**RLSP Provider Group**

**Tuesday 26th November held at Careers Wales Offices Cross Hands**

**Attendance**

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| Jane E Lewis | RLSP Manager |
| Barry Walters | Provider Group Chair |
| Rob Hillier | Pembrokeshire Council |
| David Bawden | Swansea and City Council |
| Helen Griffiths | Swansea University |
| Angeline Spooner-Cleverly | Neath Port Talbot Council |
| Amanda Daniels | Coleg Sir Gar |
| Paul Kift | Gower College Swansea |
| Gareth Evans | UWTSD |
| Joanne Phillips | UWTSD |
| Wendy Williams | Careers Wales |
| Robert Holdcroft | RLSP |
| Emma Benger | Careers Wales |
| Sarah Albeson | Open University |

**Apologies**

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| Angela Maguire-Lewis  Jackie Mathias  Kerry Jones  Gareth Matthews  Nicola Thornton Scott  Bridget Moseley |

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| **3. Declarations of Interest**  Amanda Daniels  Paul Kift  Barry Walters |  |
| **4. To receive the Action notes of the previous meeting**  The minutes of the meeting held in September 2024, were received, and approved as correct.  *Matters Arising from the Minutes*  JL confirmed that information on apprenticeship numbers had been provided to the RLSP for reconciliation against the figures provided by Portfolio office. Only slight variance in the two figures. Suggested to also approach FE.  Summaries of all approved pilot projects circulated with meeting papers | **SC to seek information from FE regarding Apprenticeship recruitment by City Deal Supply chain.**  **Action Closed** |
| **5. To consider the following Pilot Project applications for Skills and Talent Funding**   1. ***Upskilling the Workforce of the Future – 4 Colleges joint application***   JL outlined the project application to the group, with full details having been circulated with the meeting papers. A large scale cooperative skills intervention programme, encompassing the 4 colleges across the region, that would be accessible to employers and individuals at point of need, targeting specific sectors from an approved list, that would be reviewed via a steering group on a quarterly basis.  Some key questions were raised my members of the group, although there was a consensus of support in the concept, and all agreed it was needed.  Questions raised   * Were the targets ambitious enough? * Would like to see representation on the steering group from Headteachers/schools * HE engagement is necessary, with some of the qualifications listed verified by HEI   **Agreed to forward the application to the Skills and talent group for further consideration**.   1. ***Now Skills – Swansea University***   This application had been withdrawn by applicant with a view of submission for next meeting. |  |
| **6. Update from the training providers on;**   * **Apprenticeship uptake 24/25** * **PLA Course Delivery** * **PLA add On’s**   **Apprenticeships**  BW updates the group that WG is continued to be lobbied around apprenticeship funding.  All updated that their apprenticeships were on profile or thereabouts, with strong demand.  EB reminded the group Working Wales have a course directory hosted on their website (link below). This allows a user to search the site for specific course and it will list the training providers that can deliver in their area. [Course Search](https://careerswales.gov.wales/course-search)  All colleges to ensure EB has up to date provision lists from them to ensure website is relevant.  It was suggested that an additionally entry point would be useful for employers.  **PLA**  The reduction in courses accessible has impacted on demand, as well as the marketing of the programme however there was good engagement for most courses, and most are on profile. | ACTION – Colleges to ensure up to date provision is submitted to EB  Colleges to send the latest apprenticeship data to the RLSP  ACTION – Follow up on Employer search options on website  ACTION – All providers to submit PLA delivery to JL |
| **7. To consider the delivery of additional add on qualifications**  Conversations with MEDR needed to progress discussing the potential of additional bolt on qualifications being delivered to apprentices and F/t P/T vocational learners. This will ensure they are industry ready at point of qualification. | Action – continue discussion with MEDR and feed back |
| **8. Date of next meeting - 04**/01/25 venue to be confirmed |  |