

Appendix 1

JET Meeting

11th October 2010-9.30 – 12.00

Location: Shine, Harehills Road, Leeds, LS8 5HS


Attendees


Diana Towler – Jobcentre Plus (Chair)
Simon Betts – Jobcentre Plus
Craig Longden - Jobcentre Plus
Christine Street - Jobcentre Plus
Vicky Tindell-Starbuck - Jobcentre Plus
Linda Warriss –Prospects
John Woolmer – East/North East Area management
Hayley Clifton - Neighbourhood Manager (Gipton, Harehills & Seacroft)
Steve Lake - Neighbourhood Manager (Chapelton, Meanwood and Moor Allerton)
Andrea Cook – Best Training
John Clare –Learning Partnerships
Akvinder Sohanpaul- A4E
Ruth Devany – Renew
Sarah May - East/North East Area management
Sally Hoy – The Beck
Ghulam Hussain – LCC
Ann Eveleigh- Leeds City College
Kathryn Aird - Remploy

Apologies

Sabina Halliday- Jobs and Skills
Tina Boden – Winning Moves Ltd

1.0	Welcome and Introductions were made
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting were agreed and action points cleared
3.0	<u>Jobcentreplus Update</u>
3.1	<p>Diana gave an update and overview on proposed changes within Jobcentre Plus following the announcement of the new Work Programme, which is expected to commence from Summer 2011.</p> <p>Diana led discussion around proposals for the future commissioning of Welfare to Work programmes. A Provider Framework will be introduced with the expectation that contracts issued would be based around financial stability and ability to deliver. She advised that payments are likely to include a payment for sustainable outcomes.</p> <p>41 organisations have bid to be selected onto the Framework in Yorkshire and the Humber. Between 3-8 organisation will be selected to join the Framework. Successful organisations will be announced at the end of November.</p>

	<p><u>Universal Credit</u> The Universal Credit will merge all current working age benefit payments, Housing Benefit/Council Tax and Tax Credits into a single credit. The credit will taper off over a period of time when an individual enters work to ensure that work pays.</p> <p><u>Getting Britain Working</u> The government have announced a number of Welfare to Work measures which aim to fight poverty, support the most vulnerable and help people break the cycle of benefit dependency. Under the title of 'Get Britain Working', new measures are being introduced to help people off benefits and into work.</p> <p><u>Enterprise Allowance</u> Encourages people to move into self employment with some benefit payment remaining in place for up to 6 months. Will be introduced in the next few months.</p> <p><u>Work Club</u> Work Clubs to encourage more sharing of skills and experience – a document below tells you how to set up a work club:  DFS60268.link2.gpn.ç</p> <p><u>Work Together</u> Work Together to promote volunteering as a way of developing work skills.</p> <p>Other measure to be introduced include Service Academies and Work Experience.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Update on Leeds Job Stop</u></p> <p>4.1 The official launch of the Job Stop was on the 10 September with MP Hilary Benn opening it. To date from the opening in July 700 customers have passed through the door – most of the customers being on JSA with most being in the 18-24 age bracket. Customers have mainly been wanting CV help, many have been referred onto training providers to help with employability support.</p> <p>4.2 MI will be circulated when available</p>
5.0	<p><u>Updates on Worklessness Action plan Activities</u> <u>South Seacroft – Priority Neighbourhoods Updates</u></p> <p>Diana stated that the current worklessness plans are under review with the need to now focus activity specifically around the locality and the need to work together to meet the needs of families.</p>

	<p>She gave an overview of the current activity in relation to the Seacroft NEET pilot, tabling the need for a small group of key partners to work together alongside the project to make sure that agreed activity is actually delivered.</p> <p>AP1 – to establish a Task and Finish Group of key stakeholders to progress the NEET pilot.</p> <p>Steve Lake advised members of the work currently being undertaken with partners in Chapeltown, to both produce a provision information booklet and to hold a community provision awareness event in the new Chapeltown centre.</p> <p>Whilst Diana supported the work and its value to the community she stressed the need to ensure that the work was co-ordinated to avoid duplication.</p> <p>AP2 – Simon Betts to meet with Steve Lake to progress joint working in Chapeltown</p> <p>Hayley Clifton advised that work was on going in Gipton and was involved in the development of the Seacroft NEET pilot.</p> <p>Sarah May has recently joined the Area Management Team with responsibility for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill. Sarah will be what activity is happening in her area and will report back to future meetings.</p> <p>John Woolmer suggested that the Neighbourhood Managers could have a standing agenda item at the JET meeting to table any issues in respect of worklessness. The group could then debate and agree how they could take activities forward as a group. The group were in agreement to accept John’s proposal.</p> <p>AP3 - Neighbourhood Mangers to have a standing agenda item ay future JET meetings.</p>
6.0	<p><u>Children & Young People’s Plan – Consultation</u></p> <p>A discussion took place to gather feedback on the proposed priorities in the new CYPP.</p> <p>Please find attached document that provides feedback from all 3 worklessness groups:</p> <p></p> <p>C:\Documents and Settings\10006210\D</p>
7.0	Next Meeting T.B.C