

UKSPF Funding Update

Bromley Economic Partnership Meeting

27th June 2023

People & Skills

(UKSPF)

Borough context:

- ▶ The Council does not have an employment and skills service area
- ▶ Cost of living crisis is deepening
- ▶ It costs the public sector a minimum of £340,000 per person for the lifetime someone is not in work.
- ▶ We can support people into work by spending between £2,000 - £5,000 per person on tailored employment support.
- ▶ The Borough does not have a central place where residents go for employment support outside of the job centre

What we will do using 0.5M of UKSPF:

- ▶ Partner with Education service to build SEND support into a more comprehensive employment support offer for people with learning disabilities
- ▶ Partner with Leaving Care team to establish an employment support programme for care leavers, helping achieve Bromley's Promise to prepare care leavers for adulthood.
- ▶ Establish a centre for employment support at Orpington with LSEC, starting with a local labour shortage programme

Business Support (UKSPF)

- ▶ Supply chain access programme

£75k over 18 months – to open up supply chain and procurement opportunities to access new markets

- ▶ Business advisor programme

£75k over 18 months – to provide 1:1 advice and support existing businesses to grow

- ▶ Start up in Libraries

£80k over 2 years – to re-instate 1:1 advice and support from a Business Advisor to support entrepreneurs & startup businesses

- ▶ Bromley Business hub

£80k over 2 years – to re-instate full service delivery of online business support hub delivery

- ▶ Employment Land & Space Study

£45k – to research into local use of employment land & space aimed at intensification of industrial space including typologies required.