
Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date:	29 October 2009
Report By:	Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources	Report No:	RC/09/10/03/SJ/SL
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Subject:	Future Jobs Fund - Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to apprise Members in respect of the current position with regard to the Future Jobs Fund.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Chancellor announced a new Future Jobs Fund in the 2009 Budget, the purpose is to create 6 month jobs for long term unemployed people, primarily 18-24 years old but also for the 25+ age group in areas with high unemployment.
- 2.2 Inverclyde Council developed a partnership bid on behalf of Inverclyde Alliance which was submitted on 26th June 2009 and formally approved by DWP on 28th July 2009. The maximum value of the bid over an 18 month period is £1.56million, however, at this stage DWP are only issuing 6 monthly contracts to all local authorities and other applicants.
- 2.3 DWP issued a 6 month contract on 21st September 2009. The Inverclyde FJF programme will provide 120 new jobs during this period and it is anticipated the first posts will be occupied in mid October.
- 2.4 Inverclyde Community Development Trust are the managing agency in the bid who will directly employ all of the FJF employees. They will offer 30 hour posts at the rate of £6 per hour, an income level exceeding the minimum wage and set with due advice from financial fitness about equilibrium income.
- 2.5 The jobs have been targeted across a range of occupational areas where a community benefit can accrue in the following areas and the figures in brackets show the job opportunities which have been confirmed:-
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| Environmental and Recycling | (18) |
| Construction and groundwork | (18) |
| Health and Social Care | (6) |
| Community and voluntary sector | (18) |
| Culture and Leisure | (12) |
| Youth Work | (6) |
- At this stage officers are involved in further discussions to reach the full number of jobs required and to ensure that these are good, productive jobs for the FJF participants.
- 2.6 Ongoing monitoring and reporting of the FJF delivery will be required to meet our contractual obligations and accordingly Inverclyde Council will recruit a monitoring officer, fully funded through the FJF programme. The post will be based within the workforce development team at Economic and Social Regeneration, the appropriate documentation has been prepared and is being processed subject to approval.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:-

- 3.1 Note the Future Jobs Fund position statement as described within this report,
- 3.2 Note current shortfall in available jobs, which is being addressed, including looking at further opportunities within the Local Authority.
- 3.3 Delegate authority to the Head of Economic and Social Regeneration to pursue additional environmental improvement projects which are identified as suitable for inclusion within the project.
- 3.4 Note the recruitment and appointment on a fixed term contract of a Monitoring Officer.

Stuart Jamieson
Head of Economic and Social Regeneration

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

Financial Implications – Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments

4.2 A financial summary is attached.

4.3 Personnel: Appropriate personnel documentation being prepared in conjunction with the Council Human Resources department.

4.4 Legal: The contract has been discussed with the Council Legal department.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Strategic Employability Group.

Future Jobs Fund

Summary Expenditure Profile

Income		
	Future Jobs Fund - Income	1,600,000
	Training Allowances	40,000
	TOTAL	<u>1,640,000</u>
Expenditure		
	Direct Expenditure - FJF	1,597,203
	Potential Training Exp	33,750
	Total	<u>1,630,953</u>
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	9,047
	Projected Completion bonus costs	24,000
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u><u>-14,953</u></u>