



Minutes of the meeting

Meeting Name - ABERDEEN PROSPERS OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Date	Monday 26 th October 2020		
Time	10.30am – 12 noon		
Location	Teams		
Present	Allison Carrington, Ishbel Greig, Roz Taylor, Duncan Abernethy, Rab Dickson, Kirstie McLaughlin, Paul Tytler, Elizabeth Rattray, Bob Farthing, Julie Kean (minutes)		

		Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	Allison welcomed everyone.	
	Apologies	
	Angela Taylor, Karen Robb, Duncan Cockburn, Jamie Coventry, Lavina Massie, Martin Barry, Johnathan Smith, Susan Morrison, Emma Shanks, Lynn Mutch, Lori Manson	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting, actions arising Allison spoke to all for their updates and again will follow this up. Struggling to get Leads for Projects and will inform management. All actions have been carried out.	Allison
3.	Labour Market Information and Regional Skills Assessment October COVID LMI slide pack https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/skills-planning/covid-19-labour-market-insights/	

<u>www.gov.scot/publications/renewing-scotlands-full-potential-digital-world/</u>

Both Covid LMI and the Regional Skills Assessments are being updated on a monthly basis at the moment.

4. Update on Government Initiatives to address impact of Covid Duncan referred to the links below-



National Responses to Skills and Employal

https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-wedo/skills-planning/regional-skills-assessments/

https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-wedo/skills-planning/covid-19-labour-market-insights/

https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/employability-skills/partnership-action-for-continuing-employment-pace/pace-toolkit-promoting-pace-services-and-support/

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Duncan Abernethy and Allison provided an overview of the Gov. initiatives available to date to support individuals at risk of redundancy due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of the initiatives have still to be finalised and more detail will be shared when it becomes available.

Allison also gave overview of PACE and future enhancements to the service. Allison to share PACE leaflet with the group and toolkit for use on Social Media.

Allison C.

5. Foundation Apprenticeships – opportunity to offer projects

Foundation Apprenticeships feature a classroom-based qualification and a work-based qualification. Work-based qualifications have always required a placement (1 day per week) but due to Covid 19 restrictions, placements have all but stopped. Customised units have now been offered as an alternative to work based qualifications, but still rely on employer engagement to ensure that real life problems are presented to students. As such, training providers (including NESCol) are keen to work with any employers or industry representatives who can provide input to these units remotely by setting particular challenges and/or problems. As we begin to emerge from the

	lockdowns, placements are also very welcome from any employers who are willing to provide an opportunity for a young person. Anyone interested in offering a work placement via NESCol should contact Duncan A in the first instance. He will then direct to the appropriate person within NESCol. This could be to support an Aberdeen Prospers project or other work via your individual organisations.	AII
6.	Project updates Roz (awaiting information from Roz) Allison – increasing no. of people with level 7 digital	
	qualifications: Keen to engage an FA to support some market research. Have contacted Northfiled Academy who are keen to be involved in future work but work has stalled to date due to Covid.	
	Duncan - Increase the number of Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships in priority and volume growth sectors by 5% by 2022	
	The Charter has been pushed back for submission to Board in next cycle. To be submitted to Management Group December '20. Have spoken to RGU and there is some enthusiasm to become involved. John Barrow would be the contact at Aberdeen University.	
7.	AOCB Roz introduced Kirstie McLaughlin to the group. Ishbel suggested that perhaps Kirstie would benefit from the 'Improvement Training' which runs over 4 sessions virtually. Ishbel to discuss dates etc with Kirstie.	Ishbel
	Ishbel mentioned the Project Updates are to be submitted by the 15 th December 2020 and asked if the Charters could be ready for the next meeting of Aberdeen Prospers on Monday 7 th December 2020.	
	Bob queried the state of charters from other Outcome Improvement Groups. Ishbel added there are 75 improvement projects and 65 are on track. Info can be found online at https://communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/outcomes-improvementprojects/	
8.	Date and time of next meeting	
	Monday 7 th December 2020, 10.30am – 12 noon, TEAMS	