

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

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**COMMUNITY PLANNING ECONOMY AND LIFELONG LEARNING GROUP  
BRIEFING PAPER**

**Joint Report by Executive Director (Environment) and  
Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This briefing provides an update on the activities of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group.

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The group is tasked with delivering the following Community Planning Local Outcomes outlined in the Single Outcome Agreement:
  - People are Ready for Life and Work
  - Thriving, Expanding Economy
  - Employment Opportunities for All
- 1.2 The group have now held five formal meetings, and a number of workshops to develop the new Outcome Delivery Plan (ODP) which will assist us to deliver the SOA outcomes highlighted above. The revised ODP was approved by the CPP Board on 28 November 2014. The action plan is to be refreshed in a series of workshops in April 2015 and will be presented to the ODG meeting in May 2015.

**2. UPDATE**

- 2.1 The group last met on 6 February 2015 where the following items were discussed:
- 2.2 **Visit Scotland**  
Visit Scotland provided a presentation on their work to promote Perth and Kinross as a tourist destination. This included details of the contribution tourism makes to the local economy.
- 2.3 **PKAVS**  
PKAVS provided a presentation on their contribution to Economy and Lifelong Learning with a particular emphasis on volunteering as a route into employment, and the role the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector plays as an employer in Perth and Kinross.

## **2.4 Developing Scotland's Young Workforce**

An update was provided on the work of the short life sub groups examining The Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce. This sub group has now met twice and work is underway to map and review our current activities in this area. They have established 4 short life working groups to map current activities and outcomes across the four main areas of Schools activity, Modern Apprenticeships, College activity and Employer Engagement. The plan is to report the review of the mapping exercise and the forward plan to the CPP Board on 5 June 2015 and Full Council on 1 July 2015. We have also received some additional monies from Scottish Government to support activities going forward, an initial sum of £205K, an outline of who it is proposed this be allocated will be outlined in the reports to the CPP and Council.

## **2.5 Joint Resourcing**

The group were briefed on the ongoing work in East Perthshire on Joint Resourcing. CPP agreed three interlinked joint resourcing priorities as the initial focus for joint resourcing arrangements, these were:

- Workless Households in Blairgowrie/Rattray;
- Business Growth and Support (including business start-ups and social enterprise); and
- Employer Engagement.

The CPPEOG further progressed joint resourcing arrangements at a second workshop held on 30 January 2015. This workshop focused upon the workless households theme, allowing the Group to discuss the 'lived experience' of a workless household in Rattray and consider collaborative outcomes and measures of success. From the workshop, CPPEOG have agreed an outline action plan to identify:

- the outcome and impact;
- high level impact measures;
- what needs to happen to implement the vision;
- what do we need to do to make things happen;
- what we should stop doing;
- what resources will most efficiently carry out the actions required;
- what will they cost;
- what are the risks;
- how will we manage risks; and
- how will we monitor benefits and effectiveness.

An update on joint resourcing progress was submitted to the CPP Board on 13 February 2015. To help identify the current service offer in the locality two days of interviews with jobseekers have taken place in Blairgowrie Job Centre. A workshop with services to identify resource commitments and outcomes is planned for 24 April 2015.

## **2.6 Employability Pipeline ESF**

The group received an update on the development of a CPP Employability Pipeline bid for ESF funding. Although some details around the funding mechanisms remain unclear, a bid was submitted for the 9 March 2015 deadline. Feedback has now been received on our initial application and further work is required to allow us to revise the application prior to re-submission on 11 May 2015.

## **3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

**3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:**

- (i) Note the update from the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group.

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