

Item**ACTION**Green Paper

The date for the joint consultation with both LEAs has been arranged for 8 May.

GG will be attending the Employer Focus group 14 March and will report back to the Council at the next meeting.

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Sixth Forms

AC thanked TL for getting figures to LEA quickly. The Derbyshire LEA have now agreed an education budget for 2002-03. DfES have limited the amount of 6th form monies the LEA can clawback to two thirds in the coming year and one third in the following year.

3 Green Paper

Both TL and CW attended conferences this week on the 14-19 Green Paper. National Office has taken the decision that there will be only one response to this which will respond mainly to items the LSC has responsibility for. A joint consultation event held by DLSC and both LEAs has been arranged for 8 May and all Council Members will be invited. A draft response from DLSC to National Council will be presented to the Council at the next meeting and Council Members will have the opportunity to provide input to the response.

Key points discussed:

Parity of esteem between vocational and academic routes welcomed. Concern expressed about lack of clear leadership responsibility for the changes. Council is invited to submit views to national office although individual council members may submit views on behalf of their own organisations. Some aspects of the green paper have little relevance to the LSC and we should be wary of becoming too involved. Over arching qualification at 19 needs to be examined in the light of likely value placed on them by employers, students and their parents.

4 Standards Funds 2002-03

Standards Funds are now coming to the LSC at local level and DLSC will allocate this money. Criteria for allocation will be reported to the members at the next meeting. KS welcomed this shift and JK said it is encouraging that as the year has progressed DLSC have more control over funding in Derbyshire.

5 Health & Safety Report

CW presented a report on Health and Safety. There was a discussion regarding the level of responsibility the LSC has in health & safety issues at providers premises. It was agreed that clarity is needed where duty of care lies, what is the responsibility of the LSC. There is a danger that too many people become involved in health and safety monitoring resulting in unnecessary expense.

Item		ACTION
6	<p>ESF Co-financing First Bidding Round – Update</p> <p>TL presented an update on ESF Co-financing.</p> <p>OD and MH declared interests.</p> <p>DLSC has been successful in becoming a co-financing organisation, and has been allocated £2m of funds. Employment Service (now Jobcentre Plus) and Connexions will be bidding to become co-financing organisation in Derbyshire. Eventually, 85% of all regional ESF funds will be allocated to co-financing organisations. 15% of all funds will still be from GOEM direct.</p> <p>PMW queried where it was appropriate that colleges from outside area be allowed to access this money. DH replied that the college in question already has significant contracts with DLSC. SL observed that in this round it seemed that many organisations receiving money are large. TL reported that timescales were very short this time and he hoped that longer lead times for the next bidding round would encourage smaller organisations. SL stressed the need to ensure that money is accessed quickly and efficiently particularly for small organisations</p> <p>Council Members expressed thanks to Elaine McCulloch for the hard work she has put into this.</p>	
7	<p>North Derbyshire Tertiary College Inspection and Follow Up Report</p> <p><u>CONFIDENTIAL</u></p> <p>DH updated Members on the Corporation meeting that took place on Friday 8 March. The OFTED Inspection Report is now available at www.ofsted.gov.uk.</p>	
8	<p>Strategic Plan Update and Launch Details</p> <p>The consultation period for the draft Strategic Plan has now expired: 41 replies have been received, most of them positive and constructive.</p> <p>Two Employer events have been held, hosted by the two Chambers; these were well attended and led to a lively debate.</p> <p>Feedback from National Office was good and only minor changes were required.</p> <p>The final version of the plan will be available at the April meeting.</p> <p>The launch will be held on 17 April at the Renaissance Hotel, South Normanton.</p>	
9	<p>DLSC Budget for 2002-03</p> <p>Not received yet although some are starting to come through, Local Initiative Fund, Education Business Partnership, Workforce Development and Information, Advice and Guidance are similar to last years.</p>	

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10	<p data-bbox="199 244 603 288">Local Initiative Fund Update</p> <p data-bbox="199 319 544 358">TL give an update on LIF.</p> <p data-bbox="199 390 1286 523">There was an underspend nationally and DLSC received £685K more money for LIF projects. All money allocated for LIF project has now been spent. Funds have been allocated broadly in line with original objectives and there has been a good balance between large and small projects.</p> <p data-bbox="199 555 1243 623">There will be an evaluation and an audit of the 2001-02 LIF round carried out in the next 2-3 months.</p>	
11	<p data-bbox="199 655 488 698">Any Other Business</p> <p data-bbox="199 730 647 766">There was no any other business.</p>	
12	<p data-bbox="199 798 496 841">Date of Next Meeting</p> <p data-bbox="199 873 1281 929">The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11 April at New Bath Hotel, Matlock, starting at 4pm.</p>	