

**DERBYSHIRE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS MEETING**

**HELD ON 12 JUNE 2002**

**AT NORTH DERBYSHIRE CHAMBER**

**Present:**

Tom Blyth  
Olivia Dean  
Glenys Goucher  
Michael Hall  
Simon Hemmings  
David Hughes  
Stephen Lismore  
Pat Morgan-Webb  
David Williams (Acting Chair)

**In Attendance:**

Terry Laws  
Christine Wright  
Debra Blackshaw (Minutes)

**Observers:**

Brian Gray  
Hugh Hastie  
Bob Kendall  
Jan Senier

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Alan Charles, Hardyal Dhindsa, John Kirkland, Brian Powell, Ken Spencer and Roger Taylor.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Work Based Learning

Will be dealt with on this agenda.

APEX Events

Dates for APEX events are as following:

19 June at The Palace Hotel, Buxton  
28 August, venue to be arranged  
30 October, venue to be arranged  
8 January 2003, venue to be arranged  
30 April 2003, venue to be arranged

The events commence at 11.45, followed by lunch and finish at 2.30 pm. If Council Members wish to attend they should contact Kim Preskey at DLSC office on 01332 868387.

CMs

#### Derby West Indian Summer School

CW confirmed that the number of 1402 attendances at the Summer School was correct; however this number includes individuals who enrolled more than once.

#### Bitesize

Will be dealt with under Any Other Business on this agenda.

#### Budget

DH confirmed that he had written to Philip Lloyd, Director of Finance at National LSC outlining the Council's concerns regarding the impact of the inadequate budget. A response from Philip Lloyd has been received which agrees that DLSC is doing everything it can to keep to the budget.

#### Council Away Day

To be dealt with on this agenda.

#### Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)

DH has been invited to Chesterfield College Fashion Show on 26 June where he will award the CoVE to the College. TB will also attend. DB to send information to TB.

DB

SH asked whether DLSC would be considering Work Based CoVEs. CW informed members that DLSC would be looking at all Work Based Learning providers and it is expected that at least one would be developing a proposal.

#### 4. **Health, Safety and Welfare Report**

There were no issues to be discussed.

#### 5. **Provider Inspection Report**

#### **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

GG and SH declared an interest.

CW updated Council members on the progress. An appeal from The Academy has been heard by CW and the decision

not to re-contract still stands. Derbyshire Careers Service will provide support to the learners currently with The Academy either by helping to find alternative training providers if the students wish to carry on studying hairdressing or to advise if students wish to change career.

University of Derby Work Based Learning provision has been re-inspected and awarded satisfactory grades. DLSC plan to re-contract with them for a similar value contract to 2001/02 year. University of Derby has agreed that DLSC will carry out Provider Performance Reviews from October 2002.

SH reported that he had attended a staff briefing on revised reporting arrangements and that some of those present had expressed doubts about workload and ability to meet expected requirements. DH and CW agreed to discuss this with SH separately.

DH/CW/SH

#### 6. **Work Based Learning Re-contracting**

CW gave an update on re-contracting with Work Based Training Providers. It is likely that DLSC will seek extra provision in Bolsover and High Peak. Details in the re-contracting paper were agreed to be commercially confidential.

DH

DH reported that he had had preliminary discussion with JK on how council members would be briefed on performance of training providers and a paper would come to a future meeting which would describe reporting arrangements from the Autumn onwards. GG asked whether comparisons with other LSC areas are available: not at present.

#### 7. **Derby College – Merger Progress Report**

A further report will be presented at the next Council meeting. Generally things are moving well now that the Senior Management Team is in place. OD confirmed that the SMT was meeting regularly. DLSC should receive an outline of the accommodation strategy shortly. DH to check if a needs analysis has been received. Council members stressed the complexity involved in a 3 way merger and asked DH to take this into account when dealing with Derby College in the future.

DH

#### 8. **Council Away Day**

An away day for Council Members has been arranged for 16 July starting at 9.00 am and finishing at approximately

4.30 pm. This will be held at Rolls Royce Training and Development Site, Wilmore Road, Derby. The programme for the day will include:

- A normal Council meeting
- a general discussion on structures and processes affecting Council business
- DLSC Senior Management Team will join Council Members in the afternoon for a session on Equality and Diversity.

Observers are also invited to the away day. Members are asked to confirm attendance and any dietary requirements to Debra Blackshaw by 28 June.

ALL

9. **DLSC Budget 2002/03**

CW presented a paper on the budget for DLSC for the current financial year for information.

10. **North Derbyshire Tertiary College Update**

DH met with Margaret Hodge MP to discuss the NDTC situation prior to visiting the College and meeting with the Chair, Vice Chair, acting Principal and others. As a result of this A special council meeting will take place on 2 July at 8.30 am to discuss the proposal following the statutory consultation period

Mick Brown has been appointed Acting Principal.

11. **Any Other Business**

Special Council Meeting

A special meeting is to take place on 2 July at 8.30 to discuss North Derbyshire Tertiary College. The use of video conferencing is being explored for use at North Derbyshire Chamber and Edwards Geldard in order to minimise the distance Council Members need to travel. All members are asked to attend this meeting. MH sends apologies.

Bitesize

TL gave a brief update on the Bitesize campaign which ends on 22 June. DLSC are very pleased with the interest shown by both training providers and members of the public; it is probable that the target of 1260 will be comfortably met.

GG asked whether DLSC had been asked to play a pro-active role in National Training Awards. TL/CW will look into this.

TL/CW

HH announced that the Derbyshire Connexions Partnership will go live from 1 September 2002.

TL

SH asked for a LIF update at the next meeting.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

A special meeting will take place on 2 July at 8.30 to discuss North Derbyshire Tertiary College.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on 16 July at Rolls Royce Training and Development Centre, Derby