

## **Southwark College Ofsted Inspection Report**

### **Press Statement**

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Ofsted has today published a report of its inspection of Southwark College made in November 2008.

The Learning and Skills Council is disappointed that the inspection of Southwark College considered that some of the learning services provided by the College are inadequate. The LSC and College are committed to building upon the strengths identified in responding to the needs of learners, the local community and businesses to improve learning services.

The LSC is committed to supporting Southwark College in its efforts to develop and implement a rigorous and robust Post Inspection Action Plan to tackle the areas of weakness and build upon and maintain the strengths. This will ensure that strategies are put in place to tackle those aspects of the College and its services that the inspectors considered to be inadequate. The LSC will assist the College in implementing those strategies including support for the College from the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS).

The LSC is pleased that the inspection found strengths within the provision at Southwark College. These key strengths included high success rates on level 1 courses, strong links with employers and community partners, a safe environment and the extensive and inclusive range of provision for learners and employers. The LSC understands that Southwark College has identified immediate improvement actions and is already working with staff to:

- a) improve success rates for learners on Level 2 and Level 3 courses
- b) review the curriculum offer for these learners to enhance learner success
- c) implement strategies to develop the quality of teaching and learning.

The LSC and Southwark College are determined that lessons are learned from this inspection report so that all aspects of the College can be strengthened and improved and all services meet required quality standards.

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### **Notes to editors**

#### **Learning and Skills Council:**

The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

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