

DERBYSHIRE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS MEETING

HELD ON 16 JULY 2002

AT ROLLS-ROYCE PLC, DERBY

Present:

Tom Blyth
Alan Charles
Olivia Dean
Hardyal Dhindsa
Glenys Goucher
Michael Hall
Simon Hemmings
David Hughes
John Kirkland (Chair)
David Williams

In Attendance:

Terry Laws
Christine Wright
Debra Blackshaw (Minutes)

Observers:

Hugh Hastie
Jan Sensier
Chris Wynn

ITEM	ACTION
1. Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Stephen Lismore, Pat Morgan-Webb, Brian Powell, Kenneth Spencer and Roger Taylor.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	Were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters Arising	
	There were no matters arising.
4. DLSC Business Plan	
	DH informed members that the production of an annual Business Plan was a requirement under the Learning and Skills Act; however it was essentially a distillation of the Strategic Plan that has already been approved by the Council. He assured SH that although specific references to Trade Union activity were not made there remains a commitment to this activity.
	OD indicated that she had questions on a number of points of detail and agreed to take these up outside the meeting.

The Council approved the 2002-3 Business Plan.

5. **“Success For All” Document**

Members were issued with a copy of the above report. The LSC has been tasked with running consultation events in September.

6. **Performance and Financial Reporting**

This had been discussed at the “awayday” session earlier in the day. DH indicated that officers would produce a paper for the September Council meeting that would suggest an annual cycle of reports to the Council. However reliable and timely management information is currently unavailable for many aspects of LSC activity.

7. **North Derbyshire Tertiary College**

A letter from Margaret Hodge MP was received at DLSC on 5 July approving the dissolution of the college. The proposal was laid before Parliament on 4 July. All council members should have received a copy of the letter, please contact DB if not received.

8. **Local Initiative Fund**

TL presented a detailed report on LIF, and asked Council Members for their views on what details they would like to see in future reports. An evaluation of last year’s LIF, including impact on strategic objectives will be available at the September meeting.

9. **Staffing**

Staff are undergoing a harmonisation process at present, ie bringing as many staff as possible onto LSC terms and conditions. At the same time a new performance management system is being implemented, which will have a direct affect on salaries from April 2003. These developments, coupled with pressure on administrative budgets already reported may have an impact on staff morale.

10. **Bitesize**

TL presented a report on Bitesize. 756 learners last year attended a Bitesize course, the figure for this year is 2282

against a target of 1500. Likely eventual figure will be approximately 2400 as not all and not all information has been received yet. An evaluation will be produced locally, exploring in particular whether participants are more likely to engage in more formal learning in the near future.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 23 September 2002 from 4 pm until 6 pm at DLSC Office