

Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Thursday, 20th September, 2007.

Present: Cllr Maurice Perry (Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Mrs Eileen Craggs, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher and Cllr Fred Salt.

Officers: M Rowell, R Todd (DNS); P K Bell, G Birtle, D Ladd (LD).

Also in attendance: Lynne Wood - Pathways to Work – Job Centre Plus
Sue Maddison - Joint Strategic Commissioner: Drugs, Prison Health Care and Social Inclusion
Peter Clark - Employment Development Manager - Drugs, Prison Health Care and Social Inclusion
Catherine Whitfield – North Tees PCT

Apologies: Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Liz Nesbitt and Cllr Michael Smith.

RTS 15/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

RTS 16/07 **Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2007**

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2007.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2007 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

RTS 17/07 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RTS 18/07 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RTS 19/07 **Review of Employability - Evidence from the following witnesses:-
Lynne Wood - Pathways to Work – Job Centre Plus
Sue Maddison - Joint Strategic Commissioner: Drugs, Prison Health Care and Social Inclusion
Catherine Whitfield – North Tees PCT**

As part of the Review of Employability the following witnesses had been invited to the meeting to give evidence to Members:-

Lynne Wood - Pathways to Work – Job Centre Plus

Sue Maddison - Joint Strategic Commissioner - Drugs, Prison Health Care and Social Inclusion

Peter Clark - Employment Development Manager - Drugs, Prison Health Care and Social Inclusion

Catherine Whitfield – North Tees PCT

The evidence presented by Lynne Wood (Pathways to Work - Job Centre Plus) covered the following keys areas:-

1. The Case for Change
2. Pilot Areas
3. Process for New Customers
4. A Shared Agenda
5. Key Elements of In-Work Support
6. Disability Employment Advisers (DEA)
7. Support for the Clients
8. Tees Valley Performance

The evidence presented by Catherine Whitfield (Public Health Advisor - North Tees NHS Primary Care Trust) covered the following keys areas:-

1. What is Mental Health
2. Incidents of Mental Health Problems
3. The Impact on Lives - Community, Health, Work
4. Statistics of Mental Health Issues
5. Exclusion of People with Mental health Issues
6. Towards Inclusion - The Right to Work

The evidence presented by Sue Maddison - Joint Strategic Commissioner - Drugs, Prison Health Care and Social Inclusion and Peter Clark - Employment Development Manager - Drugs, Prison Health Care and Social Inclusion covered the following keys areas:-

1. Background to DAT and DAT Key Strands
2. Drug Users and Employments Issues
3. The DAT Employment Strategy
4. Employment and Sustainable Lifestyle
5. DAT Partnership Makeup Details

6. The Role of Peter Clark - Employment Development Manager
7. Funding Issues for Skills Courses
8. Warm Phones
9. Statutory Authorities and Employment

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the witnesses. As some of the Member questions were quite detailed it was agreed that the Scrutiny Officer would forward the questions to the witnesses and that they would provide written responses. The Scrutiny Officer would then make the responses available to Members.

The Chairman thanked the witnesses for their attendance at the meeting.

CONCLUDED that the evidence from the witnesses be received.

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Work Programme

Members were presented with an updated Scope and Project Plan for the Review of Employability.

CONCLUDED that the Scope and Project Plan be noted.