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## **THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY**

### **REPORT OF MEETINGS**

#### **Local Employability and Skills Partnership**

**22 September 2021**

**THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY**

*Working together to put our sector first*  
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

## KEY POINTS

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1. The main subject of discussion for this meeting was the LESP Improvement Plan which is to be submitted to Scottish Government by 24 September.
2. The discussion was informed by the presentation to the LESP by Adam Dunkerley, the LEP manager for Fife Council and Pegs Bailey, the Employability Development Manager for Fife Voluntary Action. The presentation slides are within the Employability section.
3. I had asked at the last LESP meeting if an invitation could be extended to Adam and Pegs to give a presentation to our own D&G LESP. Fife's model is widely regarded within the TSI network as an example of best practice in employability engagement with the third sector.
4. The main points made by Pegs and Adam were:
  - a. Fife agreed eight years ago to separate policy decision-making from delivery of the LESP programme.
  - b. It also agreed to resource the TSI in Fife to work directly with third sector and community organisations to build up their capacity and capability in responding the employability agenda.
  - c. The contract between Fife Council and FVA covers the performance management and is renewed on an annual basis.
  - d. The third sector now provides two thirds of the employability programme in Fife.
5. The LEP had a full discussion about the implications of adopting the Fife model in D&G. After discussion **the LESP agreed to the three calls to action listed by Adam:**
  - a. Separate policy from delivery
  - b. Resource TSDG to work with the third sector
  - c. Have a performance management framework in place for TSDG delivery
6. The LESP agreed that all three of these points should be added to the LESP Improvement plan before it is submitted to the Scottish Government.
7. Other agenda items were deferred to the next meeting.

8. Dates of meetings:

- a. 27 October
- b. 1 December
- c. 26 January
- d. 3 March

