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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 531 – 536

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, 26 April, 2018 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach S. L. Davies T. Devichand H. J. Evans

Absent : F. Akhtar

531. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue and W. V. Thomas (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising).

532. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

533. WORKING WALES PROGRAMME

The Training Manager informed Members that Working Wales was a new programme designed to support people of all ages to overcome barriers and gain the skills to achieve and maintain good quality and sustainable employment. Working Wales consolidates the current suite of employability support (Jobs Growth Wales, ReAct, Traineeships and the Employability Skills Programme). There would be an opportunity to tender on different Lots of the programme:

Lot 1 Working Wales Youth Engagement (WWYE)
Lots 2-4 Working Wales Youth Training (WWYT)

• Lot 5-7 Working Wales Adult (WWA)

The Training Manager stated that for Lot 1 (WWYE) Welsh Government required one commission holder across Wales, whereas LOTS 2-4 (WWYT) and LOTS 5-7 (WWA) would be split regionally. The Training Manager then took Members through a timetable for events associated with the tendering arrangements, highlighting key dates. He confirmed that LRC Training Department would bid through the Skills Academy Wales Consortium, and was confident that the department had the skills and evidence to be able to provide what was required.

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Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

534. EXTERNAL VERIFICATION REPORTS

Members received and commented upon the following external verification reports:

(1) OCR – Supporting Teaching in Schools

The Senior Assessor stated that the last assessor visit took place on 26 February, 2018. There was currently only one learner on the programme who was on track to complete before the next visit on 26 July, 2018. It had been agreed that the programme would not run again due to lack of interest.

(2) Pearson – Transport and Logistics

The Apprenticeship Co-ordinator stated that their last report had been excellent and there were no significant findings or concerns,

(3) The Prince's Trust – Team 5

The Quality and Wellbeing Officer reported that Team 5 had been another success and that out of 14 starters, 12 had completed the programme. Since the programme ended in January this year, 11 learners had joined LRC Training and one learner had gained employment. She added that Team 6 had started in March 2018 and had been successful and enjoyable so far.

Following general discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

535. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

536. PROPOSED APPRENTICESHIP PROJECT

The Training Manager informed Members via a handout presentation about a proposed apprenticeship project opportunity to be taken forward with the National Logistics Academy and Aldi Logistics Apprenticeships Cardiff.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported.

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Arising out of discussion of the above, the Clerk and Members agreed that the training
department staff should be commended for their efforts and especially congratulated the
apprenticeship team for their excellent endeavour in securing more learners on the various
apprenticeship programmes the Council had to offer.

The Meeting concluded at 5	.11 p.m.

The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 8 May, 2018, adopted by the Council.