

DERBYSHIRE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS MEETING

held on 12 February 2002

at Adult and Community Education Centre, Derby

Present:

Olivia Dean
Glenys Goucher
Michael Hall
Stephen Lismore
Pat Morgan Webb
Brian Powell
Kenneth Spencer
Roger Taylor
David Williams

In Attendance:

David Hughes
Debra Blackshaw (Minutes)

Observers:

Gary Bryant, GOEM
Karen Foulds, Jobcentre Plus,
Hugh Hastie, Connexions Service

Apologies:

Tom Blyth
Alan Charles
Hardyal Dhindsa
Simon Hemmings
John Kirkland

Item		ACTION
1	Apologies As listed above.	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.	
3	Matters Arising <u>Declarations of Interest</u> DB circulated a full list of Council Members conflicts of interest. Still waiting for a reply from Cllr Hardyal Dhindsa.	HD
	<u>Derby East Consultation Feedback</u> DH is working with other partners and colleges and is still on course for reporting back to the Council in June/July.	DH
	<u>Local Strategic Plan</u> The local Strategic Plan was sent to National Office 14 January. Feedback from National Office was good with only minor amendments needed.	
	Members asked for thanks to be passed to DLSC staff who have worked hard on the plan and in particular to Nick Rashley.	DH

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	<p><u>Area Inspection</u></p>	
	<p>Quarterly reports by Christine Wright will be started in April/May this year.</p>	CW
4	<p>Declaration of Interest</p>	
	<p>It was agreed that the list of all Council Members Declaration of Interest would be circulated annually but Members are reminded that DB should be notified immediately of any changes.</p>	ALL
5	<p>Grant Letter</p>	
	<p>DH gave a presentation on the Grant Letter which was received in January, detailing all monies allocated to the LSC by DfES.</p>	
	<p>MH noted that monies for LIF were reduced from £95m in 2001-02 to £90m in 2002-03. DH informed members that Bryan Sanderson has asked for this to be increased. GG asked about the timescales for allocations and was informed that this should be in March this year for programmes and administration. PMW commented that the cost of administration in the LSC was high in relation to the cost of administration costs in the FEFC.</p>	
	<p>Funding Arrangements</p>	
	<p>DH gave a presentation on the future funding arrangements. If members wish to see a full copy of the report they should contact DB.</p>	
	<p><u>FE</u></p>	
	<p>PMW stated that the removal of incentives to enrol certain students could cause problems as colleges might only enrol students that are more likely to achieve. Some traditional courses are subsidised and this could cause problems for employers who may have to pay more for enrolments.</p>	
	<p><u>Sixth Forms</u></p>	
	<p>DH informed the members that he has been receiving letters from Headteachers of Sixth Forms regarding the clawback by LEA of funding in the 11-16 provision.</p>	
	<p><u>ACL</u></p>	
	<p>Both LEA's have submitted their plans and these have been accepted. In the Remit Letter the LSC has a responsibility to provide funding for recreational courses as well as vocational courses.</p>	
	<p><u>General Discussion</u></p>	
	<p>KS expressed concern that the new funding regime might give outcomes that no one wants and discourage the type of activity the LSC are seeking.</p>	

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	<p>Pressures to converge funding streams are apparent, however the LSC need to be careful we are not sending out confusing messages as there is a more generous increase to schools than to colleges and workbased training providers.</p>	
	<p>LSC National Office is running seminars regarding the new funding formula and providers are being asked to attend.</p>	DH
	<p>DH sits on the Equality and Diversity, and Rurality working groups and will report back to the Council on progress.</p>	
	<p>KS proposed that DLSC formally approach National Office expressing concerns about the funding formula; currently proposals are for increased simplicity whereas a more sophisticated approach which clearly supports our objectives. It was agreed that JK would write to Brian Sanderson along these lines.</p>	JK
6	<p>North Derbyshire Tertiary College</p> <p><u>CONFIDENTIAL</u></p>	
	<p>A confidential briefing was provided to the meeting on the inspection and its implications.</p>	
7	<p>FE Sub Group</p> <p>KS gave an update of the sub group meeting 28 January 2002. Much of the discussion was concerning NDTC and is summarised in minute 6 above.</p> <p>Additional items discussed were:</p> <p>Capital bid for £90K from SEDC was received but was subsequently withdrawn.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the need to rush approval of bids through to meet deadlines imposed by the end of the financial year.</p>	
8	<p>14 – 19 Green Paper</p> <p>The 14-19 Green Paper was published today at 3pm. DH will summarise and circulate shortly. DLSC will be organising a joint event with the LEAs probably in April 2002.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Employer Strategic Task Group could offer the views of employers to the proposed changes.</p> <p>GG reported that North Derbyshire Chamber are running focus groups with employers and will report views back to the LSC.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>GG</p>

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9	<p data-bbox="236 244 284 285">LIF</p> <p data-bbox="236 319 331 360">ROWA</p> <p data-bbox="236 387 1214 489">RT and DH declared an interest, as both are members of the ROWA Partnership as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. A LIF bid for £100K was approved.</p>	
10	<p data-bbox="236 523 520 564">Any Other Business</p> <p data-bbox="236 591 512 625">There were no items.</p>	
11	<p data-bbox="236 659 533 700">Date of Next meeting</p> <p data-bbox="236 728 1270 796">The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 13 March at North Derbyshire Chamber, Chesterfield from 4pm.</p>	