scale of the mapping exercise it was agreed that the task would start with funders, rather than providers.

4 *EQUAL Access: CCP and CEC Evaluation Brief*

The meeting considered the draft brief for evaluation of the CEC and CCP EQUAL programmes (involving Get On, Sorted and Wise Move). The relation to the Baseline

Study tender was discussed. It was agreed that there may be advantages in both contracts being delivered by the same organisation but that they would have to be tendered separately. Those tendering would be made aware of the potential inter-relationships.

5 Labour Market Information

The meeting considered the chapters from the LLMU's draft Labour Market Statement on Inactivity and Social Exclusion. There was discussion of the question of whether the SIP areas are more or less marginalised –unemployment rates had fallen at similar rates across the city which means that absolute differences in unemployment are smaller; however the large differences in inactivity and its lower responsiveness to labour demand might point in the opposite direction. It was noted that there were signs that unemployment and long-term unemployment were starting to rise.

The other main question considered was where one can locate the JU4J target groups in the data. It was agreed that these questions deserved wider airing and that an event should be organised for a presentation to those interested from within the JU4J network, prior to a further report to the Strategy Group.

Reporting to the Strategy Group

It was agreed that there should be a report on academies and Action Team activities and outcomes to the Strategy Group on 1 September. If possible this should be linked to the creation of an evaluation framework for geographically-based employment access providers.

6 Other Items

1. Matthew Crighton reported that there were discussion ongoing with the Scottish Executive about a pilot for the integration of money advice with employability provision. This would have a substantial evaluation element.
2. Caroline Currie referred to the LLMU's draft report on the NEET group of school-leavers. She reported on their lack of confidence; and that 40% were sacked from their first job.
3. Matthew Crighton informed the group of the research commissioned through the EQUAL Access Round 3 programme
4. Caroline informed the group that the LLMU was researching the skills gap in construction

7 Date of next meeting:

9.30 Tuesday 24 August