

## **West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network**

### **Report on Sector Activity**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1. At the last Board meeting relatively low level of activity by the sector groups was recognised as a major part of the underspend. It was agreed that a deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> December would be set for detailed work plans to be submitted for the remainder of the project and that progress against those plans would be assessed in April. Both dates would be used to assess whether funding originally planned for sectors should be redirected to other activities.
- 1.2. This report summarises each of the seven sector plans.

#### **2. Digital Industries Sector**

- 2.1. This sector is lead by the New Technology Institute at Leeds Metropolitan University. 14 partners have attended sector group meetings. The group also links with two SSCs – e-skills UK and Skillset. The current sector officer has only been in post since September.
- 2.2. The curriculum developments currently underway are
- WBL Modules
  - FD E-Technologies
  - FD Computer Networking
- 2.3. The developments in planning are
- FD Commercial Photography
  - BA Digital Photography
  - Digital Bite-Size Modules
- 2.4. The FD E-Technologies development is particularly significant. It is a further development of the WYLLN generic FD framework developed by the Business Services Sector. It maps into the e-skills UK PROCOM standards and involves seven partners, 9 employers and is endorsed by e-skills and Foundation Degree Forward.
- 2.5. The funding required to carry out current activity is just over £96,702. The level of activity and planned spending accounts for the 2007/8 under spend and commits the 2008/9 funding. A budget of £11,737 remains available for further developments.

#### **3. Leadership and Management**

- 3.1. This sector is led by Wakefield College. 13 partners have attended sector group meetings. The group also links with the Skills for Care SSC and the Chartered Management Institute.
- 3.2. The curriculum developments currently underway are
- First at Work – from work place learning to Credit

- Progression Activity
- EBTA Trial Activity
- FdA Social Care Management
- Community Development & Leadership
- Modelling Progression Agreements - SMEs
- FdA Social Enterprise
- FdA Child Care Management
- Leadership & Management Modules - Construction

3.3. There are extremely good links with Health, Social Care and Early Years Sector based at Bradford University that has resulted in the developed of Foundation Degrees endorsed by the Skills for Care SSC.

3.4. The funding required to carry out the current activity is just over £107,679. The current work plan has accounted for the total funding available to the sector group.

#### **4. Culture Media Sport & the Arts, Hospitality Tourism and Leisure**

4.1. This sector is led by Leeds Metropolitan University. 11 partners have attended sector group meetings. Many other partners are involved with the sector group including the Arts Council, Creative and Cultural SSC, SkillsActive SSC, Skillfast SSC, Sport England, West Yorkshire Tourism and Yorkshire Forward.

4.2. The curriculum developments currently underway are

- Post Grad Sports Development
- FD Ceramics
- BA Digital Photography Top Up

4.3. The developments in planning are

- Creative Organisations Case Studies
- Fabric - Bradford College - Creative Pathways
- Festival Case Studies
- Transferring Skills – CPD for museum staff and volunteers
- MSc Market Research in Sports Development, Coaching & Management

4.4. In addition to these, the sector is working with the Creative Industries Development Agency to develop a competency framework for creative entrepreneurs. The project will provide the opportunities for the framework to be built into academic programmes.

4.5. The funding required to carry out the current activity is just over £81,827. The level of activity and planned spending accounts for the 2007/8 under spend and commits the 2008/9 funding. A budget of £26,612 remains available for further developments.

#### **5. Construction and the Built Environment**

5.1. This sector is led by Leeds College of Building. 9 partners are involved in the sector group. Many other partners are involved in this group including Construction Skill SSC, Summit Skills SSC, ECTIB, Pro Skills SSC, Energy and Utilities, UK Resource Centre for Women, WY Police, West Yorkshire Building Control Alliance and Construction Leeds.

5.2. The curriculum developments currently underway are

- Access course to HE
- Leadership/Management Module in CBE context
- Environment Modules
- FD Built Environment Sustainability
- Building Control Alliance - EBTA
- HND Building Services Engineering
- HND Construction
- Facilities Management Modules

5.3. The developments in planning are

- FD Interior Design
- FD Architectural Design
- FD Construction Studies
- HNC Civil Engineering
- HNC Construction
- MSc Common core 'sustainability' provision

5.4. In addition to these developments the sector group with Leeds Metropolitan University Construction Knowledge Exchange have established a Built Environment Forum for Women. It is also working with Yorkshire and Humber East LLN (YHELLN) to look at progression opportunities for Building Services across the region, as currently there are none beyond HNC.

5.5. The funding required to carry out the current activity is £137,895. This work plan indicates a potential over spend of £29,456 for which match funding would have to be provided if the estimated costs are realised.

## **6. Business Services**

6.1. This sector is led by Park Lane College Leeds. 12 partners are involved in the sector group. Other organisations involved in this group include the National Skills Academy Financial, the Road Haulage Association, Bradford Chamber Business Park.

6.2. Four foundation degrees have already been developed in

- Business
- Financial Services
- Retail

- Logistics
- 6.3. These have been written as a generic framework, so that they can be tailored to the needs of employers. This model is now being taken up by other of our sector groups. FdF asked the sector to showcase this development at their recent national conference.
- 6.4. The curriculum developments currently underway are
- Top Up Degrees
  - HE Assessment Progress System
- 6.5. The developments in planning are
- Teaching Materials / Retail FD
  - Electronic Learning Materials - New FDs
  - Learning Materials - Study Skills Course
  - Business Modules - CBE Context
  - Framework - L & M FDs
  - Training & Development Capability - Retail Sector
  - Training & Development Capability - Logistics Sector
- 6.6. The funding required to carry out the current activity is just over £95,000. The level of activity and planned spending accounts for the 2007/8 under spend and commits the 2008/9 funding. A budget of £13,439 remains available for further developments.

## **7. Health, Social Care and Early Years**

- 7.1. This sector is led by the University of Bradford. 14 partners are involved in the sector group. Other organisations involved in this group include the Skills for Care SSC, Skills for Health SSC and Bradford District Care Trust. The sector officer has only been in post since November.
- 7.2. The sector group has already completed the development of a new Professional Skills Module.
- 7.3. The curriculum developments currently underway are
- Advocacy Skills Module
  - Domestic Violence Module
- 7.4. The developments in planning are
- Bridging Module - L3 FE - HE
  - Feasibility Study - FD Dental Nursing
  - FD Dental Nursing
  - FD Working with Children/Young People/Families
  - FdA Child Care Management
  - FdA Social Care Management

- Curriculum Development - NHS Workforce Development

7.5. The sector is working particularly closely with the SSCs on the development of the Foundation Degrees.

7.6. The funding required to carry out the current activity is just over £73,395. The level of activity and planned spending accounts for the 2007/8 under spend and commits the 2008/9 funding. A budget of £35,044 remains available for further developments.

## **8. Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing**

8.1. This sector is led by the University of Huddersfield. 7 partners are involved in the sector group. The group also works closely with their Sector Skills Council - SEMTA.

8.2. The curriculum developments currently underway are

- FD - Applied Science
- FD - Packaging Technology
- FD - Engineering Technology
- BEng Top Up Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- FD - Casting Technology

8.3. The sector also planning to develop a Foundation Degree in Powders Technology.

8.4. The funding required to carry out the current activity is just over £64,881.75. The level of activity and planned spending accounts for the 2007/8 under spend and commits the 2008/9 funding. A budget of £43,557.25 remains available for further developments.

## **9. Conclusions**

9.1. The sector plan give a level of confidence that the sectors will carry out activities that will take up the funding originally allocated. It is now key that these developments take place according to spend profile. This will be reviewed in April and reported to the Board in the next financial report. If the spend does not match the profile, then the Board will once again have to consider re-allocating the parts of the sector budget to other activities.