

DERBYSHIRE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS MEETING

HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2004

AT EDWARDS GELDARD, PRIDE PARK, DERBY

Present:

Peter Brammall
Olivia Dean
David Williams (Chair)
Ann Tipple
Carol Taylor
Roger Taylor
Michael Hall
Simon Hemmings
Carol Dibbs
Hardyal Dhindsa
Mohammed Sharief
Ian Murray

In Attendance:

Bev Hunt
Andrew Martin
Maureen James
Philippa Wilson (Minutes)

Observers:

Garry Bryant, GOEM
Karen Foulds, Jobcentre Plus
Hugh Hastie, Connexions

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1. Welcome

David Williams chaired the meeting in John Kirkland's absence.

David welcomed everyone to the meeting and also introduced the Council to new member Ian Murray and informed the group that June Cooper had also been accepted on to the Council but had sent her apologies.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Council Members

Alan Charles, June Cooper, David Hughes, John Kirkland, Pat Morgan-Webb, Russell Rigby and Ken Spencer.

Observers

Andrew Flack.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising due to the last Council meeting being an awayday.

4. Executive Director's Report

PB brought several issues to the attention of the Council:

- Skills Festival
Held on 1st & 2nd November at Pride Park was a huge success and saw the highest attendance yet. There was excellent participation from both schools and parents and good attendance from North Derbyshire. An evaluation will be presented to the Council once completed. PB congratulated EBP and everyone involved in organising the event for making it such a success. A suggestion was made that the next time the event was held an evening event could be arranged in the north of the county to assist those parents to attend.
- Tomlinson Report
PB suggested that once the government's response to the report's recommendations are available in the new year, the Council hold a further discussion on what could be fundamental change. It was suggested that someone from the 14-19 department be invited to the briefing to answer any questions.
- LSC Agenda for Change
PB informed the Council of the importance of this new initiative and outlined the five themes of the task groups being set up, with David Hughes being theme leader for the Funding task group.

PB

Council members then discussed the following issues:

StAR management information that was being developed for the Employer Sub Group meeting. The regional sector report from regional sector leads had taken longer to produce than originally anticipated. Once this information is to hand, Andrew Martin will forward to the Employer Sub Group.

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Interest in the Education Maintenance Allowance does not appear to be resulting in higher take-up, although does seem to be impacting positively on student retention. There is more work to be done alongside the LEA to engage schools and raise awareness at an earlier stage, as by year 11 the decision has already been made.

5. Employer Engagement Strategy & Role of Council Sub Groups

Peter Brammall presented the paper on Employer Engagement Strategy and Role of Council Sub Groups. Employer engagement has become one of the LSC's biggest priorities, confirmed by the focus placed upon this area by the new Chairman, following similar statements by the Chief Executive.

The proposal to merge the provider and employer subgroups was agreed; this is to provide a focus for the next 6-12 months on the employer engagement efforts of Derbyshire FE colleges and their preparedness for delivering against the LSC key priorities. It was also agreed that this would

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not be to the exclusion of other important activities and the individual subgroup would continue, renamed as the Equality & Diversity Sub Group.

Part of this approach will involve harnessing the experience of council members to engage directly with College board members.

With the principles of the paper agreed, Peter Brammall is to bring a proposal to the next council meeting for its implementation.

PB

6. Strategic Area Review: Framework for Adult Review

Andrew Martin gave a presentation on the framework for adult review.

The topic was then opened for discussion, which centred around the differing needs at Entry/Level 1 between adults and 14-19; the Level 2 entitlement and employer/learner funding contributions; Skills for Life within this context; the meaning of 'demand-led', including the stimulation of demand.

The broad direction of travel in terms of this part of the StAR review was agreed and a further update on progress, as the interim report is drafted, will be presented at a future meeting.

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7. Any Other Business**National Meeting of LSC Chairs and Executive Directors**

This is now a regional event, which has been extended to all LSC Council members. It will be held on 7th December commencing at 3pm with the duration expected to be 3 hours. A venue is yet to be confirmed and further details will be forwarded to all Council members once they have been received.

David Williams then took the opportunity to inform the Council that it was Olivia Dean's and Hardyal Dhindsa's last meeting and thanked them for their commitment and service to the Council over the past few years.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 12th January 2005. Attached is a list of all Council dates for 2005.

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2005 FULL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	Venue
12 th January 2005	4:00 - 6:30	Stuart Room, Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link, Chesterfield
21 st February 2005	4:00 - 6:30	Boardroom 1, Edwards Geldard, Derby
5 th April 2005	4:00 - 6:30	Stuart Room, Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link, Chesterfield
17 th May 2005	4:00 - 6:30	Boardroom 1, Edwards Geldard, Derby
28 th June 2005	4:00 - 6:30	Stuart Room, Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link, Chesterfield
8 th September 2005	4:00 - 6:30	Boardroom 1, Edwards Geldard, Derby
19 th October 2005	3:30 - 6:00	Stuart Room, Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link, Chesterfield
30 th November 2005	3:30 - 6:00	Boardroom 1, Edwards Geldard, Derby