

AREA BASED REVIEW – WORKING GROUP

TUESDAY, 8th AUGUST 10:00 AM – 12 NOON

- **Welcome / Apologies**
 - Apologies received from Mike Taplin and Andy Walker.
 - Everyone welcomed Rosie Fearn to the working group.

- **Key points**

Most actions from previous meeting have been completed.

Local Authority representation at the Steering Group – awaiting confirmation from Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

Up-date from other ABRs

Paul gave an update regarding Area Reviews which have concluded or are well on their way to agreeing solutions and structural changes, these structural changes are taking place to different degrees in accordance with individual situations.

Consideration needs to be given to the impact on the future curriculum offer that may result from the ABR process (as these may not be addressed in detail in the series of ABR Steering Group meetings). Duplication may be required taking into account the ethos and culture of the education institution not simply the subject matter.

In regards to the LEP skills conclusion, Paul suggested continued use of the four themes of the skills and employment strategic framework to frame the approach for meeting the needs of Lancashire.

The Lancashire Colleges – RCU commissioned data packs

Robin and Rosie talked through the RCU data packs that had been shared with the working group.

Michele raised the issue that RCU have used the LEP priority sectors outlined in the SEP which have since been developed further to encompass a broader set of priority sectors in the Skills and Employment Strategic Framework. Reason for using the SEP is because when RCU started processing the data it was in December before the Framework was published. This needs rectifying so an accurate sector analysis of the provision, level and numbers can take place.

ACTION: Robin and Rosie are going to run through an analysis of the RCU data packs and pull out key messages.

ACTION: Lisa to arrange a meeting with Lisa, Ajay, Rosie and Robin to discuss this analysis before the next working group.

ACTION: Michele to check that JARDU are working using the S&E Strategic Framework not the SEP.

ACTION: Lisa to email Robin identifying what the issues are in regards to the priority sectors and direct RCU to the documents they require to amend the data packs.

ACTION: Robin will take forward the sector amendments with RCU.

Feedback from Local Authorities

LCC have approached the Local Authority presentation by taking a similar approach to their statement of priorities which the post 16 sector in Lancashire is familiar with. Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen have agreed to follow the same lines. The three local Authorities have agreed how the presentation should look.

LCC data has been cross checked with the RCU data and there are no significant issues.

Feedback from the Skills and Employment Hub

The last working group meeting's notes were shared with the Skills and Employment Board. The Board agreed recommendations regarding the steering group attendance.

Michele shared the draft LEP presentation with the Working Group. The LEP presentation will be shared at the Skills and Employment Board on 7th Sept for their sign off.

ACTION: Ajay, Michele and Lisa to meet before next working group to agree how the LA and LEP presentations will come together to be presented at the first steering group.

ACTION: The Working Group will share the LA and LEP presentations with the Colleges via Robin before the first Steering Group.

Combined Authority up-date

The first meeting of the shadow CA has taken place and the next meeting is in September.

Pam Smith alongside Dean has taken a lead for skills and employment. The application to launch the CA in April 2017 is with central Government.

ACTION: Ajay to arrange a meeting with Dean, Pam, Bob and Michele to provide a briefing on progress so far in relation to the ABR.

- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6TH September 2016, 10am – 12noon, Lancashire Adult Learning College**