

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: **WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST 2005**

Present:

Matthew Crighton	Capital City Partnership
Stephen McMurray	Capital City Partnership
Chris Nicol	Capital City Partnership
Alistair McInnes	JC+
Gabriella Castro	LLMU

Apologies:

Brian Martin	City of Edinburgh Council
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
Malcolm Greig	Employment Research Institute

1 Minutes of meeting held on 12 May 2005 and Matters Arising

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Minutes agreed and no matters arising

2 Target Group Work

Stephen spoke briefly to the work he had undertaken on the target groups. The main report had now been proofread and there were a few changes to make. The individual reports have been circulated and a response has been received from the Lothian Employability Forum. A meeting this morning had discussed Lone Parents and future meetings are planned.

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3 ERI – Baseline Study

Colin discussed some of the work which had been added to the final report. In terms of the EES, JU4Js fits in well, particularly in terms of the work undertaken on equal opportunities. In terms of comparison with other cities, Edinburgh appears to have a clearer employability focus as well as being demand responsive. Generally, Edinburgh appeared to be less developed in terms of links between employability and community learning and mainstreaming employability. In terms of the mapping work – the response rate had risen to 75%. There were found that there were issues in regard to; assessment of basic skills, In-work benefit calculations and advice in childcare. In regard to In-work calculations, the EASE model was seen as advantageous with JCP staff being based there. The ERI recommend that JU4Js adopt a quality and productivity at work agenda, following a Dutch model in terms of progression routes.

Ron mentioned the work that has been undertaken in Glasgow at street level in assisting people into employment. He went on to mention that agencies tended to follow the money, particularly New Deal and also posed what is the right amount of agencies? Matthew posed a question in regard to literacy and numeracy work. The reply was that there appeared to be a lack of co-ordination in terms of employability and that there were 2 different learning styles. In relation to Workforce Development, there was a brief discussion in terms of the role of LECs and the academies.

- The ERI reported some difficulty in getting the work undertaken and that some organisations were more responsive than others. They also mentioned the need for quick feedback in regard to survey work.
- In terms of dissemination, it was suggested that Action Points of the study were circulated. A presentation was also discussed as well as a press release. CCP need to work out. CCP
- 4 CPC/TERU Evaluation Framework and implications for our monitoring
- A draft JU4J Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and dataset were circulated. Ron queried some of the ethnic categories, particularly in regard to language attainment. Ron also pointed out the need to be consistent with national statistics, issues over personal identity, soft outcomes, distance travelled, specifying hours and time of employment. Stephen needs to examine all these points as well as the work carried out by CPC and TERU. SM
- 5 Update from LLMU
- Gabriela mentioned that the claimant count had fallen and vacancies had risen in Edinburgh. The LLMU are also carrying out a migrant worker study – targeting people in employment.
- 7 Monitoring and Evaluation
- Stephen circulated information, maintaining data from a number of providers – North Edinburgh Action Team outcomes, Area based Intermediaries. Equal Beneficiaries, Trend of IB/SDA claimants, showing an increase in MHP claimants between February 2000 and February 2005 of 2,000. Stephen to send stats to Health Board and request what their figures are in relation to actual increases in MHP. There should also be a meeting regarding this trend with JCP managers, Community Health, Specialist Providers. Stephen to explore. SM
- 8 Research Updates
- ERI:
- Governance, Community and location in Coalfields Regeneration
- Partnerships – 6 Scenarios in the UK
- EO & TNA within JU4J
- Working Together:
- Contract given to TERU
- 9 Date of next meeting
- 30th of November 2005 at CCP