

DERBYSHIRE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS MEETING

held on 11 April 2002

at New Bath Hotel, Matlock

Present:

Olivia Dean
Hardyal Dhindsa
Glenys Goucher
Michael Hall
Simon Hemmings
John Kirkland (Chair)
Kenneth Spencer
David Williams

In Attendance:

Terry Laws
Christine Wright
Debra Blackshaw (Minutes)

Observers:

Karen Foulds (Jobcentre Plus)
Hugh Hastie (Connexions)
Jan Sensier (GOEM)

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1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Tom Blyth, Alan Charles, David Hughes, Stephen Lismore, Pat Morgan-Webb and Brian Powell.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Register of Interest has now been received for all Council Members and a new list was issued. A copy will be sent to all Council Members and Observers not present at the meeting.</p> <p><u>Area Inspection Report</u></p> <p>Area Inspection report will be presented in May.</p> <p><u>Green Paper: 14 – 19</u></p> <p>GG attended the Employer Focus Group meeting and has sent a report to DH.</p> <p>The main points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employers keen to see Modern Apprenticeships for the over 25's.• Employers are keen that qualifications should be more portable to enable leavers to carry on studying even if they change employer and that 'units' should be more widely available to enable leavers to receive credit for achievement.• Modern Apprenticeships should be split into units so that employers and employees can 'pick' the best fit for the job.• Employers would welcome more budget flexibility for the local LSC's provided the proper infrastructure and resources to cope with the	DB

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	<p>provided the proper infrastructure and resources to cope with the additional work are in place.</p> <p>JK suggested that a Centre of Vocational Excellence could be established in Derby for the Railways.</p>	
	<p>DH to email Council Members a copy of the draft response from DLSC to National Council on the Green Paper to enable Council Member the opportunity to provide input.</p>	DH
3.	<p>Work Based Learning Re-contracting</p> <p>CW presented a report on Work Based Learning re-contracting.</p> <p>Guidance on the Work Based Learning re-contracting process has now been received from National Office. New contracts will commence on 29 July for a period of 12 months.</p> <p>DLSC officers will be using the provider inspections and reviews to ascertain whether or not to re-contract with a training provider. Council Members need to be made aware of any training providers in the area who will not be re-contracted with and this be done for possibly the next Council meeting.</p> <p>MH asked about the debtor risk re financial viability. CW informed members that a monthly clawback will take place between now and July after which it would become the responsibility of National Office.</p> <p>Regarding targets in contract KS stated that he was not against equality and diversity targets but asked for reassurance that the targets would be appropriate to that provider. CW confirmed that this would be the case.</p> <p>SH asked for the reasoning behind lead LSC arrangements. CW informed him that it would not an effective use of time if a provider contracted with all 47 local LSCs and each LSC was auditing, contract managing individual contracts. The lead LSC would report to each LSC who would then have the opportunity to input any information they felt relevant.</p>	CW
4.	<p>Further Education College Allocations</p> <p>CW presented the paper on FE College Allocations.</p>	
5.	<p>New Council Members Appointments</p> <p>Currently DLSC have one vacancy for a Council Member. Four of the current members' service ends in November 2002. DLSC will be advertising the vacancies in May. Members whose service ends this year may be invited to reapply but guidance on this is still to come from National Office. MH asked if the advertisements will be national and if so who would be paying for the adverts. DB to speak to National Office.</p>	DB

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6.	<p data-bbox="252 251 368 274">Bitesize</p> <p data-bbox="252 319 1278 455">Another Bitesize campaign will run from 20 May to 21 June this year. The campaign is expected to be more ambitious and more successful than the last as training providers will receive a small payment for each activity and more planning time has been allowed.</p> <p data-bbox="252 489 1238 591">Council members are asked to take part in any publicity events prior to the campaign and to inform TL if they, or if they know of any organisations that, are willing to take part.</p> <p data-bbox="252 625 1278 728">SH asked if an evaluation of the campaign will take place. TL informed members that Laura Elliott from DLSC will be evaluating the campaign and the findings will be reported back to the Council later in the year.</p> <p data-bbox="252 762 1230 864">MH and OD asked if a letter had been sent out to organisations regarding Bitesize as they had not received one. TL agreed to investigate why some Council Members had not received a letter.</p>	<p data-bbox="1321 489 1374 523">ALL</p> <p data-bbox="1321 625 1358 659">TL</p> <p data-bbox="1321 796 1358 830">TL</p>
7.	<p data-bbox="252 898 727 932">North Derbyshire Tertiary College</p> <p data-bbox="252 966 552 1000"><u>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM</u></p> <p data-bbox="252 1034 1214 1136">CW updated Members on the Corporation meeting that took place on 20 March. GG and DW are now members of the College Corporation Board. The OFTED Inspection Report is available at www.ofsted.gov.uk.</p>	
8.	<p data-bbox="252 1170 576 1204">Bolsover Study Report</p> <p data-bbox="252 1238 1286 1295">David Waxman and Ken Cook from Nord Anglia gave an interim report on their findings.</p> <p data-bbox="252 1329 1278 1397">A special Council meeting will take place at 2 pm on Thursday 9 May at DLSC office where the final report will be published.</p> <p data-bbox="252 1431 1254 1465">All members are asked to make every effort to attend this important meeting.</p>	
9.	<p data-bbox="252 1510 576 1544">DLSC Budgets 2002/03</p> <p data-bbox="252 1578 1270 1669">An interim statement of 2002/3 budgets was distributed; there are still many gaps in information and a full discussion will take place when the full picture is known.</p> <p data-bbox="252 1703 1278 1771">Members asked if CW would make representation to National Office regarding the impact of the late budget allocation.</p>	CW
10.	<p data-bbox="252 1805 536 1839">Any Other Business</p> <p data-bbox="252 1873 584 1907"><u>Apex Event 10 April 2002</u></p> <p data-bbox="252 1941 1270 2027">SH attended the above event and spoke to several employers who stated that they have not received a visit from Business Link staff in over a year. JK to write to Southern Derbyshire Chamber.</p>	CW

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11.	<p data-bbox="247 283 542 322">Date of Next Meeting</p> <p data-bbox="247 351 1260 424">The next meeting will take place at 4 pm on Tuesday 14 May at DLSC Office. A Special meeting will take place on Thursday 9 May at 2pm.</p>	