

**Children and Young People's Partnership  
Achieving Economic Well-being Outcome Group**

**Notes of meeting held 19 February 2009**

**Present:** Mary Connery (MC), Education Business Solutions  
Steve Millward (SM), Connexions Manchester Manager, Connexions  
Chris Peers (CP), Policy Officer (14-19), Manchester City Council  
Jock Rodger (JR) (Chair), Learning and Skills Council  
Debra Woodruff (DW), Deputy Chief Executive, Mcr Solutions

**Apologies:** Clive Gee (CG), Strategic Lead 14-19  
Austin McNamara (AM), Interim Head of Education  
Services, 14-19, Manchester City Council  
John O'Donnell (JO), Community Network for Manchester  
Sarah O'Donnell (SO), Manchester Metropolitan University  
Chris Oldham, Interim Aimhigher Coordinator, MCC  
Sarah Ross (SR), NEET Co-ordinator, Connexions  
Ruth Welford-Hunte (RW), Barnardo's Leaving Care Service

		<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b> JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The somewhat depleted numbers prompted a consideration of the current membership. There was some concern that the group was in danger of losing sight of its wider remit re: skills, vulnerable groups. Clarity was needed in the light of other groups identified in Austin McNamara's Partnership Board paper; broadly, links needed to be made between Achieving Economic Well-being, Enjoy and Achieve, and 14-19. Members of the group felt that it would be useful to review their approach, too, in the light of the deteriorating economic situation – although it was noted that the picture was not all bad: there were more vacancies for engineering Apprenticeships, for example, than young people to fill them. Discussion took place regarding appropriate employer engagement. It was agreed that these issues should be the basis of a substantive item at the next meeting.</p> <p>JR informed the group that a draft specification had been produced for Education Business Solutions for 2010, which included joining up EBL across the city, including pre-14. The more strategic focus was welcomed.</p>	<b>All</b>
2.	<p><b><u>Minutes of last meeting on 22 January 2009</u></b> The minutes were approved as an accurate record.</p> <p><u>Connexions update (p.1)</u> DW expressed surprise that more progress had not been made with the data sharing facility, as she believed partners were still keen to develop this. Agreement had already been reached on data on starters, etc, and proposals had been put forward to deal with young people who were known to be</p>	

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	<p>thinking of leaving provision. SM had hoped originally to use it for the September Guarantee but had been unable to; he believed that the issue was a lack of buy-in, not the technology, which was in place. SM had arranged for a member of his staff to work with Katie Adams and the Data Theme Group; however, it was felt that a strong steer would be needed from the new Head of Education Services (14-19), Brett Kerton. Concerns were expressed regarding the capacity of the 14-19 Team to manage this and other 14-19 projects, including the website, online prospectus, Webfolio, CareersTube and the common application form. It was noted that some of these, particularly the common application form, might require a Greater Manchester solution; seven Greater Manchester authorities were already working with Idaho.</p> <p><u>School leaver destinations 2008 (p.1)</u> SM reported that Connexions were about to publish the destinations survey and that NEET had fallen in all of the top five NEET-producing schools</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Feedback from 14-19 Partnership Board meeting on 5th February 2009</u></b></p> <p>JR felt that the initial meetings of the 14-19 Partnership Board had gone well, with appropriate representation and focussed discussion. The Board had been keen to receive appropriate performance information and Austin had provided a summary of the 14-19 Next Steps material.</p> <p>Members of the Achieving Economic Well-being Group felt that a key issue was to develop a working relationship with the 14-19 collegiates, which were developing in different ways. Much depended on how much support the local authority could or would give to the collegiates; it was noted that other (smaller) authorities had larger 14-19 teams than Manchester.</p> <p>It was agreed that feedback from the Partnership Board should be a standing item for the Achieving Economic Well-being Group in future.</p>	JR
4.	<p><b><u>Aimhigher applications data</u></b> This item was deferred to a future meeting.</p>	CO
5.	<p><b><u>Performance reporting schedule</u></b> There had been a poor response to CP's request for colleagues who were not members of the group but who had actions in the Achieving Economic Well-being Performance Management Plan to attend meetings to provide updates. It was agreed to pursue this through the regular quarterly performance reporting cycle.</p>	CP

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<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Annual Performance Assessment</u></b> Standing item; nothing to report.	
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Any other business</u></b> It was felt that a longer planning meeting would be required once Brett Kerton was in post. This would enable the group to make the necessary links between its own Performance Management Plan and the Children and Young People's Plan. In the meantime, however, it would be useful to meet in March to revisit the remit and membership of the group.	
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>Date of the next meeting</u></b> Thursday 19 March 2009, 10am-11:30am, Arndale House  <b>Requested items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership of group</li> <li>• Aimhigher applications data (deferred)</li> </ul> <b>Standing items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance report</li> <li>• Annual Performance Assessment</li> </ul> <b>Papers from <a href="http://www.networking.manchester14-19.co.uk">www.networking.manchester14-19.co.uk</a></b>	<b>CO</b>