

Bolsover District Council

Executive

14 July 2014

**Working Neighbourhoods Fund and Work & Skills Plan Update – April 2013
to March 2014**

Report of the Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager
(Portfolio Holder: Cllr A Tomlinson)

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Members will recall the Authority's award of Working Neighbourhoods Fund in 2008 (Minute No. 886 refers). The Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) was introduced as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement and was paid as one element of the Area Based Grant. It provides resources to local authorities to tackle worklessness and low levels of skills and enterprise in their most deprived areas. The WNF allocation to Bolsover District Council was £7,066,100.
- All WNF has now been received by the Council as it was paid over the 2008-11 period. As the WNF is non-ringfenced it has been carried into future years to enable interventions and their impact to continue in the District.
- The attached report titled 'Working Neighbourhoods Fund and Work & Skills Plan – 2013/14 End of Year Report' provides:
 - An updated spend/financial position for WNF monies allocated to the Council and Bolsover Partnership for the year ending March 2014;
 - An outline of activity currently taking place in relation to WNF planning, commissioning, and future activity in relation to securing additional funding;
 - Details of other initiatives that are currently being worked on that impact on the Work and Skills agenda;
 - An update on unemployment statistics for the district including an analysis of the National Indicator (NI) 153, Job Seekers Allowance claimant counts, the number of 16-18 year olds Not in Employment, Employment or Training (NEET) and employment/economic changes;
 - Case studies of individuals assisted by WNF funded activities during 2012/13, highlighting the support and help that people have received and how it has made a difference to their lives;
 - An updated Work and Skills plan for the period ending March 2014.

1 Report Details

1.1 Please see attached report.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 To ensure that WNF is targeted to best effect.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 The Joint Chief Executive Officer, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council – Cabinet Member for Regeneration have been consulted.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 None.

5 Implications

None.

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

As detailed in the report.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

None.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

None.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the report be received.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	Yes
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable

	communities. The use of Working Neighbourhoods Fund affects the wider determinants of Worklessness by commissioning activity that takes account of the effects upon the wellbeing of residents in local communities in respect of their health, wealth and secure employment; all of which contributes to building sustainable communities in the district.
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8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
	Working Neighbourhoods Fund and Work & Skills Plan 2013/14 End of Year Report
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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Report Reference –