

OPPORTUNITIES FIFE PARTNERSHIP

FIFE EMPLOYABILITY PATHWAY

Update on ESIF 2014-2020 in response to EU Referendum result

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the referendum that took place on 23 June 2016, the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union.

This is a significant day for Scotland, the United Kingdom and for Europe and in response to this result it is important to reassure our Partners about the employability programmes that we deliver through Fife's Employability Pathway.

2.0 IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAMMES

The process of the UK exiting the European Union will be a complex one that that will take time to organise.

This being the case, it is important to express that there will be no immediate impact to the programmes that The Opportunities Fife Partnership has commissioned.

3.0 FIFE'S EMPLOYABILITY PATHWAY

Scottish Government issued approvals for Strategic Interventions part funded through ESIF 2014-2020 on 31 March 2016, which indicates that our interventions will be part of the current round of European Funding until the end of this funding period.

The continued success of the employability programmes that are delivered through Fife's Employability Pathway has been recognised nationally and The Opportunities Fife Partnership is proud of the excellent achievements made by all our Partners.

As indicated, the timescale of any changes that will occur due to result of the referendum will be a lengthy. It is likely that the formal process for exit will not commence until a new Prime Minister is in place and once initiated, it is anticipated that the exit process will take at least 2 years to complete.

In this time, we will work closely with colleagues at Scottish Government to ensure our continued compliance with the European Union's current funding requirements and to make alternative plans for the funding of Employability Pathway provision in future.

Cllr Tony Martin
Chair of the Opportunities Fife Partnership
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