

Minutes



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Present Roger Begy, Chair, LSC Lincolnshire and Rutland
John Allen, Lincoln College
Peter Duxbury, Lincolnshire Local Authority
Nev Jackson, Amicus
Heather Lee, Lincolnshire Co-operative Society
Maureen O'Callaghan, Independent
Alan Robson, Rural Chaplain
Pam Smith, EM & AP Smith
Paul Williamson, Executive Director, LSC Lincolnshire and Rutland
Tony Worth, QV Foods Ltd

LSC staff Chris Harris, Director of Operations and Standards
Nick Rashley, Director of Strategy
Cathrine Thomas, Governance Manager

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Haydn Biddle, George Bateman & Sons Ltd
Marion Blake, Jobcentre Plus
Carol Chambers, Rutland Local Authority
John Crosby, Independent
Michael LeGoff, JSFM Consulting Ltd
Frances Mannsåker, University of Lincoln
Rob Mayall, Connexions
Tina McEwen, Business Link
Lynda Poole, Kesteven and Grantham Girls School
Allan Taylor, Government Office for the East Midlands

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the following new Members of the local Council:

John Allen, Lincoln College

Peter Duxbury, Lincolnshire Local Authority

Heather Lee, Lincolnshire Co-operative Society
Maureen O'Callaghan, Independent
Alan Robson, Rural Chaplain

and noted that:

Joanne Oliver, National Probation Service: Lincolnshire Area
would be attending future meetings as an Observer.

Item 2. Declaration of interests

2.1 Members were asked to declare any interest in items to be discussed immediately prior to the appropriate agenda item.

Item 3. Apologies

3.1 Apologies for absence were noted as above.

Item 4. Membership

4.1 The local Council **noted** the revised membership as at 13 April 2006.

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting of the local Council held on 12 January 2006

5.1 The local Council **approved** the minutes of the meeting of the local Council held on 12 January 2006.

Item 6. Actions since the meeting held on 12 January 2006

6.1 Members noted the actions arising from the meeting held on 12 January 2006:

Item 5: Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 8 December 2005.

- The Lincolnshire Transport Policy, with the potential impact for training providers, has been added to the Risk Register.

Item 9: Local Priorities for 2006/07

- Members of the local Council received a revised copy of the local plan.
- After consideration by the Regional Board on 27 February 2006, the plan was approved by National Council on 21 March 2006.

Item 7. Notes of the Discussion Group held on 16 March 2006

7.1 Members **noted** the comments and suggestions from the Discussion Group held on 16 March 2006.

Item 8. Unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee held on 9 February 2006

8.1 The local Council **noted** the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee held on 9 February 2006.

Item 9. Regional Audit Committees

9.1 Members received a copy of the letter from the LSC Chairman regarding Regional Audit Committees.

Decision: The local Council:

- **Requested** the Audit Committee at the meeting to be held on 8 June 2006:
 - Nominate a member for the Regional Audit Committee.
 - Consider the implications for the local office following the introduction of Regional Audit Committees.

Item 10. Unconfirmed minutes of the Capital Committee held on 9 February 2006

10.1 The local Council **noted** the unconfirmed minutes of the Capital Committee held on 9 February 2006.

Item 11. Indicative Budget Allocations 2006/07

11.1 The local Council received an update on the Budget Allocations for 2006/07 and noted the position for:

- Further Education Funding.
- Work Based Learning.
- Personal and Community Development Learning.
- Local Intervention and Development Fund.
- Post Inspection Action Plan.
- Adult.
- Skills for Life.
- Level 2 Entitlement.

11.2 Consideration was given to:

- The increase in Further Education Funding.
- Providers will need a further increase to meet the anticipated growth.
- Movement of funds to meet statutory responsibilities.
- Negotiations continue until the end of May 2006.
- Reduced allocation for adult provision and the expectation that adults will pay more.

11.3 Discussion focused on:

- Implications for the migrant population.
- The cost of developing English as a Foreign Language tutors remains high.
- European Funding for continuing professional development network.
- Long-term demographic changes.
- The potential loss of infrastructure for adult provision.

Decision: The local Council:

- **Noted** the paper regarding Indicative Budget Allocations 2006/07.
- **Requested** that the Local Office negotiates with the Regional Office on funding issues.

Director of Strategy

Item 12. Local Annual Plan 2006/07

The local Council **agreed** to review targets within the Local Annual Plan 2006/07 at the meeting to be held on 11 May 2006.

Nev Jackson declared an interest in the next agenda item

Item 13. Post 16 Home to School / College Transport Review

13.1 The local Council received a paper providing an update on the Lincolnshire Local Authority's review of the policy regarding the support of post 16 home to school / college transport.

13.2 Following the Local Authority Executive review of the Transport Policy the proposals were returned for further consideration. If the proposals do not receive approval before the end of May 2006 the current policy will remain unchanged.

13.3 Concern was raised regarding:

- The level of charges.
- The ability of low income families to pay for travel.
- One of the authorities quoted in the comparative exercise has decided to review its current charging system.
- The change from designated areas to nearest provider.
- Attendance at Centres of Vocational Excellence.
- Sufficient time for colleges and students to adjust to a change in policy.

Decision: The local Council:

- **Noted** the update on Post 16 Home to School / College Transport Review.
- **Requested** that a letter be sent to the County Council advising of the local Council's concerns regarding the proposed changes in the Transport Policy.

Director of Strategy

Item 14. Executive Director's Report

14.1 The Executive Director provided an update on Theme 7:

- Nick Rashley to be the Area Director: Lincolnshire and Rutland.
- Paul Williamson will be Regional Director for Learning, Performance and Planning.

- The Lincoln office has been designated as high risk due to the difficulty in finding jobs in the local area. In recognition, there will be support in finding posts.
- A large number of people will be opting for the voluntary severance.

Item 15. Further Education: Raising Skills, Improving Life Chances (New Further Education White Paper)

15.1 The local Council received an overview of the Further Education: Raising Skills, Improving Life Chances White Paper, noting:

- Centres of Vocational Excellence and 16-19 excellence.
- Learner accounts.
- Foundation Degrees.
- Balanced score cards providing clearer information on performance.
- New collaborative partnerships.
- LSC's remit to encourage choice, diversity and specialisation.
- System for agreeing plans and funding will be simplified.
- New relationship with colleges and providers.
- Clarifying non-executive roles.

15.2 The local Council:

- **Noted** the paper on Further Education: Raising Skills, Improving Life Chances (New Further Education White Paper).
- **Requested** a presentation on the White Paper at a future meeting.

Item 16. Information and Consultation Packs

16.1 Members noted the Information and Consultation Packs for:

- 10 February 2006
- 3 March 2006
- 4 April 2006

Item 17. Members Feedback

17.1 The Chair noted the thanks of the local Council for the contribution Paul Williamson had made during his period as Executive Director of Lincolnshire and Rutland LSC.

Item 18. Draft Agenda

18.1 The local Council **noted** the draft agenda for 11 May 2006.

Item 19. Date of next meeting

19.1 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as:

- Thursday 11 May 2006.

The meeting ended at 1913

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Minute taker	Cathrine Thomas
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