

BRECKLAND PARTNERSHIP

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Future Jobs Fund (DWP/CLG)

1. Purpose of Report

To inform and update the LSP Board Members on the 'Future Jobs Fund' which was announced in the 2009 Budget.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the LSP Board:

- 2.1 Note [for information and planning purposes] the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The 'Future Jobs Fund' is a fund of around £1 Billion to support the creation of 150,000 jobs between October 2009 and April 2011. It is for long term unemployed young people and others who face significant disadvantage in the labour market.
- 3.2 The funding is to be spent over the next two years. The fund is being run by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG).

4. Issues

- 4.1 The fund aims to create £150,000 jobs, primarily aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been unemployed for a year. In support of the guarantee that from 2010 everyone in this age group, who has been seeking work for a year, will get an offer of a job or training lasting at least 6 Months.
- 4.2 Innovative bids to create jobs are encouraged and the preference is for partnership bids. Bids should aim to create at least 30 jobs over a six month period. Although the fund is also keen for small and micro-organisations, including social enterprises to be involved in partnership with larger organisations to develop joint bids.
- 4.3 The Future Jobs Fund contribution for each job will not exceed £6,500. The assessment of bids will be continuous and bids can be submitted at any time.

5. Options

- 5.1 To note [for information and planning purposes] the contents of this report.
- 5.2 To request the Economic Project Group meeting (scheduled for 13th August) to focus on the Future Jobs Fund and complete a supporting job creation bid to the Investing In Communities (IiC) Partnership Board for approval and inclusion. Thus ensuring that consistent and high quality proposals are put forward thus contributing to the LAA indicator 152.
- 5.3 To await the outcome of the Norfolk County Council bid submitted (30th June) on behalf of the Norfolk County Strategic Partnership (NCSP) for £6,760,000. economic recovery

6 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 6.1 The Future Jobs Fund offers an opportunity to:
- Improve the employability of long-term unemployed people
 - Deliver socially useful work that otherwise would not be done