2017 Consultation Response Sheet

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Document title / ref	Consultation: (CPP / EconDevUnemployment/ SHB ref)			
Key	Black - Q1 – priority; Orange - Q2 – do different; Red - Q3 – stop			
	doing; Q4 – start doing: Q5&6 – community; Staff			
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Partner / Rep	Corporate Director: EDP&I			
Categories	We like & will investigate it			
	2. We are & this is an update			
	3. We can't take this forward & this is the reason why			
	4. We like & will explore more with the public			
	5. We acknowledge & can explain			
	6. We have reflected on our priorities & your comments will			
	inform our future direction			

Feedback/Comments Received:

Partnerships: Economic Development: Unemployment

Refer to:

CPP 230-18863 / Page 10 / Bullets 70-74

- 70. Being unemployed for a certain length of time could trigger community service
- 71. groups to get people long term unemployed volunteering around their town to give them confidence, support, encouragement to get out and about whilst helping their community positive step for everyone.
- 72. Make sure of unemployed in voluntary areas in exchange for training
- 73. The people who choose not to work could cut grass, pick up litter etc. and earn their benefits
- 74. Use people seeking employment to get work experience filling some of the gaps in the services you provide

Partner Response:

On the suggestion of link the receipt of benefits to work, the response is category 3: Community Service is only applicable to people who have been sentenced through the Criminal Justice system. HMG the Department of Work and Pensions did try linking payment of unemployment benefits to community work, but it did not work. The Skills Development Scotland "employability fund" does facilitate work placements for unemployed people. Work experience placements are being offered by the Council to complement existing services not to replace them.

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