



VALE OF GLAMORGAN IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES BOARD MEETING

13th October 2016

Present:

Kay Martin (KM) Chair – Cardiff and Vale College
 Marcus Goldsworthy (MG) – Vale of Glamorgan Council
 Helen Moses (HM) - Vale of Glamorgan Council
 Ben Hughes (BH) – Cardiff Metropolitan University
 Karen Thomas (KT) - DWP

Paul Kift (PK) – Cardiff and Vale College
 Jayne Tilley (JT) – Careers Wales
 Nicola Campbell (NC) – Cardiff and Vale Community Learning Partnership
 Bob Guy (BG) - Vale of Glamorgan Council
 Colin Davies (CD) – Vale of Glamorgan Council

Apologies:

David Davies – Vale of Glamorgan Council

	Action
<p>1. <u>Welcome and introduction</u></p> <p>Members of the board were introduced.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>As above.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes from last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>The minutes were agreed.</p> <p>MG advised there are a number of inward investments which are looking positive for the Airport and St Athan and hopefully there will be news by the end of the year.</p> <p>Deloitte are taking on another 12 apprentices in their audit office.</p> <p>CD had put JS in contact with Beryl at the Job Centre to assist with</p>	



promoting a number of programmes.

4. Communities First and the Communities 4 Work Programme

CD gave a presentation which provided an overview of the work being undertaken in Barry through Communities First. He advised that due to the Minister's recent announcement the future for the programme in Wales is uncertain.

The programme is targeted at a particular geographical area with a population of 16.5k across the wards of Castleland, Gibbonsdown, Cadoxton, Court and Buttrils. The themes for the programme are learning, health and prosperity.

In terms of prosperity work is undertaken with regards to NEETs in the area and there are digital drop ins which have been particularly popular with older people, CAB shared outcomes project about reducing debt and improving outcomes. There is an employee engagement post and work is undertaken in conjunction with Glamorgan Voluntary Services.

Work has successfully been undertaken with mentoring, job clubs, signposting, vocational training courses which are often sector specific, jobs fairs and networking.

Communities 4 Work is ESF funded and is expected to run until 2020. There are youth and adult mentors within the programme which runs a triage service to reduce complexity for service users. Work includes support and confidence building and is tailored to the client depending on their readiness for work.

The team also works with parents and had a key role in the Holiday Enrichment Programme that ran in two Barry secondary schools over the summer. The programme was targeted at those moving up to secondary school to help with the transition and included different activities and had a focus on healthy eating and activities. It is hoped that the scheme can run in more schools next year. A presentation on the scheme was given to the PSB in September and partners were keen to get involved in future activities.

CD advised that due to the location of the team in the Council's Regeneration team they can make links to new developments and investment and take a more strategic approach to their work.

<p>CD advised that there are two other ESF projects, Inspire 2 Achieve and Inspire 2 Work. The former is focused on providing pre and post NEET support and the latter involves working with 16-24 year olds who are NEET.</p> <p>There is concern regarding duplication and fragmentation of projects and lead officers are working together to familiarise themselves with the various projects.</p> <p>CD was thanked for the overview and there was a discussion regarding when Communities First might come to an end and the possibility that it may be phased out. There was concern regarding the gap it would leave and the links to so many other programmes.</p> <p>Partners were keen to be able to respond to any consultation from Welsh Government.</p> <p>BG advised that he was due to attend a meeting of the lead bodies and would update the group when he had more information.</p> <p>KM advised that the college is looking to explore with partners the setting up of a project for young parents and build on successful projects of the past which had enabled young parents to continue with their education. KM to provide further details at a future meeting.</p>	<p>BG</p> <p>KM</p>
<p>5. <u>Aston Martin</u></p> <p>KM advised that building on the site will start shortly but there is already a team located on the site. A number of apprentices have been taken on and are being trained at the plant in Gaydon and will return to the Vale of Glamorgan in two years. The aim is still for cars to be being produced on the site by 2018.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Opportunities Awareness</u></p> <p>JT advised that in recent years the remit of Careers Wales has changed. This year there is an allocation of funding to support/promote work with young people and she is looking for ideas as to the best way to utilise the funding e.g. to target apprenticeship events. The scope of the funding is broad and it could be used for a regional event or stand alone event or to link in with other events. It could be sector specific or for a particular group.</p> <p>KM and PK advised that they will be promoting a range of activities</p>	



<p>in apprenticeship week and are working with a range of employers so there may be opportunities for Careers Wales to get involved. They advised that Deloitte may be interested in working with them and also that Admiral is going to take on apprentices in the near future.</p> <p>The group highlighted previous discussions around the need to improve basic skills and whether that could be incorporated in to the work.</p> <p>JT and PK to meet to discuss further.</p> <p>BH advised that at the recent Skills Cymru events it became clear that there are still issues around parental engagement and the need to raise awareness about the various options for young people other than university.</p> <p>The group agreed to discuss parental engagement at a future meeting.</p>	<p>JT/PK</p> <p>HM</p>
<p>7. <u>Public Services Board/Well-being Assessment Update</u></p> <p>HM updated the group on the PSB which has met twice and is chaired by Councillor Neil Moore. HM advised that a key piece of work is the completion of the well-being assessment, this must be published in the Spring. A great deal of engagement has been undertaken and data gathered to inform the assessment which will be consulted on in the New Year and will cover economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing.</p> <p>HM advised that she would circulate sections of the assessment for comment and would value input from the group. Members of the board also offered to assist with the engagement and consultation.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>8. <u>Community Strategy Delivery Plan Progress Update and Review</u></p> <p>HM advised that progress would need to be reported at the next PSB meeting in December and she would circulate the plan for updates. She emphasised the need for the progress to detail outcomes and illustrate what has been achieved through various activities.</p> <p>HM also advised that there was an opportunity to revisit the actions in the plan and request that they are amended/deleted/added to as</p>	

<p>necessary.</p> <p>HM to circulate details and collate responses for discussion at the next meeting on the 5th December prior to the PSB on the 15th December.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>9. <u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>HM advised that the group had been asked to consider the issues of youth employment following a recent report to the Council's Cabinet. This will be included on the agenda for the next meeting and someone from the Council's HR department will attend to present the item.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting.</u></p> <p>5th December 2016 2.30 pm, Cardiff and Vale College, ICAT</p>	