

Minutes



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Date 12 September 2006
Subject Council Meeting (0506)
Location Canius House
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LSC office London South
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Present Caroline Allen OBE (Chair)
Lola Barrett
Dame Lorna Boreland-Kelly
Robert Dilley
John Ball
Mark Lunn
Julita Pearson
Malcolm Brabon
Ayub Khan (On behalf of Linda Taylor)

In attendance Basheer Dilmahomed (for Item 9)
Peter Jones, Principal of Bromley College (for Item 9)
David Goodlet, Principal of Coulsdon College (for Item 10)

LSC Staff Vic Grimes (Area Director – London South)
Laurence Downes (Partnership Director – Bromley)
Rachel Hodson (Partnership Director – Sutton)
Garth Taylor (Partnership Director – Croydon)
Don King (Partnership Director – Merton)
Mary Francis (Partnership Director – Kingston & Richmond)

Apologies Roger Mills (Vice Chair)
Kevin Finnigan
Peter Wylie
Chris Nicol
Rita Bailey
Mel Barrett
Professor David Miles

Item 1. Welcome, apologies and introductions

The Chair welcomed Council members and officers to the meeting. Apologies were given for those who were unable to attend

1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct and accurate record.

1.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1.3 Action Points

Outstanding action points were reviewed and updates noted as discussed.

1.4 Declarations of Interest

Item 9 – Bromley College Capital Application - Robert Dilley expressed an interest and agreed he would withdraw from the discussion.

Item 2. Management Accounts

- 2.1 The Chair explained that there was no paper available from the Region. Council members expressed concern about the lack of information available. Vic Grimes explained that he was in discussion with the LSC's Regional Finance Team about the production of a local set of management accounts but he thought that the Regional Audit Committee would have responsibility for reviewing local and regional spend against budget.

Item 3. Regional Audit Committee

- 3.1 Vic Grimes confirmed that the first Committee meeting had taken place and that Roger Mills had attended. The meeting concentrated on Terms of Reference and the role of Committee members. The minutes of the first meeting provide additional detail.

Item 4. Skills Alliance

- 4.1 The South London Skills Alliance is due to meet on 2 October at Croydon College. Garth Taylor introduced himself as the local LSC lead for Skills Alliance related work. John Ball will feedback the outcome of the meeting at Council's next meeting

Item 5. Equality and Diversity Task Force

- 5.1 A meeting of The Equality and Diversity Task Force is being arranged.

Item 6. IAG Strategy Board

- 6.1 A meeting of the IAG Strategy Board is due to take place on 3 October.

Item 7. FE Forum

- 7.1 A meeting of the FE Forum has been arranged for 5 December. The Chair will use this opportunity to explain the LSC's latest planning priorities and to discuss related challenges/issues with Chairs of local FE Colleges.

Item 8. Area Director's Report

- 8.1 **Vic Grimes presented his report and explained the new format which centred on borough specific information.** Council members thought the focus on borough developments worked well and were pleased with the amount of positive partnership activity that was taking place post Theme 7 restructuring

Item 9. Bromley College Capital Application

- 9.1 The Chair welcomed Peter Jones, Principal of Bromley College to the meeting to present the College's capital application. Laurence Downes presented the LSC's detailed paper containing the educational, property and business cases. Council members endorsed the application but asked LSC officers to monitor the College's project management arrangements to ensure the project delivered on time and within budget.

Decision: Council members endorsed the proposal. LSC officers to ensure robust project management arrangements are in place.

Item 10. Coulsdon 6th Form College Capital Application

- 10.1 The Chair welcomed David Goodlet, Principal of Coulsdon 6th Form College to present the College's capital application. Garth Taylor presented the LSC's detailed paper and Council agreed that the application should be given 'in principle' approval and that further detailed work should progress the educational, property and financial case. In addition, the Area Director and Croydon Partnership Director should continue consulting with the Local Authority to ensure the proposed capital project is consistent with other post-16 infrastructure developments.

Decision: Council endorsed the proposal.

Item 11. ESF Tendering – Approval of Process

- 11.1 Rachel Hodson presented her papers on LSC London South's latest ESF tendering process.

Decision: Council approved all recommendations contained within Rachel's paper. John Ball, Roger Mills were nominated to be on the moderation panel.

Item 12. Submission to GOL of 14-19 Development Plan

12.1 Council noted the development plan and agreed the return to GOL.

Item 13. Richmond 16-19 Competition

13.1 Council noted the progress being made with the competition in Richmond.

Item 14. London Capital Strategy

14.1 Council members raised no issues relating to the Capital Strategy paper.

Item 15. Any other Business

15.1 No other business was raised.

15.2 Meeting close, 8pm

15.3 The next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th November 2006.

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Meeting chair

Caroline Allen

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