

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: **TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2006**

Present:

Matthew Crighton	Capital City Partnership
Stephen McMurray	Capital City Partnership
Chris Nicol	Capital City Partnership
Lindsay Robertson	City of Edinburgh Council
Brian Martin	City of Edinburgh Council
John Palmer	Craigmillar Partnership
Madelaine Traynor	South Edinburgh Partnership
Sean Bradley	Careers Scotland

Apologies:

Susi Corner	City of Edinburgh Council
Patricia Thomson	Careers Scotland
Alistair McInnes	Jobcentre Plus
Elaine Lennon	NEAR
Steve McGavin	West Edinburgh CCP

1 Introduction A

Matthew introduced meeting by discussing the changed focus of the meeting, due to the demise of LLMU and development of Joined up for Jobs Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and hence the invite to Partnership Monitoring Officers. Every meeting will have a focus on a particular theme, such as the NEET group. A remit has been written for the evaluation-sub group. Stephen to circulate. SM

2 Minutes of meeting held on 30 November 2005 and Matters Arising

Minutes agreed and no matters arising

3 Annual Report

Chris discussed the work he has undertaken for annual report for Communities Scotland and what work has been undertaken in the city in relation to ROA targets. Chris stressed it is not complete picture, but provides an overview of what is happening in the city. Furthermore, Chris has developed thematic reports (such as getting people back into work), which are taken to the CCP board as a vehicle for discussion. Chris to circulate. CN

Brian asked about the needs for improved linkages between health and employability policy agendas in relation to a strategic overview. Matthew acknowledged this and the developments towards this. Matthew discussed the Interim Report required for Communities Scotland. This mid-year stock take gives CCP the opportunity to expand on work undertaken in the city and discuss linkages at this point. Furthermore, Matthew considered that the mid-year stock take gave the opportunity to incorporate a report on the Jobs Strategy, including; Labour Market Information, Information on Programmes and Beneficiaries.

4 NEET Group Thematic Paper June 2006

Chris introduced paper; pointing out that Scotland has the highest proportion of NEET 16-19 year old in the OECD. Generally, there are 3 sub-categories of the NEET group; The hardest to help young people; Intermediate group of young people; Transition/gap year. It is the first two groups which are of concern.

In relation to schools in Edinburgh, the trend in the NEET group of school leavers is rising. With increases in recent years in unemployment and not known destinations, along with a decrease in school leavers entering employment and further education. In 2004/05 Craigmoynton and Broughton schools in the north of the city saw over 10% rises in school leavers who were unemployed and seeking employment (Stephen to circulate to NEAR to comment). WHEC saw an increase of not known destination leavers. Sean reported that those leavers to unknown destinations were far more likely to be the hardest to reach young people rather than those taking a gap year.

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Chris described the Viewfinder study (11-21 year olds, available at the Mori website). One of the findings was that 76% of young people considered that they wanted more opportunities for work experience. There then followed a discussion on the implications of this – for example, is it a negative reflection on the work experience the majority of S4 students receive.

Chris was aware he did not have information on all projects working with young people and employability in the city – meeting participants to respond.

All

John wondered about the provision of intermediaries and their input into schools as Work Track have found that young people approach them some time after they had left schools. Sean informed the meeting that Careers Scotland had different provision in the schools across the city. Madeleine considered that a lot of projects for young people had only recently been introduced and that they needed time to bed in and be evaluated.

The meeting considered that there was a need to explore what were the issues surrounding the decrease in numbers of school leavers going into FE (Scottish Funding Council), as well as issues around employers recruitment of young people (Scottish Enterprise) and that some points in the paper needed to be clearer.

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5 Information on Claimant Count

Lindsay introduced paper on issues, pointing out that the research section did not have the same resources as the LLMU. Trends in claimant count have remained steady over the past year. The past 10 years have seen a significant fall in claimant count in Edinburgh, with a levelling off over the past 5 years. The past year has seen an increase of over 3% in long-term claimants in Edinburgh, pushing the total above the Scottish average. ILO unemployment saw a significant rise in the early part of the century before reducing latterly. Matthew pointed out the variation between ILO unemployment and claimant count unemployment in the early part of the century. Additionally, Matthew considered that the information on ILO unemployment should be at the start of the report.

Lindsay finished by pointing out the decrease in notified job vacancies up until 2004. Stephen to ask Alister about up to date information on job vacancies and ILO data from JCP.

SM

6 Reporting

Stephen discussed report he had compiled. The area intermediaries had exceeded their targets set for the annual ROA. 3 area intermediaries had managed to fill in the JU4J annual report in the new framework (1 felt unable due to sick leave and the lack of information they recorded in relation to the new framework). Stephen pointed out

- that there were a lot of gaps and figures which did not add up as the intermediaries had never been asked for the information previously. Stephen to summarise points and circulate to intermediaries. SM
- Stephen ran through some of the tables, pointing out the low levels of some certain target groups (Asylum Seeker/Refugee, Care Leaver, Homeless), referral routes, high numbers with low confidence, benefit levels (low levels of IB/SDA & DLA).
- Pathways from Addiction to Work (PAW) were on course to meet their targets at the end of the project in relation to getting 44 clients into full-time employment, had 18 into employment at the end of March 2006 (from July 2005). Madelaine asked that figures for Transition be included in future reports. Stephen to include. SM
- Stephen produced a table showing the sum of some of the Academies. Clearly issues over low outcomes of disadvantaged groups. Disappointment over the fact that some Academies are refusing to submit statistics (Healthcare, Springboard, Retail) CCP to contact SEEL in relation to whether outcomes from TfW contracts are unavailable to partners and/or the public. Would they be given under FoI? CCP
- In relation to Equal Opportunities Monitoring, the Academies and area intermediaries (who reported) appeared to be well represented in women but poorly represented in ethnic minorities, whilst the reverse was true for PAW. SM
- Outcomes for TfW and GRW were presented along with Neal Deal outcomes. Stephen to question outcomes for ND50+, circulate framework and better present report. SM
- 7 Stephen to circulate schedule for future meetings. SM