

HotSW LEP People Group Meeting Minutes

Friday 3rd March 2017 - 1330-1600
Cullompton Community Centre, EX15 1JX

Attendees

Stephen Criddle (Chair)
Keri Denton
Jamie Evans
Eifion Jones
Catherine Stevens
Ben Neild
Edward Coley
Nora Corkery
Dale Edwards
Rod Davis
Sally Kittle
Karl Tucker
Mansour Jumaa
Allie Clark

Organisation

HotSW LEP
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HotSW LEP / DCC
HotSW LEP
Big Lottery Fund
HE Sector Representative
Plymouth City Council
CVS Representative
Somerset Chamber
Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network
Department for Work and Pensions
Yeo Valley / Business Representative
FSB
Teignbridge District Council

Agenda Item Attendees

Corinne Matthews
Andrew Macgregor
Mike Cherry
Nick Robertson

HotSW LEP
Learn Direct
Learn Direct
Grant Thornton

Apologies

Chris Garcia
Fiona McMillan
Melanie Roberts
Mark Shepard
Helen Lacey
Deborah Passmore

HotSW LEP
EDF Energy / Business Forum Representative
Somerset ESB
Exeter and Heart of Devon ESB
Redberry Recruitment
Torbay Economic Development Agency Ltd

Ref.	Agenda items:
1.	Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest ACTION -TS to circulate all presentations to the group after the meeting.
2.	Minutes of People Group 23 rd Jan Meeting were approved.
3.	Productivity Plan Visioning session EJ introduced Nick Robertson from Grant Thornton who have been procured to

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	<p>work alongside the LEP on the research behind the productivity plan.</p> <p>Points raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a longer term plan. • How broad an approach should be taken? • Scaling ambition is key • Can we use examples from around the globe? • Should a sectoral approach be taken or should we target the right businesses? • Should try to retain talent developed here. • Increase the amount of information and guidance on self-employment • Encourage the right small businesses to grow • Closing gaps between inequality and decreasing in work poverty • ‘Patch work quilt’ approach • Build a better relationship between Exeter and Plymouth and their respective hinterlands • Upskilling and reskilling the workforce • Disability unemployment • Provision of employment land - improvement on energy infrastructure • Sectoral AND area based approach • Imbalance in management skills, especially in small businesses <p>EJ What’s our pitch?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danger of overlapping work that is already going on • Weakness is we have no USP • ‘Destination of choice’ needs to be ‘Destination for Business’
4.	<p>ESF contract Presentation delivered by Mike Cherry and Andrew MacGregor from Learn Direct</p>
5.	<p>Fuller Working Lives Agenda Presentation delivered by Simon Wilkinson from DWP</p>
6.	<p>Update on Hinkley and wider Nuclear SW Skills and Employment activity Presentation delivered by Corinne Matthews from HotSW LEP ACTION - TS to share</p>
7.	<p>Growth Deal 3 update Please see paper sent out with minutes.</p>
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department for Education provided information on a project to strengthen school governance in England - JE has circulated this around HotSW Upper Tier authorities

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work & Health Programme 2017 - 2022 - JE and VG have had conversations with shortlisted bidders for the DWP's Work and Health Programme contract to provide HotSW wide context and have provided the same information to each bidder. This included information on ESA clusters and bodies to contact/work with. DWP have been notified of these conversations. • Notes from GO.Science policy workshop - VG attended this event re the lifelong learning agenda. Notes circulated to LEP. No further action required. • Behavioural Insight contacted VG and JE regarding insights on links between skills and productivity regarding HotSW LEP area, linked to West Somerset Opportunity area. Info provided. • JE provided information on an offer from the Centre for Progressive Capitalism to the LEP to help local economies understand their skills shortages by sector and by occupation. Costs to be defined if interested. People Group agreed that some activity had already occurred locally and that if we undertake an exercise this would need to be made available for a range of bidders to provide. A case for funding would need to be made to the LEP's Finance and Resources group.
9.	<p>Future Meeting Dates / Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000 - 1200 Thursday 4th May 2017, Cullompton • 1000 - 1200 Friday 7th July 2017 Cullompton • 1300 - 1500 Thursday 7th September 2017, Cullompton • 1300 - 1500 Thursday 9th November 2017, Cullompton

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