

PROJECT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 'SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/10

In the financial year 2008/9, the following project was approved 'subject to budget approval' from the 2009/10 budget of the then South Area Committee.

Farringdon Jubilee Centre

The project delivers an Area Job Mentoring Programme.

The Jubilee Centre is a community project based within St Chad's ward concentrating on the areas with high levels of deprivation, including high unemployment and low skill levels.

The project is a response to identified need (statistically measured and anecdotal) and followed a successful taster project, which saw six people, out of ten participants, engage in education and move through into employment.

The project works with people who are the most disengaged from the job market and face major barriers to re-entering it. This is concentrated in areas suffering from high levels of deprivation and a consistent problem with social isolation and low levels of education, which prevents residents from developing their skills accessing learning and ultimately moving closer towards the job market.

1.5 staff has been recruited to deliver this project, concentrating on the areas identified in the Index of Multiple Deprivation, six of these seven areas are within the boundary of the West Area Committee. This will enable the project to continue building on the success of the taster course and programme and demonstrate to commissioning bodies and funders the local success of this means of engagement and achieving of job outcomes. Further, future work will be targeted to the six IMD areas referred to.

Job Start is Jobs Skills, IAG (Information Advice and Guidance) with a difference, the project supports local people into work, via careers guidance, advice and support as well as sign posting individuals into relevant work based training, or relevant work placements, the Job Start Mentoring Service is an ongoing service to ensure that the relevant training is sought and the relevant support is provided, tailor made to each individual, i.e. spending time improving numeracy and literacy, identifying work specific training goals and setting realistic targets not solely job outcomes. Once job outcomes are achieved, the Job Start Mentoring Service continues, to support the client until the Employment and Guidance Workers are satisfied that the client has their

newly gained employment embedded into their lifestyle and will not, disengage shortly after commencing work, which is a common problem.

The West Area Committee is requested to approve expenditure to the project as detailed below:

Year 2 SIB requested 2009/10 £20,000

Lead Agent Farringdon Jubilee Centre

Date approved subject to budget approval: 8th September 2008