

NATIONAL DELIVERY GROUP

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Scottish Government Update: Employability

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The story so far.....

- The Smith Agreement
- In March 2016
 - We published “A new future for employability support in Scotland”
 - We announced 1 year transitional arrangement for 2017-18 and;
Delivery of devolved employability support from 2018

Vision

- Provision of greater support to those who struggle in the labour market
- Fairness
- Respect
- Continuity of support during transition

Recent Developments

- New minority Government
- New Ministerial Team
 - John Swinney, DFM and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
 - Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
 - Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Employability and Training
- Re-articulated Priorities of Government

Current Activity

- Expanding in resource and skillset
- Developing detail, scope and approach for:
 - the 1 year transitional services 2017-18
 - fully devolved services from 2018

The Approach

- Programme Management
 - Board
 - Priorities: Policy
 - Partnership
 - Design and Delivery
 - Analysis
 - Governance

What are the opportunities?

- Engagement and Collaboration
- Scottish Approach to design and delivery
- Integration and Alignment

What are the Challenges?

- Timescale
- Cross-cutting interactions
 - Economy
 - Policy
 - Public Sector Reform
 - Participation
- Future Proofing

What next?

- Continued engagement / consultation with our stakeholder network
- More detail on 2018 service will be communicated later this year

Questions?