

**29 January, 2015**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 371 – 374**

At a Meeting of the **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 29 January, 2015 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** M. V. Davies (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

C. A. Rees                      W. V. Thomas

**Absent:** S. M. Caiach

**371. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler, T. J. Jones and G. H. Wooldridge.

**372. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**373. TRAINING DEPARTMENT DELIVERY REPORT**

Members considered the Training Manager's report which addressed:

- A review of the Training Department's activities in 2014.
- Issues faced by the department with the delivery of external training contracts; and
- Changes and future planning considerations impacting upon training delivery from April 2015.

Members having discussed the reports and having congratulated the department on its achievements and success especially in 2014, it was

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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**374. FRAMEWORK FOR CO-INVESTMENT IN SKILLS**

Members considered an information document from the Welsh Government about its framework for co-investment in skills. The framework would support the implementation of the Welsh Government's policy for rebalancing the responsibility for skills investment between government, employers and individuals. The framework would take forward the action within the skills implementation plan for a policy of co-investment in skills to commence from April 2015 onwards. It also reflected on the consultation which took place in February 2014 which looked at proposals for post-19 adult skills delivery. The framework described the investment principles which would guide government intervention for post-19 employed status learning.

The Training Manager commented that Welsh Government was reducing public finance for various programmes and the framework was a means to reduce spending by getting employers to take the lead role for the skills investment associated with their workforce. To complement the resources being made available from government employers amongst other things, would be expected to support apprenticeships up to Level 3 for the aged 25 and over.

Members were informed that there was uncertainty has to how the framework would be taken forward with the development of parameters and financial contributions from government and employers. The situation would be monitored for the time being with a further report being presented to Committee in due course when more information was made available and it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.05 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 10 February, 2015, adopted by the Council.