

## **MAA Employment and Skills Theme Group**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2.00 to 4.00, Bournemouth University**

Attending:

Richard Dimpleby (Chair)  
Andrew Williams (AW) - Connexions  
Belinda Payne (BP)  
Bob Moore (BM) - West Dorset District Council  
Caroline Foster (CF) – Borough of Poole  
Cathy Riordan (CR) – DWP  
Chris Kelu (CK) - Bournemouth Borough Council  
David Walsh (DWA) - Dorset County Council  
David Williams (DWI) - Arts University Bournemouth  
Gwen Brennan-Barrass (GBB) - Borough of Poole  
Jacob Salder (JS) - Borough of Poole  
Matthew Beaumont (MB) - Dorset Business  
Paul Glossop (PG) – GOSW  
Sam Armstrong (SA) - GOSW  
Sue Farrell (SF) - LSC

Apologies:

Jo Stark, University of Bournemouth  
Kevin Poulton, East Dorset District Council  
Steve Richards, SWRDA  
Trevor Hedger, West Dorset District Council

### **Notes**

- 1) Apologies were received. Minutes from the meeting 22/7 were agreed
- 2) CF gave a presentation on the 14-19 Education Reform Agenda
- 3) BP updated the group on ESB Progress: a communications strategy is set for completion in November, to be followed by wide consultation with the business community.  
Two models for the ESB Board were discussed; a vote was taken to propose a consolidation with the MAA Board to the MAA Programme Group and MAA Board.
- 4) DWI updated the group on progress of the Professional Workers project. Also an Interreg bid has been submitted; if successful this will address issues of under-utilised human capital.
- 5) DWA confirmed that Dorset County Council are likely to be progressing a Future Jobs Fund application. An initial figure of 100 beneficiaries

has been proposed. GOSW encouraged a higher target (250-300). The bid development will be funded through SWRIEP 25k, with an external consultant appointed for bid development. Partners were requested to help DWA identify potential positions for the bid.

- 6) BP requested partners provide her with details for an updated database of employment and skills programmes in the sub-region
- 7) DWA updated on the progress of the Dorset University Partnership, involving Weymouth College, Kingston Maurward College and University of the West of England. A part of the delivery will be based around virtual learning.
- 8) The Group proposed the GKE recommendations need to refer more to skills development and particularly the role of an ESB.
- 9) MB updated the group on funding protocols; it is the responsibility of the Theme Group to identify potential funding sources to progress their activities.
- 10) BM advised a Careers College event is scheduled for July 2010
- 11) The Chair proposed that BP should be retained as the ESB Project Lead until November 2010. The Group agreed with this proposal.
- 12) The next meeting of the ESTG was set for 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 14.00-16.00 at Bournemouth University. Dates were circulated for future meetings; the proposed date for 9/4 will need to be rearranged as it is a Bank Holiday.
- 13) The Chair closed the meeting