



Green Port Growth Programme Management Board – 9th April 2014

Strand Update

Skills Strand

Engineering Apprenticeships - The 2013-14 target for engineering apprenticeship starts is 100. This target has been exceeded with 140 starts and some applications still pending.

Engineering Up-Skilling - There is no real change on this strand. Against a target of 70 up-skilling packages for 2013-14, 69 applications have been received, most of which have been or are being processed. It is very likely that the target of 70 up-skilling packages will be exceeded.

Specific Skills - 17 applications for specific skilling packages have been or are being processed during 2013-14 for which period no specific skills packages target exists. To date, all applications have been from [REDACTED] with additional specific skills training packages requested throughout the coming months with the creation of further additional jobs as a direct result of GPGP support.

Additional activity - Further to the last Board meeting when it was advised that the NEETS Pathway project would not be developed further at this time due to current eligibility rulings on RGF monies being spent on beneficiaries under 18 years of age, an outline for a pathways project which aims to help members of disadvantaged groups (mainly people who have been in receipt of an out of work benefit for at least 6 months) to access employment opportunities in the wider renewables supply chain has been prepared. The project outline is attached as a separate agenda item.

Business Support Strand

To date the project has:

- 90 enquiries
- 67 enrolled
- 49 reviews completed
- 10 companies financial assistance awarded
- 13 f/t 1 p/t Jobs created

Grants and Consultancy Support (to date)

- Grants and consultancy support processed for payment - £35,878
- Committed grants and consultancy support costs - £96,238
- Percentage of grant spent by purchasing through local businesses - 79% Hull and East Riding, 16% rest of Yorkshire & Humber, 5% out of Yorkshire and Humber.

Evolutive - The team are working with the programme management team to optimise the database's reporting capabilities. The team will prepare training for other strands over the coming months.



Links with other programmes/events - the team exhibited at both the RenewablesUK Connect networking event in the evening of 25th March and the THMA Offshore Wind conference on the 26th March. Both events were well attended by companies from across the region. The project manager gave a presentation on Green Port Growth Programme and described how it can add value to other support programmes.

Procurement - the framework for consultants closed on 26th March 2014. ERYC's Procurement team have reported that 299 registrants received a notification of the tender because it matched their selected categories/expertise to receive email alerts, with 85 of those registering successful interest, and 12 finally submitting a tender. 2 members of the team and 2 members of the panel have met and started marking the tenders.

Site Assembly Strand

Early stage work has continued on investigating additional potential opportunities the GPGP could assist with site investigation, feasibility and other site preparation work for the new footpath around the Green Port Dock site as well as investigative works required to develop the Northern Gateway Roundabout to allow 24 hour movement along the haul road.

Inward Investment Strand

April 14 - Invest Europe Event, London. Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce (HHCC) to attend the event to meet with British Danish Chamber of Commerce and British German Chamber of Commerce to discuss/plan trade visit programme and trade desk activity.

June 2014 - Inward delegation from Denmark. Small group of high profile business leaders to meet with GPGP representatives and key players from the private sector. HHCC is working alongside the business Ambassadors of the Humber (ABP & Humberside Airport) to co-ordinate a draft programme for the visit.

September 2014 - Offshore Wind Inward Trade Mission from Northern Germany to visit Humber planned for 16th to 18th September 2014. The mission will be organised by THMA. HHCC is to liaise with THMA to look at GPGP sponsorship/hosting opportunities for networking lunch/dinner to be held on the north bank of the Humber.

Research and Development Strand

The R&D Director, Dr Alan Lowdon (AL) has now started in post and is working through a familiarisation process of the GPG Programme by meeting up with strand leads and building relationships as well as familiarisation with key contacts within the University to fully ascertain the University's offer. Already identified are clear opportunities within the University that beneficiaries of the GPG Programme will be able to access such as at HIVE, CASS and The Logistics Institute.



Business Grants Strand

Whilst it is still estimated that the RGF 3 Growing the Humber project is still to fully commit its £20m allocation, based on the Siemens decision work has started on preparing the GPGP business grants to be ready to 'open for business'.

Green Port Growth Programme Year 3 Delivery Plan

The first draft of the Year 3 Delivery Plan for the Programme was circulated in March to a limited audience, however as a direct impact of the Siemens investment decision the Delivery Plan will be re-written and become more of a Programme Plan detailing anticipated quarterly activity by each Strand, incorporating regular review and regularly updating. This is currently being worked on and will be circulated when developed to an appropriate stage in the near future.

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