MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GM SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP, HELD ON 14 JUNE 2016 AT TRAFFORD TOWN HALL

PRESENT:
Cllr Sean Anstee  GM Combined Authority
Cllr Bernard Priest  GM Combined Authority
Mike Blackburn  GM LEP
Mark Hughes  Manchester Growth Company
Simon Nokes  New Economy
Clive Memmott  GM Chamber
Mark Currie  GM Learner Provider Network
Yvonne Fox-Burmbay  GMCVO
Marie Gilluley  GM Colleges Group
Cathy Starbuck  Job Centre Plus
Alison Burnett  GM DCS
Paul Rowlett  Salford University
Linda Magrath  Cheadle Hulme High School

IN ATTENDANCE:
Gemma Marsh  New Economy
Paul Harris  GMIST

SEP16/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Theresa Grant, Karen Lee, Alex Whinnom, Paul Rowlett, Andrew Lightfoot, John Myers and Vicky Beer.

SEP16/02 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair advised the SEP that item 5 Work and Skills and Item 7 Work and Health would be considered as a single item.

SEP16/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

SEP16/04 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Skills and Employment Partnership, held on 8 February 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To approve the minutes of the Skills and Employment Partnership, held on 8 February 2016, as a correct record.
SEP16/05  UPDATES ON WORK, SKILLS & HEALTH UPDATE

Members received a report which provided an update on the employment and skills related agenda and on overview of the work and health programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the GM Work & Skills Priorities.
2. To note progress of the Area Based Review Process.
3. To note current performance of commissioned projects and ESF under section 2.
4. To note update on Raising Participation and agree the link and joint working with the Children’s Service Review.
5. To note the current performance and evaluation of Working Well pilot
6. To note the high numbers of people exiting the programme early due to poor health and support work to identify how reform programmes can continue support.
7. To note and support proposal for a task and finish group to examine cross-over between Working Well expansion and Troubled Families and to identify opportunities for greater coalescence between the two programmes.
8. To note and support work to scope how the Work & Health Programme could be used as a catalyst to embed the Reform Framework into a consistent GM delivery model.
9. To note and support the proposed procurement strategy for the Work & Health Programme.
10. To note and support proposals for greater co-location with Jobcentre Plus and the development of a new integrated delivery model supported by workforce development.

SEP16/06  AREA BASED REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Gemma Marsh provide a verbal update on the Area Based Review recommendations. The following matters were highlighted:-

a) The 5th Steering Group had met on 25 May 2016 at which a number of options had been agreed. A report was to be sent to the Secretary of State. Members noted that a full curriculum analysis was required for Greater Manchester.

b) The Chair noted that at the GMCA meeting in May, Leaders provided a position statement to Government response to the Area Based Review.

c) Further discussions were to take place as part of Steering Group 6
RESOLVED/-

To receive and note the update on the Area Based Review.

SEP16/07 FUTURE MEETINGS

Members were to be canvassed for a convenient meeting date in September/October 2016.