

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET – 4 NOVEMBER 2009**

### **FUTURE JOBS FUND – UPDATE REPORT**

#### **Report By Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide information on the successful bid by East Ayrshire Skills Development and Employability Service to create jobs funded by the Future Jobs Fund.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Future Jobs Fund is a new UK government funded initiative and represents significant investment to generate jobs for those in greatest need, particularly young people, and also those living in unemployment hotspots. This will deliver real help for young people and those who face barriers to employment. It will engage people in the labour market and help to avoid the adverse effects of long term unemployment. The Future Jobs Fund builds on proposals made in the Tackling Worklessness Review undertaken by the UK government and published in November 2008 which includes objectives for local authorities to achieve including helping people find and sustain employment, adding value and integrating funded provision with mainstream provision, delivering employability support to disadvantaged groups and improve data sharing with partners. A challenge fund to provide more support for long term claimants in vulnerable economies with high worklessness to create and sustain jobs was recommended.
- 2.2 Future Jobs Fund was announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the 2009 Budget speech as part of the Young Person's Guarantee. This new fund will create 150,000 jobs in the UK between October 2009 and April 2011.
- 2.3 The Future Jobs Fund will:
  - Create additional jobs which last for at least 6 months providing at least 25 hours per week paid, at least, at the national minimum wage rate.
  - Provide benefit to local communities.

- Buy job opportunities for jobseekers, particularly those aged 18-24 who have been unemployed for almost 12 months

### 3. FUTURE JOBS FUND UPDATES

3.1 East Ayrshire Employability Forum, a group of partners involved in helping deliver aims of the Delivering Community Regeneration Action Plan group is led by East Ayrshire Council. The forum chaired by Jobcentre Plus, comprising Community Planning employability partners and other employability providers in East Ayrshire, submitted the successful bid which will create 113 new jobs starting from October 2009 – March 2010.

3.2 These jobs have been created by 19 employers and provide a wide range of job opportunities as detailed in the table below :

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>TOTAL New Jobs</b>	<b>Vacancy Type</b>	<b>Job Location</b>
Cunninghame Housing Association	2	Furniture Recycling	Kilmarnock
Riverside Community Workshop	22	Furniture Recycling/Drama	Ayr
The Wise Group	5	Energy Efficiency	Kilmarnock
Coalfield Comm Transport	4	Community Transport	Cumnock
CVO	2	Administration/Project Worker	Kilmarnock
Woodlands	19	Forestry	Cumnock
Outdoor Amenities EAC	5	Parks Maintenance	Kilmarnock
Recycling EAC	8	Recycling Operatives	Kilmarnock
The Zone	6	Childcare	Dalmellington, Mauchline, Patna
Craigengillan Estate	3	Stables/Administration/Farming	Dalmellington
Restoring Communities EAC	3	Community Projects	Kilmarnock
Merge	1	Disability Training	Kilmarnock
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	2	Post Natal Support	Kilmarnock
CLaD EAC	3	Essential Skills	Kilmarnock
Kilmarnock College	6	Schools Link	Kilmarnock
Rathbone	3	Community Engagement	Kilmarnock
Bellsbank Womens Project	4	Childcare	Dalmellington
EAC SDES Jobs Access	1	IT Tutor Support	Dalmellington
Auchinleck Comm Dev Init	1	Community Gardening	Auchinleck
TBC	13	TBC	TBC
	<b>113</b>		

3.3 In addition to the jobs created this fund will also support social enterprises to develop their capacity to realise their full potential and all of the jobs will result in delivering community benefit.

- 3.4 This will create jobs which will provide opportunities for jobseekers who have been long term unemployed and will do so against the backdrop of the current economic recession.
- 3.5 The fund and the outcomes intended will be managed, supported and delivered by East Ayrshire Council's Skills Development & Employability Service.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from the report, and this first bid secures £725,500 of additional funding to create these job opportunities in Ayrshire

#### **5. COMMUNITY PLANNING / POLICY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This initiative supports the delivery of the outcomes of the Community Plan theme of Delivering Community Regeneration.

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 There are no additional risk management implications arising from this report. A local Partnership Agreement will be established for all Future Jobs Fund employers supported by this successful bid.

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1 This fund will provide opportunities for the most disadvantaged groups, providing opportunities for young people to access employment and gain work experience and qualifications.
- 7.2 This represents a significant investment in East Ayrshire, creating new jobs and increasing spending power in the local economy.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:-**

- (i) note the significant additional resources secured through Future Jobs Fund**
- (ii) note the creation of job opportunities against the current backdrop of the economic recession**
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.**

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NIL**

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