





Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole MAA Partnership Theme Groups

Activity Monitoring Report:





Theme Group: Skills and Employment

Reporting period: September/October 2009


A) Details of current and significant Theme Group actions:

#	Task and Target Outcome: What is the issue? What will success look like?	Action: (How is it being done?)	By when?	By who ?	Linkage: Are other partners or theme groups involved ? (detail)	Progress: Current position?	Status: On course or not?		
									
1	To provide a common focus for prioritising and co-ordinating activities primarily aimed at increasing adult skills and employment levels	Development of an Employment & Skills Strategy	Spring 2010	Belinda Payne	Broad partnership of private and public sector partners	Draft prepared, final strategy to be determined by established Employment & Skills Board			

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2	To secure greater involvement of employers in the development of employment and skills programmes to ensure that they are demand led	Establishment of an Employment & Skills Board preferably with statutory powers that can influence mainstream funding	Mar 11	Belinda Payne	Broad partnership of private and public sector partners	<p>SWREIP funding secured.</p> <p>Secondment of 'project leader' (Co-ordinator) agreed by Bournemouth University to end of December 2009 (only)</p> <p>Consultation with CLG/BIS ongoing regarding structure, membership & process for acquiring s.24a powers.</p> <p>Meeting of Programme Manager with 14-19 officers 4/11 to discuss engagement</p> <p>Contact s made with employers by Belinda Payne & Richard Dimbleby – further contact planned through a variety of mechanisms including on-line survey</p>			
3	MAA target (Aim 1): To secure a higher proportion of the population aged 19-64 qualified to at least Level 4 or higher (improve performance from Q4 2006 baseline of 29.6% to Q4 2011 target of 35.1%)	Negotiations with HEFCE to identify new opportunities for co-funding Level 4+ training in small businesses	Ongoing	Belinda Payne/ Matt Beaumont	No	Met Nicola Oates (HEFCE) 6th August to establish relationship. Given current status of project it was agreed that further, specific, discussions should take place once Employment and Skills Strategy developed with HE related aims and objectives identified ,			

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4	MAA target (Aim 2): To improve graduate retention and employment within the local economy	Pilot 'STRIDE' graduate and post-graduate placement programme. Mentoring of students, student enterprise projects (live projects with companies) and other enterprise projects.	Oct 09	Bournemouth University/AIB	Employers	Results Year 1 (08/09): STRIDE post-graduate placements: 14 placements Students mentored: 308 (+8% on baseline) Student enterprise projects: 111 (+296% on baseline)			

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Requests for Programme Group and/or MAA Board review and response:

(Supply with supporting attachments if required)

#	Issue	Risk (performance / financial / political)	Recommendation (for review and decision)
	What is causing the block to progress?	What might happen if nothing is done?	What needs to be done to enable better progress?
1	<p>ESB establishment: Project Lead r (B.Payne) secondment from BU terminates at year –end. Need to approve post retention or re-advertise position</p> <p>Note: ESB Task and Finish Group recommend retention of B.Payne in post as consultant.</p>	<p>Performance: Loss of work momentum/project knowledge. Time delay rehiring</p>	<p>Require partner (BoP as accountable body) view and approval to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) retain (B. Payne) based on agreed independent consultation rates or b) re-advertise post and complete recruitment exercise
2	<p>Worklessness Grant (SWRIEP- £25K) - opportunity to bid requires identification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) an ‘accountable body’ and b) Bid team/lead 	<p>Financial: loss of non-contested funding allocation (£25K) that could support resourced constrained bid for Future Job Funds</p> <p>Political: Inability to complete Future Jobs Fund bid would bring unfavourable attention from Whitehall.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consider Employment and Skills Theme Group recommended action and advise decision if to proceed under MAA ‘banner’ b) (If proceeding with bid) Advise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Accountable body for bid b) Bid team/lead