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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 376 – 385

At a Meeting of the **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Thursday, 27 January, 2022 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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| T. Devichand | J. S. Phillips |
| H. J. Evans | A. J. Rogers |

376. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. N. Lewis and A. G. Morgan.

377. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

378. SELF-EVALUATION REPORT 2021 AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN DECEMBER 2021

Members received the annual self-evaluation report and Quality Improvement Plan December 2021 from the Training Manager. Members were informed under the Common Inspection Framework the self-evaluation report was required by the training providers and captured feedback from learners, stakeholders, awarding bodies, Welsh Government and Skills Academy Wales. The aim was to continually improve standards. Moreover, the Quality Improvement Plan was developed based on the outcomes of the self-evaluation report.

RESOLVED that the report and plan be noted.

379. LOGISTICS APPRENTICESHIP DELIVERY - OWENS TRANSPORT

The Logistics Assessor updated members on the Logistics Apprenticeship Delivery at Owens Transport which had started in September 2021. There were nine apprentices currently on the programme and they were due to complete the Level 2 qualification in September 2022. Feedback had been very positive from Owens Transport and the apprentices alike.

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Following discussion, the Logistics Assessor was thanked for the work achieved thus far and it was

RESOLVED the presentation and report update be noted.

380. APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROMOTION

Members received information from the Senior Assessor on the Apprenticeship Week Promotion which would run from 7-13 February, 2022. Due to the current pandemic this would be delivered remotely with a Toolkit issued by the Welsh Government for guidance. The Training Manager informed members that the training department was participating in the National Supported Employment Pilot which gave extra support to those who needed it.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED the information be noted.

381. CYBER ESSENTIAL PLUS APPROVAL

Members were informed that the Cyber Essentials Plus Approval assessment which was carried out on the council's IT network had been successful.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED the information be noted.

382. DISABILITY CONFIDENT STATUS

The Disability Confident Status was now due for renewal.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED the Disability Confident Status be accepted and renewed for a further three years.

383. 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.

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384. SKILLS ACADEMY WALES – NEW OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Training Manager provided an update on the new operational structure and explained the council’s role and position within the Skills Academy Wales consortium. Members were informed the council was well placed to influence the future direction of the partnership and the Training Manager outlined a number of council officer roles and responsibilities to exemplify the council’s valued contribution in support of the consortium’s general management arrangements.

Following discussion, the Training Manager and his team were thanked for the work achieved and it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

385. JOB GROWTH WALES+ UPDATE

The Training Manager provided an update on the awarding of the Jobs Growth Wales+ training contract. Contract allocations had been finally determined by Welsh Government and awarded to the three successful tenderers. There was a good possibility of the council working as a sub-contractor with two of the winning tenderers namely ACT and ITEC Skills to deliver training. Members were informed that the council’s current cohort of learners on the existing Jobs Growth Programme would be supported and funding would be received to help with the transition arrangements. Negotiations with ITEC Skills for taking on fresh learners on to the new programme had just commenced but the Training Manager was hopeful of a positive outcome in the next two weeks.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.40 p.m.

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