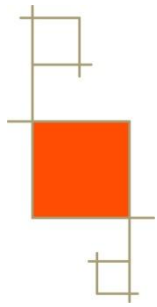


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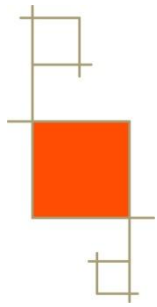
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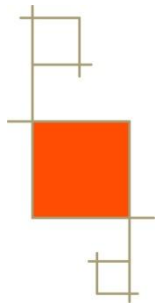
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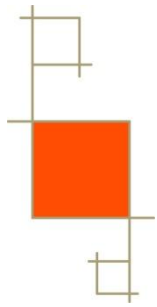
Recent programme funding

- Train to Gain
- LSC Capital Funds
- Joint Investment Programme
- Women and Work
- Welsh Assembly Government Sector Priorities Fund



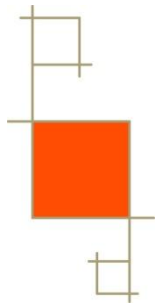
Current thinking on sector skills funding

- Co-investment is a mandatory element in all new funding opportunities.
- More focus on targeted priorities, less of a broad brush (Train to Gain) approach.
- A much stronger emphasis on higher GVA sectors.
- Possibility of some small capital investments where they can demonstrate a specific and tangible impact – though no major programmes of funding.
- Changes in ownership of the strategic direction, funding models and influencing of skills funding (UKCES in the ascendancy)



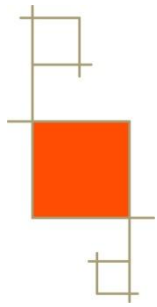
Funding announcements

- Growth and Innovation Fund
 - New applications - considered March, August and November 2012
- £250m pilot to give employers power over skills training
 - £50M in 2012/13
 - £200M in 2013/14



The future for contracting / sub-contracting arrangements

- A continued move towards higher minimum contract values?
- Long term sustainability of sub-contracting relationships?
- Focus on specialist provision or broader geographic reach?
- Management of the administration and bureaucracy – can it be streamlined further to ensure smaller specialist providers are not excluded?
- How transparent is the whole process, how easy is it to get involved in sub-contracting / managing sub-contracting?



Full-cost / commercial income

- What is the rationale for increasing full cost / commercial income?
- Why should we be raising the profile of your commercial training activity?
- What is the impact of the commercial approach on future funding programmes (is there a steady move back towards the reimbursement model?)