

Employment, Learning & Skills SSP Executive Group Meeting Summary; Monday 17th May 2010.

1. Partnership Risk Register

A review of the partnership's risk register has recently been completed to ensure that risks included are still relevant and any newly emerging risks are identified and allocated an appropriate risk score and suitable control measures are put into place. The revised draft register was agreed with a small number of minor amendments.

2. Partnership Development Session.

Partners recognise that changes in policy around the ELS agenda that the incoming Government is likely to initiate, together with the approaching end of the Working Neighbourhoods Funding stream means the partnership need to review its future direction, organisation and priorities to meet these fresh challenges. Therefore, the next meeting (12th July 2010) will be largely devoted to looking at ways in which the partnership can meet these challenges through new and innovative ways of working.

3. Finance Update.

The final expenditure out turn for 2009/10 was received, £1,924,423. This represented 89.8% of the total allocation, with agreement reached for the unspent balance of £190,556 to be carried forward to 2010/11.

The 2010/11 partnership budget was also noted - £2,310,382. To this has been added £510,000 LPSA2 Reward Grant. Details of how this has been allocated were also noted.

4. Communications.

Alan Graham of the Communications & Marketing Team at Halton Borough Council has taken over the communications for the Halton Strategic Partnership. He briefly outlined the support and advice that he can offer to the partnership on this issue. In the past the contribution and achievements of the partnership have perhaps not always had the recognition deserved.

5. Halton Employment Partnership

An update was received on the Halton Employment Partnership's ('HEP') recruitment project for Tesco that started in February has seen the first 55 people starting their jobs with Tesco on 10th May (100% of which were Halton residents) and another 50 staff due to start on the 17th May. Weekly updates on which applicants have been successful at interview and offered



employment will be provided by Tesco and partners will be advised accordingly.

Since February 6800 application packs have been sent out, 3534 completed applications returned and 2908 scored by the HEP team. 965 interviews have been scheduled, of which 668 are Halton residents.

In addition, HEP is now managing the recruitment for Norbert Dentressangle, which will provide the recycling unit for Tesco at the 3MG site. Job numbers are around 40.

6. Science, Technology & Advanced Manufacturing (STAM) Sector Steering Group

Work on developing a STAM Routeway for Halton is underway. The Routeway will provide individuals with a route/path through education and support services relating to STAM and equip them with the necessary skills and experience to gain employment to one of the 600+ STAM jobs coming up in Halton by 2020. The STAM group is currently working on developing the Routeway and identifying any gaps. Also exploring how the Routeway could be developed into an interactive website. Gaps identified would then be filled by local agencies, thus making jobs within the STAM sector in Halton a reality for local people.

7. Future Jobs Fund.

Halton was allocated funding for 62 places under this programme for 2010/11, which provides six-month paid employment opportunities in the public and not-for-profit sectors. Funding in place for 2010/11 is sufficient for 213 places with an additional 30 more provisionally allocated.

8. Any Other Urgent Business;

Performance Information

The chair reminded partners of the need to ensure that accurate performance and activity data is collated and disseminated as promptly as possible, as there has been a degree of inconsistency over recent months. If partners have any concerns or queries on this issue they should contact Nick Mannion.

Draft Financial Inclusion Strategy

This document has been prepared by Halton & Warrington Trading Standards Service and will be circulated to partners for comment.

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