**Invest in Renfrewshire conference – 16th June 2106**

**Suggested actions from workshop on enterprise**

1. Consider the establishment of a self-employment hub in the centre of Paisley to complement employability activities, InCube etc.
2. Do even more work in schools – building on new developments already in place. Maximise the opportunities to get inputs from existing businesses, and if possible from younger people who have successfully moved in this direction.
3. Think imaginatively on the terminology we use in promoting ‘enterprise’ – this may not always be the best way to engage people. Sometimes it may be better to think about ‘opportunities’, or hobbies/interests that may have potential, and accept that people may not have a worked out ‘plan’ at the start of the journey.
4. Ensure developments appropriately respond to the new Scottish Government push on ‘innovation’ – recognising this is linked to but not the same as enterprise. (A good definition of the distinction is contained in the ‘Scotland Can Do’ strategy).
5. Push the concept of social enterprise in schools more – recognising that many young people may be more attracted to this than traditional private sector enterprise.
6. Look at innovative ways of connecting people with strong social enterprise motivations with tangible business ideas – the huge expansion in the childcare sector detailed earlier in the conference was an obvious area of potential.
7. Ensure easy links/communications are in place between the many regeneration and infrastructure developments underway or planned and practical business opportunities. Joining up these types of developments was essential – including how supporting services were procured.
8. Consider asking the SG to remove/reduce the cost of running the Young Enterprise Programme in schools – currently £300.

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**19th June 2016**