

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Lifelong Learning Committee - 9 March 2016

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee - 23 March 2016

**Community Planning Economy And Lifelong Learning Group
Briefing Paper**

**Joint Report by Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and
Entrepreneurial Development) and Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality,
Community Planning & Public Service Reform)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This briefing provides an update on the activities of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group (ODG).

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The group is tasked with delivering the following Community Planning Local Outcomes outlined in the Single Outcome Agreement:

- People are Ready for Life and Work
- Thriving, Expanding Economy
- Employment Opportunities for All

2. UPDATE

The group last met on 5 February 2016 where the following items were discussed:

2.1 ECONOMY AND LIFELONG LEARNING GROUP OUTCOME DELIVERY PLAN

The Outcome Delivery Plan had been updated following the December 2015 meeting of the ODG. Contributors were thanked for their input and updates and advised that the Outcome Delivery Plan will be updated ahead of every ODG meeting and be a standing item on the agenda.

2.2 ADULT LITERACIES PARTNERSHIP

The ODG received a presentation from the ECS Communities Service Adult Learning Team who presented the Perth and Kinross Adult Literacies & Numeracy Partnership Annual Report 2014/15. Key points were made concerning the importance of good literacy and numeracy skills in gaining employment. Meeting the needs of Perth and Kinross residents from Eastern European countries through the provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and the diversity of the partnership delivering provision

across Perth and Kinross. The group discussed the opportunities of the Adult Literacies and Numeracies Partnership working more closely with employers to meet the needs of those currently in employment, but who would benefit from improved literacy and numeracy skills.

2.3 SECONDARY SCHOOLS – IMPLEMENTING EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTERPRISE POLICY

The Perth and Kinross Council Secondary Education and Inclusion Team provided the ODG with a presentation on the creation of a “Schools Enterprise and Employability” policy which was approved by the Lifelong Learning Committee on 28 January 2015 and launched to all Secondary Schools in February 2015.

The ODG were provided an update on the development of wider achievement opportunities within schools and there is a draft PKC Wider Achievement Standard being prepared for consultation with Head Teachers.

Foundation Apprenticeships bids for 2015/17 delivery have been submitted to Skills Development Scotland to deliver (a) Children and Young People; (b) Engineering; and (c) ICT Digital (Software).

Almost all secondary schools have held a local employer engagement event.

The ‘Opportunities for All Partnership’ reviewed progress and new milestones for 2015-16 are in place and a report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group.

2.4 DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE REGIONAL GROUP

A draft paper entitled “Developing Perth & Kinross’s Young Workforce” was submitted providing the ODG with the up-to-date position regarding the setting up of a Perth and Kinross Developing our Young Workforce Board. The key objectives to support employers and the key objectives to support young people, schools and Perth College UHI were detailed in the paper.

The ODG was reminded that the setting up of Regional Developing Perth and Kinross’s Young Workforce (DYW) groups followed the recommendations contained in the Wood Commission Report.

The Perth & Kinross bid for a Regional DYW group has been developed by a partnership of the Perthshire Chamber of Commerce, Perth College UHI and Perth and Kinross Council working together with the local private sector and a number of public agencies including Skills Development Scotland.

2.5 LEADER FUNDING

Finally the ODG was advised that LEADER funding was now available and it was hoped to encourage new creative and innovate initiatives in rural communities

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the update from the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group.

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