

Annex A

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

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| Present | Roger Begy, Chair, LSC Lincolnshire and Rutland John Allen, Lincoln College Carol Chambers, Rutland Local Authority Nev Jackson, Amicus Nick Rashley, Area Director, LSC Alan Robson, Rural Chaplain Pam Smith, EM & AP Smith |
| In attendance | Peter Holmes, Government Office for the East Midlands Paul Knight, Jobcentre Plus Rob Mayall, Connexions |
| LSC staff | Chris Harris, Partnership Director Linda Curtis, PA to Area Director |
| Apologies | Apologies have been received from: Haydn Biddle, George Bateman and Sons Ltd John Crosby, Independant Heather Lee, Lincolnshire Co-Operative Society Frances Mannsaker, University of Lincoln Maureen O'Callaghan, Independant Joanne Oliver, National Probation Services Lincolnshire Area Sarah Walker, Business Link East Midlands |

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members of the local Council and Observers to the meeting.
- 1.2 All attendees introduced themselves.

Item 2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 The Chair asked Linda Curtis to send out declaration of interest forms to Council members to complete. The Chair commented that he thought the board would still be in existence until the end of the year.
- Pam Smith queried that she should finish in September and the Chair said Council members concerned would be asked to continue as long as necessary.

Item 3. Apologies

- 3.1 Apologies for absence were noted as above.

ITEM/S FOR APPROVAL

Item 4. Minutes of the meeting of the local Council held on 8 March 2007

- 4.1 Nev Jackson queried that Michael LeGoff appeared on both the attendance list and apologies.
- 4.2 Members of the local Council **approved** the minutes of the meeting of the local Council held on 8 March 2007.

Item 5. Actions since the meeting held on 8 March 2007

- 5.1 A letter of support was sent out in favour of an Academy in Lincoln.
- 5.2 The Property Assessment and Financial Assessment have been e-mailed to all Council members.

Item 6. Local Initiatives Fund and 14-19 Fund 2007/08

- 6.1 The Partnership Director stated that the LIF budget had been confirmed but the 14-19 had not, and if this was reduced it would have a big impact on funds.
- 6.2 It was proposed that if the 14-19 budget changed, the Council members would be notified.
- 6.3 John Allen queried item 5 re budget information on what a single tender constituted.
- 6.4 The Partnership Director and Council members looked through Annex A, Chris Harris stating that the overall budgets had been reduced by 10%. Regarding the LIF budget, comments were made on the areas of expenditure.
- The Chair said the 2 events organised at the Lawns re WBL was a tremendous success and involved learners and employers alike, and encouraged participation, he also stated that we did not celebrate success enough as this increased everyone's ambition. More investment for such events was needed.

- Carol Chambers was really pleased to see continuity of priority for learners with disabilities and difficulties, but there was still a long way to go.
- The Chair said the proposal for developing community centre learning in Lincolnshire was an important way to getting people into Level 1.
- Pam Smith made a point re having a centre in a rural area like Market Rasen just to see what the take up would be. The Area Director said he would use the fund to do this and broaden out the area if possible and would be discussing with districts to identify the best place for that centre.
- The Area Director commented on the budget regarding marketing and communication and that this was now taken over by the Regional team at Leicester.

6.5 The Chair commented on the 14-19 Fund in relation to the 14-19 conference, he considered that this was good investment as it enabled parties to get together to share best practice in that area and it was well attend with good speakers.

- The Chair said it was good the LSC were funding 14-19 cluster co-ordinators across the patch and he thought that it helped with the diplomas achieved.
- All approved the 16-19 Wolds centre which will be jointly managed by the Local Authority and the LSC.
- The Area Director stated re CYPSP funding organisation that the LSC were willing to align funding with both authorities and well within scope to offer small amount of discretionary funds for those activities.

ITEM/S TO DISCUSS

Item 7. Lincolnshire and Rutland LSC - local Council Legacy

Nick – do not appear to have anything major for this as the breakout groups did not evolve, do not know if you have anything.

Item 8. Indicative Budget Allocations – mainstream programmes 2007/08

8.1 The Partnership Director said that there were key issues round risks carrying forward undue growth in 16-19 re no's 3 and 4 of FE Allocation. There was also a risk regarding the merger of Lincoln College and Newark and Sherwood that the growth in 16-18 was beyond the budget and may have to borrow from other budgets to fund, probably adult funding. There would be sufficient funding for commissioning target negotiations with FE providers. Learner accounts money may well provide difficulties for providers to achieve Level 3 outcomes from budgets.

8.2 The Partnership Director went through with the Council members the funding allocations for 2007/08 regarding the different programmes.

Item 9. Performance Report

9.1 The Area Director gave a brief summary to the local Council members of Lincolnshire and Rutland's performance summary and looked at the figures at Annex A.

Item 10. Area Director's Report

10.1 The local Council received the Area Director's Report providing updates on the following items:

- Lincolnshire Wolds 16-19 'competition'
- 14-19 Diploma developments
- Regional Work Based Learning Awards
- Train in Work
- Minutes from the Regional audit Committee Meeting 11 April 2007
- Risk Register

Item 11. Dates of future meetings

- Thursday 13th September 2007, 17.00 hrs

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