

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

PURPOSE OF PAPER

1. Update the Committee on the most recent meeting of the YEITC.

DECISIONS REQUIRED

2. For information only.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES

3. The Youth Employment Initiative (YEITC) met on the 15 August 2018.
4. The Committee requested that the Managing Authority present, as a standing agenda item, performance information against programme targets from claims that have been submitted to the MA. Updated figures at August 2018 were presented to the Group.
5. Key headline points to note:
 - £59.10m of grant was committed at the end of 2015
 - Notified underspends now take this figure to £52.50m
 - There were 17 paid claims at the time of the presentation totalling £5.52m.
 - There were 4 claims pending totalling £1.26m
 - A significant claim totalling £5m in grant had been rejected due to compliance issues. This claim was expected to be resubmitted at the end of August '18
 - The YEI priority is only 12% of the way to target at August 2018. As a minimum it has to achieve 65% of the target by the end of the year.
 - In relation to outputs and results performance is better against ESF Programme targets than operation targets.
 - The claims information suggests that a large number of long term unemployed and inactive participants are being supported.
6. The latter point is encouraging as the youth unemployment situation has changed dramatically since 2012 when the South West Scotland qualified for YEI.
7. The Managing Authority (MA) continues to work closely with lead partners to encourage claim submission in order to maximise outputs and spend under YEI.

YEI EVALUATION

8. The MA has appointed EKOS to undertake the evaluation of the Youth Employment Initiative as required by the European Commission.
9. The evaluation has to be submitted to the EC by then end of December 2018. EKOS has held the Inception meeting with the MA and is currently making direct contact with the lead partners.

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