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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 249 – 255

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, 25 October, 2018 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. M. Donoghue T. Devichand
H. J. Evans J. S. Phillips

Absent : S. M. Caiach

249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. S. N. Lewis.

250. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

251. WELSH GOVERNMENT'S EMPLOYABILITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

As part of the Welsh Government's national strategy, 'Prosperity for All' it had published a cross-government 'Employability Plan' in March 2018. The Plan set out Welsh Government's vision for an economy founded on high quality skills and people with the ability to prosper and the course of action necessary to achieve this.

The plan identified four main themes for action:

- providing an individualised approach to employability support;
- underlining the responsibility of employers to up-skill and support staff;
- responding to current and projected skills' gaps; and
- preparing for a radical shift in the world of work

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The Training Manager then proceeded to guide Members through the plan highlighting key figures and actions including the discrepancy between unemployed people in Wales some 71,900 and the current economically inactive population which stood at 339,600.

The rate of economic inactivity in Wales was currently 23.5% compared with 22.5% for the rest of the UK. To reduce the gap in Wales, approximately 18,800 people would need to move into employment. Apprenticeships were the way forward to engage people back into employment thus reducing this gap.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

252. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION TEACHERS AND WORK BASED LEARNING PRACTITIONERS IN WALES DOCUMENT – NOVEMBER 2017

The Training Manager provided an overview of this document, which set out the professional standards for further education teachers and work-based learning practitioners in Wales, outlining the background to their development as well as providing guidance and support for implementation and future use.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

253. EXTERNAL VERIFICATION REPORTS

1) The Prince's Trust – Team 7

The Training Manager explained that this had been a successful project after a difficult start and the outcome had been good and highlighted that the strength and quality indicators remained high. The Training Manager said that Team 8 would be rolled out in Llanelli this week and Team 9 in Carmarthen next week. During discussion Members thanked the Training Staff for the fantastic job they continued to do with the learners.

2) City and Guilds 30 August, 2018

The Training Manager explained that there was an action plan in place to meet the outcome of the External Quality Assurance Sampling Visit.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

254. SKILLS ACADEMY WALES FINAL STATISTICS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

The Training Manager briefed Members on the results of the 2017-2018 Learner Outcome data across the Skills Academy Wales partnership. The data was split over the apprenticeship and traineeship programme areas. The Training Manager stated that the higher apprenticeship figures were low due to the infancy of the scheme. The other apprenticeship areas were satisfactory.

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He went on to comment there was an element of disappointment with the Traineeship Engagement positive progressions due to the difficult circumstances of some learners. Other than this the other areas of the Traineeship programme were positive.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

255. QUALITY MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS REPORT

Members considered the above report and the accompanying action plan for 2018-2019.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.15 p.m.
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