

BROMLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Meeting:	Economic Partnership
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Subject:	Skills and Employment Sub-Group
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1. Recommendations.

The Partnership is asked to note the report. The meeting due to be held on 23rd June 2011 was cancelled due to lack of attendees, however the Group will continue its work detailed below.

2. Background

The Group continues to act as the facilitator of the exchange of information between employers, colleges, the voluntary sector, the Borough and other public sector organisations on skills, training and employment within the Borough.

3. Timetable

- 3.1 The Group continues to monitor and review the Unemployment data for Bromley on a monthly basis.
- 3.2 Since the last meeting, data has been collated on the Business Start-up support available within the borough. This information has been circulated to the Group for review and it will be considered at the next meeting in detail. Further actions and recommendations will be made at that time as appropriate.
- 3.3 A further review of the Bromley Economic Framework – Strategic Priority 3 is planned and a full report will be available at the next meeting.
- 3.4 The Federation of Small Businesses reports:
 - Businesses are still pushing for a National Insurance ‘holiday’. The recent changes are hitting small businesses hard.
 - FSB business have highlighted a desire for more Advertising and Marketing skills training.
 - The FSB is promoting the need for ex-service personnel to be training in starting their own business and/or being able to get a job and integrate back into civilian life. 75,000 ex service personnel are expected to leave the service within the next 2 years.