

Minutes of EI Data Group meeting – 10am, 5<sup>th</sup> October at WMRO

**Present:**

**Attendee:**

Stephen Howarth (SH)	WMRO (Chair)
Lesley Bradman (LB)	Birmingham City Council
Rosie Day (RD)	WMRO
Helena Duignan (HD)	WMRO
Mary Dunleavy (MD)	NHS West Midlands Regional Development Centre
Mark Hudson (MH)	GOWM
Sally Irgin (SI)	AWM
Claire Robinson (CR)	AWM
Martin Sullivan (MS)	WMRO

<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Clem Attwood	Hereford Council
Dave Hughes (DH)	BiTC
Neil Powell	GOWM

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>SH welcomed everyone to the meeting and individuals introduced themselves.</p>	

<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and the following outstanding actions were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SI noted that the IPPR research on future opportunities for disadvantaged groups may still have gone ahead without AWM's involvement.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Progress Update</b></p> <p>HD talked through the progress report highlighting the status of projects in the 2010/11 work plan.</p> <p>The progress report can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Entry level employment project: presentation of findings</b></p> <p>RD presented some emerging findings from the entry level employment future prospects project. The aim of this project is to get a greater understanding of future employment opportunities for people entering the labour market from worklessness.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with publication aimed for November</p> <p>The group discussed the findings and suggested some further areas to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movements between sectors</li> <li>• Movements between JSA and work – incorporate findings from the ‘dynamics of worklessness’ report</li> <li>• Link to skills – basic skills needed which may not be captured by NVQ classifications</li> <li>• Turnover of sectors and levels of part time &amp; temporary working</li> </ul> <p>RD to take these suggestions into account as the project progresses.</p>	<p>RD</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Enterprise in deprived areas project proposal</b></p> <p>HD took the group through this project proposal and asked for the group's feedback.</p> <p>The group felt the proposal was quite ambitious in light of the fact that data in this area is quite scarce. Several points were highlighted by the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several literature reviews have already been done on this topic which can be built upon</li> <li>• There are many different types of enterprise/ self-employment, not all of which will be high GVA activities – e.g. homeworkers, painters/decorators</li> <li>• Birmingham City Council have previously looked at self-employment using Census data. Rates are very different amongst different minority ethnic groups and</li> </ul>	

	<p>you need to be able to break data down for specific groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• distinction between looking at people living in deprived areas or businesses located in deprived areas</li> <li>• Talk to Mark Hart at Aston University</li> <li>• Another issue to look at – GEM data shows that some BME communities have positive attitudes towards enterprise but this doesn't translate into enterprise figures from business survey data on ethnicity. Why is this?</li> <li>• LAs may have done some work on this as part of their LEAs.</li> </ul> <p>HD to take these suggestions into account as the project progresses.</p>	HD
6	<p><b>Apprenticeships data pack</b></p> <p>The aim of this pack is to provide LA Chief Executives, business leaders etc. with high level data on apprenticeships in their area. WMRO have been working with the National Apprenticeships Service to put this pack together. It will be agreed with the Economic Inclusion Panel's young person's task and finish group before being presented to the EIP in December.</p> <p>This work is on-going - HD presented the data as it stands</p> <p>The group made some comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need more information about what apprenticeships are and how they work to understand some of the charts. The language around apprenticeships is not familiar and needs some explanation</li> <li>• Need to be careful not to present a too simplified picture that could be misinterpreted by the audience.</li> <li>• These data don't capture individual company schemes – we need to know approximately how many of these there are - they could be concentrated in particular LAs</li> <li>• Need some context on the number of jobseekers/NEETs to see how the number of apprenticeship starts compares</li> <li>• Demographic breakdown by sector would be useful</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Updates on Partners research activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH updated the group on news from the Observatory – Rosie Paskins will be leaving the Observatory at the end of October and SH will take over as Acting Chief Executive. The Observatory will be moving over to the AWM offices, 3 Priestley Wharf, at the end of October so future meetings of the group will be held there.</li> <li>• SI – AWM are doing some work on local profiles and have also done a report on community resilience to</li> </ul>	

	<p>recession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB – Birmingham are working on their LEA with a draft planned for end of October and publication around the end of the year.</li> <li>• MD – drew the group’s attention to a report published by the Centre for Mental Health on the costs of mental health. A link to the report can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The next meeting is currently scheduled to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Jan but this may change depending on scheduling of future Advisory Group meetings</p>	