



Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships)

Date: 26th February 2009

Subject: Session 4 Inquiry into Skills – Local Area Agreement

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this session is to look at how are partners who have signed up to the Local Area Agreement (LAA) are delivering on the targets that have been set and to hear about the changes they are making in order that they can meet those targets. This session will specifically concentrate on level 2 and 3 skills and the ambitious targets which have been set in the Leeds Strategic Plan. It is proposed that the meeting in March will concentrate on level 1 skills and individuals who are post school who have no qualifications and the extent to which services are effective.
- 1.2 A report of the Head of Regional Policy, Chief Executive's Support is attached for Members attention on this matter.

2.0 Terms of Reference

- 2.1 A copy of the Board's approved terms of reference for this inquiry is attached for reference purposes.

3.0 Witnesses

- 3.1 The following witnesses have been invited to attend today's meeting
- Councillor Andrew Carter, Leader of the Council
 - Dylan Griffiths, Chief Executive's Support
 - Mandy – Crawford Lee, Learning & Skills Council
 - Ann Craven, Learning & Skills Council
 - Paul Stephens, Chief economic services officer, City Development
 - Val Snowden, Head of Jobs and Skills, Environment & Neighbourhoods
 - Teresa Brooks, Skills Development Manager, Environment & Neighbourhoods

4.0 Working Group

4.1 It is proposed that the Board establish a small Working Group to meet individuals who have gained qualifications at skill levels 1, 2 and 3 and those who are post school with no qualifications to hear of their experiences and what support they received and if they were effective.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Board is asked to

- (i) Receive the report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development and comment on and ask questions of the witnesses present.
- (ii) Consider what, if any, further information or points of clarification the Board requires to conclude this Session of its inquiry.
- (iii) Discuss any subsequent issues.
- (iv) Consider the establishment of a Working Group in accordance with paragraph 4.1 above.
- (v) Identify for the Board's next session of its Inquiry on 26th March 2009 the witnesses it would like to hear evidence from.

Background Papers

None used