

Employment, Learning & Skills SSP


Executive Group Meeting Minutes


Kingsway Learning Centre 29 July 2013

Present

Wesley Rourke	HBC - Economy, Enterprise & Property (Chair)
Hitesh Patel	Halton CAB
Debbie Houghton	HBC – Children & Enterprise Policy Team
Debbie Ainsworth	Job Centre Plus
Cllr Eddie Jones	Halton Borough Council
Tracy Ryan	HBC – Children & Enterprise Policy Team (Minutes)
Simon Clough	HBC Learning & Achievement Services
Shelah Semoff	HBC
Janine Peterson	DWP
Cleo Pollard	Halton Family Voice

Item		Action
1.0	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Kevin Smith, Riverside College Siobhan Saunders, HBC Clare Bradbury Priory Partnership</p>	
2.0	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising from 13.5.13</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
3.0	<p>Introduction to Community Budgets</p> <p>Shelah Semoff delivered the presentation outlining an introduction to Community Budgets. The presentation and hand-outs are attached.</p> <p>Core idea involves a range of partners agreeing common outcomes, pool resources etc – it builds on the work of 'Total Place'. Will assist local communities to have more power and control over local services. Community Budgets help ensure agencies/services make better use of resources to meet the needs of individuals and the community. Supporting local partnerships and governance arrangements. Sixteen pilot schemes have been undertaken and additional themes have now been added.</p> <p>A number of barriers and factors for success were highlighted. Lessons learnt from the pilots have identified several areas for improvement across services/partners.</p> <p>LGA commissioned Ernst and Young to undertake a review of</p>	

	<p>community budgets, their report indicates better outcomes etc are achieved from this approach.</p> <p>Questions/discussion arising from presentation: WR - Are Community Budgets feasible in Halton? SS – Yes, small local authority, good partnership working JP (JCP) Unsure as partners may be wary about pooling budgets due to austerity measures and organisational changes taking place. May be more around pooling other resources. Agreed with idea of mapping needs etc CP – There may be issues around accountability, as a ‘client’ this would be welcomed and suggest taking a bold move to establish community budgets in Halton would be good. SC – Sought clarity on what is involved, is it about pooled budgets or more about pooling services to avoid duplication. Breadth of type of jobs for different skills now available to schools via new software system, as an authority it’s about influencing schools to promote this. EJ – Different organisations have different agendas which can be difficult to align as not one organisation, it makes sense but the detail of this is important. Little bit wary of this. DH – First priority should be understanding and considering the ‘client/customers’ needs, review gaps. How much duplication is there? Are we making best use of the resources that we have available? HP – A co-ordinated approach to advise people on getting into work and the skills etc needed would be useful. Advice/signposting could be given by other non- traditional organisations but we are all offering the same advice in a co-ordinated way.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Discussion around Key Questions</p>  <p>COMMUNITY BUDGETS KEY QUEST</p> <p><i>What are the key issues - priorities to focus on</i> Having a co-ordinated approach to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) support/assist people into work b) jobs for the future - learning and skills for people/pupils c) sign-post information, advice and services that are already available <p><i>Barriers</i> Scenario AN Other is out of work and needs a job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCP arrange back to work meetings with AN Other, develop case load, complete a skills analysis and action plan to support until back into employment – funding has driven behaviour of JCP. Due to Localism JCP now 	

	<p>in a position to do things totally different. Other partners tasked/funded to provide similar support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to agree the sustainable Impacts, requires bite-size chunks as huge agenda to achieve • NEET – already working closely with JCP but data sharing has been a significant barrier that we have now overcome <p>Members indicated committed to doing more along the ideas of community budgets but need to be realistic. Agreed to select a priority group to work with and perhaps within a geographical location – a designated ward. Pilot to be developed.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop key specification to progress Halton’s pilot approach to Community Budgets • Research and Intelligence to provide geographical data at individual ward and area forum basis (Appleton, Riverside and Kingsway & Windmill Hill, Castle ward, Norton North and Norton South - Shelah/Debbie to follow-up via Neil McSweeney • Identify caseload perspective - cohort group to be agreed – possibly 18-25 year olds • Information from Simon Clough on work/progress with NEETs and JCP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Kevin Smith, Riverside College for update on targeted ward level work • Update/progress to be reported to the HSPB in September 	<p>SS/DH/WR</p> <p>SS/DH/WR</p> <p>SS/DH/WR</p> <p>Complete - Attached</p>  <p>ELS PPB Skills info from Simon Clough.dc</p> <p>TR</p> <p>SS/DH/WR</p>
5.0	<p>AOB None</p>	
	<p>Meeting dates: 2pm at Kingsway Learning Centre, Widnes</p> <p><u>Please note change of date from 21/10 to 14/10 for next meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 October (Theme Mersey Gateway) • 16 December '13 • 10 February '14 	