

4 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS EVALUATION (AN46-2013)

This note is to advise the Committee that Dundee City Council will be the lead partner in a multi-Local Authority project to evaluate the Employability Management Information systems currently being used to track employability activity across the country. The evaluation will assess how well systems support the pipeline approach, provide essential European Funding reports to Scottish Government and what changes need to be made to systems to accommodate the changes to European funds from 2014 onwards. 16 Local Authorities are involved in the 60-day project. The total cost of the evaluation is £30K, with £15K from Scottish Government and £15K from 16 Local Authorities, including Dundee. Apart from project managing the evaluation, Dundee's contributions financially, therefore, will be £937.50.

To secure Scottish Government funding of 50% of the costs, a bid had to be submitted for the project at very short notice. The Scottish Government require the work to be completed by the end of June, to fit their timetable for developing the new funding programmes for 2014/2020. The work was duly advertised in accordance with the Council's procurement procedures and tenders were submitted by six organisations seeking to undertake the work.