

Report from the Skills and Enterprise Partnership

April 2019

Meetings and membership

The Skills & Enterprise Partnership seeks to support the HWBB in addressing the key priority of 'improving opportunities for vulnerable people to access employment, education, training and volunteering'. The group has recently increased its membership, to ensure a more inclusive coverage of key stakeholders. The current membership includes:

Alex Osterritter (West Berkshire Learning Disability Partnership)
Andrew Marmot (Parkway Shopping)
Andrew Sharp (Healthwatch West Berkshire)
Andy Murrill (Newbury Weekly News)
Chris Boulton (Greenham Common Trust)
Estefania Oliveira (Berkshire NHS)
Gabrielle Mancini (WBC - Economic Development)
Iain Wolloff (Newbury College- Chair)
Ian West (AWE)
Isabelle Denis (JCP)
Jane Hall (West Berkshire Mencap)
Joanna Reeves (WBC - Principal Policy Officer)
Kamal Bahia (Chair of PPE Group for the WB Health and Wellbeing Board)
Leila Ferguson (West Berkshire Mencap)
Mark Browne (WBC - Post 16 Advisor)
Matt Pearce (WBC - Public Health and Wellbeing)
Michelle Smith (EBP)
Patricia Marks (Newbury and District Agricultural Society)
Russell Downing (Newbury BID)
Shabana Mahmood, (JCP)

2018 – 2020 Delivery Plan

The delivery plan identifies four specific outcomes for the 2018 to 2020 period, with positive progress having been made in relation to each of these:

1. Business & Wellbeing Conference (Lead: Matt Pearce)

The Skills and Enterprise Partnership have been working with Buzz Connect to organise a 'work, worklessness and health event' on the evening of the 26th September. The event will be used to bring local organisations and businesses together to understand the link between work and health, and hear about some examples on how local employers have supported vulnerable people into work. The event will also hear about how the workplace environment can provide a unique opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of employees and the benefits this can bring e.g. increased productivity, reduced absenteeism etc. The Keynote speaker will be Magdalene Mbanefo-Obi who is the National lead for Health and Work at Public Health England. The event will also be used to Launch the annual Director of Public Health Report for Berkshire which will this year be focusing on health and work. A Health and

Wellbeing Priority Fund Bid will be submitted over the coming weeks to cover the costs of the conference.

2. Work & Careers Fair (Lead: Iain Wolloff)

The Work & Careers Fair was held on 7th November 2018 at Newbury College. A total of 42 exhibitors took part, including large national employers, local businesses and education providers. Prior to the event, a Business Breakfast was held for all the exhibitors. A range of young people and adults attended the event including:

- Newbury College Students
- External Visitors (Adults)
- Students from special schools
- Schools - all local school sixth-forms were invited

The event was delivered at a total cost of £6,094.33 and an application has been submitted to the HWBB Priority Fund to meet these costs. Additional facilities and staffing costs were met by Newbury College.

3. Skills awareness day for vulnerable people (Lead: Iain Wolloff)

It is proposed to deliver a Skills Awareness Day for young people with learning disabilities at Newbury College in the autumn term 2019, working with the West Berkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board. The day will provide young people with practical insights into a range of training and employment pathways.

4. Toolkit for employers supporting vulnerable people in employment (Lead: Shabana Mahmood)

JCP have produced a live document 'Supporting Customers With Complex Needs In Newbury', which is regularly updated and provides a summary of services available for different groups. Relevant agencies are providing any updates to this information. JCP have also produced an employer toolkit, which is used to provide information about supporting vulnerable people in employment.

Iain Wolloff
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