
Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date:	3 September 2009
Report By:	Corporate Director- Regeneration and Resources	Report No:	RC09/09/07/SJ/
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Subject:	Future Jobs Fund		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the application for funding under the Future Jobs Fund.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Government, through DWP, has created a £1 billion Future Jobs Fund (FJF) to which local authorities and other organisations were invited to bid on 30 June 2009 to create 150,000 new jobs. The Fund is designed to support the creation of jobs for long term unemployed young people and others who face significant disadvantage in the labour market.
- 2.2 Despite encountering a degree of uncertainty in relation to the fund, Inverclyde Council led on a partnership bid which sought £1.56 million to employ 240 people in total over 18 months. Jobs will be available across a wide range of options such as Environmental; Construction; Community; Health & Leisure; Culture and Youth. Key to these jobs is that they will offer community benefit.
- 2.3 The fund was allocated in a competitive process against national organisations and local authorities across the UK. The DWP indicated a strong preference for partnership bids and Inverclyde Council was able to demonstrate this through an Integrated Employability Programme. On 28 July 2009, the Economic & Social Regeneration Service were informed that the Council's bid had been successful and will be awarded £1.56 million, the full amount of the bid.
- 2.4 The Fund is aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for a year. This will support the guarantee that, from 2010, everyone in this age group, looking for work for a year, will get an offer of a job or training lasting at least 6 months. An application to ESEP Ltd for European funding will, if successful, extend the period of employment from 6 months to 1 year.
- 2.5 In order to deliver the programme it will be necessary to form a strategic partnership with Inverclyde Community Development Trust (ICDT) where the Trust is the administrative vehicle for the Fund. ICDT will act as the clients' employer and will facilitate young people to access jobs with our delivery partners, for example, Greenlight; Inverclyde Association for Mental Health; Inverclyde Council Community Learning & Development and Riverside Inverclyde. A Monitoring Officer, responsible for the financial management of the Fund, will be based within Economic & Social Regeneration and will work closely with ICDT.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Committee note that external funding has been secured from the Future Jobs Fund for Inverclyde for the amount of £1.56 million to assist young people into employment and remits it to the Corporate Director Regeneration and Resources to accept these funds.
- 3.2 That Committee remit it to the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources to form a strategic alliance with Inverclyde Community Development Trust for the purposes of the delivery of this programme.
- 3.3 That Committee agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to submit grant applications to funding sources, which when used in conjunction with the Future Jobs Fund, may enhance the products available to project recipients during the life of the programme.

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4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Finance:

Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/a

Financial Implications – Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Personnel: A post of Monitoring Officer will be recruited by Economic & Social Regeneration to monitor performance and expenditure of Future Jobs Fund. Salary costs will be met from Future Jobs Fund.

Legal: N/A

Equalities: Equality and diversity processes comply with EU requirements. Equal Opportunities; Issues of Gender & Disability and Social Inclusion have been addressed in the design of the funding bid.