

Minutes

Economy and Enterprise Board

Wednesday 29th April 2009

Lees Suite

12:30 – 14:00

Present:	Dave Benstead (Chair)	Diodes, Zetec Semiconductors
	Jon Bloor	Economy And Enterprise Unit
	Michele Carr	Economy And Enterprise Unit
	Jonathan Phillips	Economy And Enterprise Unit
	Jennifer Wright	Economy And Enterprise Unit
	Cllr Howard Sykes	Oldham Council
	Cllr Dave Hibbert	Oldham Council
	Tim Mitchell	Positive Steps Oldham
	Dave McGealy	VCF Partnership
	Marie Gillot	Job Centre Plus
	Ken Collett	Money Controls
	Michele Ford	LSC
	Cecil Edey	Economic Commission
	Dave Catherall	Commissioning unit
	Peter Greenhalgh	DCT Civic Engineering
	Janet Doherty	Children and Young People
	Tony Spencer	Oldham College
Apologies:	Nick Brown	Oldham Sixth Form College
	Kath Thomas	Oldham College

A SECTION OF MINUTES

- 1 Welcome and Apologies**
DB opened the meeting

2 Minutes and Matters Arising

- 2.1 All agreed minutes were an accurate record.
- 2.2 Investigation on Short time working - JB presented his paper. Credit Crunch Roadshow will take place 10th June. Debt advice is available to businesses through CAB and will be treated as a priority. ACAS can also offer businesses the support and options that may be open to them before redundancies.
- 2.3
- 2.4 City Region 14-19 group – The group has not met since the last E&E Board, MC is aware that the group needs to have some connection with the Business Leadership Council.
- 2.5 New Timetable for Board – Moved to AOB
- 2.6 FAQ Fact Sheet – Website is being revamped and fact sheets will be available to download.
- 2.7 **MC To get a further update on 14-19 group.**

3 Declarations of Interest

Jon Bloor
Michele Carr
Jonathan Philips
Howard Sykes
Jennifer Wright
Cllr Hibbert

4 Programme Update

- 4.1 JP presented Allocation / Spend 2008/2009
- 4.2 JP presented the OBSS evaluation and support recommendations. The OBSS offered support to businesses to startup and accelerate business growth under a 1 year programme. The total spend was £206,362 against a total allocation of £166,365, the outputs were 37 business start ups and 41 existing businesses. There has been support provided across the different sectors. TEC & TEF achieved their outputs, Blue orchid and Winning pitch did not.
The report made three recommendations to the board;
Recommendation one – approved by the board
Recommendation two – approved by the board
Recommendation three – approved by the board.

5 Credit Crunch War Cabinet Report

- 5.1 MC- Presents the paper. The Credit Crunch War Cabinet meets on a monthly basis and requires intelligence from all sectors within the borough, the cabinet is presented with this intelligence and updates on factors within the economy. There has been an email address set up credit.crunch@oldham.gov.uk for businesses and individuals to contact and we are pleased to receive any ideas or suggestions.

6 New Business Case

6.1 JB Presents Rehab and Retention Pilot

CE declared an interest. The board is asked to match funding of £115k. The group moves to form a sub group which will include TM, DC, DMcG and JB to discuss the issues raised further and agree whether to approve or not to approve the business case. JB also to invite Libby Sedgley from PCT and Collin Burns from HR

6.2 Economy and Enterprise Unit.

Chair deferred this Business Case to the next Economy and Enterprise Board agenda.

7 AOB

JB is preparing the time table for future E&E Board meetings, there will be five in the year but they will not be evenly spread.

8 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

22nd July 2009, 12.30 – 14.00, Honeywell Centre