

<p>3. Developing Scotland's Young Workforce</p>	<p>3.1 DYW Funding received to date (update by all partners)</p> <p>D&G College - AW confirmed that the focus would be on actions to address gender imbalance. Course development for session 16/17 now completed. ACTION: COURSE INFORMATION TO BE SHARED WITH PARTNERS</p> <p>D & G Council – Dumfries & Galloway Council paper has been circulated which was based on the findings of in-school and post-school working groups led by BG and AW respectively. This highlights the two strands of funding coming into the region (DG Council and DGChamber). BG has prepared a draft ACTION: plan following the recommendations from the working groups</p> <p>Melanie McEwen (MM) from Education Services will be attached to Economic Development (Employability and Skills) to facilitate the development and implementation of DYW. MM will develop the draft ACTION: plan which will be reported on at this meeting. ACTION: LB TO RECIRCULATE THE PAPER AND THE DRAFT ACTION PLAN TO THIS GROUP</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland (SDS) – are receiving an additional £30k to support MA with a focus around engineering and care provision.</p> <p>Locally, an additional member of staff will be appointed to implement projects. SDS are keen to be involved with early implementation of guidance into schools e.g. early intervention at the transition stage of Primary 7 into Secondary school as well as expanding the offer to be involved with parents and S2/S3 learners through subject choices; and additional group work for those at risk in S3.</p> <p>HM also noted that Education Scotland are currently producing modules around the career education standard, LMI and CMS.</p> <p>SRUC - are about to start a research project regarding secondary schools and will share brief with group. Similarly a research project regarding primary schools has just been completed. The group also requested that this report be shared.</p> <p>Finally a new PHD Student has been appointed to D&G College with regional links to agriculture more details on this to be provided by DR. ACTION: – CIRCULATE RESEARCH PAPERS AND INFORMATION</p> <p>3.2 - Education Scotland Meeting Note EG noted that this had been a very positive meeting with the SG recommending that Dumfries & Galloway has much in the way of good practice to share. There is an opportunity to build on and promote the very good partnership work already underway via DGTAP in our region.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>LB</p> <p>DR</p>
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	<p>3.3 - D&G Chamber update BR explained the DYW grant from government and intentions of funding. DYW bid submitted in August 2015 and although not shared with the wider LEP there had been discussions with SDS, D&G College and D&G Council. The launch was covered by local media Border News and local newspapers this was recognised as a success.</p> <p>DG Chamber will be interviewing and appointing two officers next week with an employer-led interview panel. The focus is in increasing number of businesses involved with and directly recruiting from education and to encourage more involvement with MA programme.</p> <p>Key item is not to duplicate workstreams from other partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was asked how the group work together and do not duplicate on services and resources already available? • Careers events – How does the group co-ordinate 1 event for employers to attend instead of each secondary school holding their own events? <p>ACTION: – BR WILL CIRCULATE THE FINAL BID SUBMISSION</p>	BR
<p>4. Dumfries Learning Town Update</p>	<p>Dalbeattie Learning Campus - Work commencing on the campus on the 7th March. Graham construction is looking to recruit on this project from school leavers, to develop local employment opportunities (rural skills, automotive and hospitality) and offer graduate programmes. The facility looks to be ready and open in late 2017.</p> <p>Both Employability and SFTF engaged with Children’s University and CR will keep the group informed. Additionally CR has had discussions with OU regarding flexible study opportunities within the region and will share this information to the group.</p>	CR
<p>5. Inspiring Learning Spaces</p>	<p>CR gave an update on the Inspiring Learning Spaces programme of work and the key strategic projects which will include a Centre for Hospitality excellence to be completed in 16/17 and work with Network East. The group must work together in securing and maximising benefits from these programmes of work.</p>	
<p>6. CPEG</p>	<p>Community Planning Executive Group - meeting has not taken place yet but CT will subsequently update the group.</p>	CT
<p>7. Update Reports</p>	<p>7.1 DGTAP Update – This paper should continue to be submitted to the LEP reporting on partnership employer engagement activity.</p> <p>7.2. EU funding updates: DGC - No developments since last update as SG have yet to issue operational approval for the programmes YEI - college funding discussions CT led a discussion around the allocation of YEI Funding to the college asking the group to feedback on the need to apply. As Employability Fund is decreasing HM queried if the YEI Funding can be used to support this potential gap. BG advised of the need for in-school support leading up to transition and potential for summer schools. LB advised that EU funds were not able to be used in school.</p> <p>ACTION: –CLARIFY WHETHER YEI CAN BE USED IN SCHOOLS</p>	CT

	<p>7.3 South of Scotland Alliance Challenging issues were raised surrounding Scottish Borders College and Dumfries & Galloway College. SoSA to be on agenda for October 2016</p> <p>7.4 Partner updates SDS – RSA has been updated and published ACTION: - ANDREA GLASS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Head teachers meeting (BG) - There were discussions surrounding the Wood Commission and the ability of schools to support the implementation.</p>	<p>EG</p> <p>AB</p>
<p>8. Any Other Business</p>	<p>8.1 Feedback – Chairs of the MCMC & Training & Employability Practitioners Forum are asked to review how they provide information to this group.</p> <p>8.1 Next meeting dates: 2 p.m. 14th June 2016 and 4th October 2016 14 June 2016: CT suggested that the next meeting held in a workshop format to update the LEP ACTION: plan. ACTION: - TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDA CONTACT AMANDA BEATTIE (AB)</p>	<p>AW/AB</p> <p>CT/LB</p> <p>ALL</p>