

# Minutes



Leading learning and skills

**Date** 13 March 2007  
**Subject** Council Meeting (0207)  
**Location** Audio Visual Room, Canius House  
**Time** 18:00  
**LSC office** London South  
**Publication intent** Public

**Present** Professor David Miles, Roger Mills, Rita Bailey, Robert Dilley, John Ball, Mark Lunn, Chris Nocol

**In attendance** David Howe (Item 8)

**LSC staff** Vic Grimes, Area Director - London South  
Mary Francis - Partnership Director,  
Rahel Hodson - Partnership Director,  
Garth Taylor - Partnership Director,  
Laurence Downes - Partnership Director  
Hugh Gildea - 16-19 Competition Consultant (Item 13)

**Apologies** Apologies have been received from:  
Lola Barrett, Dame Lorna Boreland-Kelly, Peter Wylie,  
Kevin Finnigan, Julita Pearson, Sarah Leonard, Malcolm Brabon, Linda Taylor

## **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**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate and correct record.

### **1.2 Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

### **1.3 Action Points**

Action numbered 83, 01, 02 and 03 were noted as being completed.

#### **1.4 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair declared an interest in Item 9, Carshalton Progression Unit and agreed that the Vice Chair, Roger Mills would chair the meeting during the item.

#### **Item 2. Regional Audit Committee – Verbal Update**

2.1 Roger Mills informed those present that there was nothing to report back at present.

#### **Item 3. Skills Alliance**

3.1 John Ball reminded all present at the meeting of the Skills Conference taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Crystal Palace. More details could be obtained by visiting the SLLP website. Roger Mills also commented that he would like to obtain the website address to link it from his website.

#### **Item 4. Equality Task Force**

4.1 Council was informed that there was nothing to report back for this item.

#### **Item 5. IAG Strategic Board**

5.1 All present were reminded that the last update was provided at Council's previous meeting. A copy of the minutes from the last IAG meeting were circulated to Council members.

#### **Item 6. FE Forum meeting**

6.1 No item presented for reporting to council.

#### **Item 7. Area Director's Report**

7.1 No item presented for reporting to council.

#### **Item 8. Croydon College Capital Project**

8.1 The Chair welcomed David Howe and his colleagues, Deputy Chief Executive of Croydon College and also so his colleagues. David Howe presented the Capital Project application, outlining the updated educational case. The original Application in Principle was first presented to Council in 2004 and approved but due to some significant changes to the AiP there is now a need to submit a revised AiP to National Capital Committee.

8.2 A closed discussion followed and resulted in Council asking the LSC's executive offices to review several key areas; namely:

- Further information is needed on how the revised project would contribute to borough plans for 14-19;
- The timescales for completing the capital build and how the college will manage the impact on existing on-site provision;

- The cost of the project in relation to the educational benefits and overall value for money;
- The likely impact on the NEET group and how the college will address these young peoples' needs through more level 1/ 2 qualifications and in particular Apprenticeship places;
- How the proceeds from the Barclay Road sale will be used to offset some of the costs associated with the project; and
- Project management and risk management needs should be strengthened.

**Decision: Council delegate authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Area Director to approve a revised Application in Principle subject to the above areas being addressed.**

#### **Item 9. Carshalton Progression Unit**

9.1 Chair declared an interest in this item and Roger Mills chaired the meeting for the item. Rachel Hodson, Partnership Director for Sutton presented an outline of the educational, financial and property cases underpinning the detailed capital application. Council agreed that this was a very good development that would meet a growing demand for suitable local learning opportunities for people with a range of learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

**Decision: Council approved the application and recommended an LSC contribution of 70% of the total capital cost.**

#### **Item 10. Hillcroft College Capital Application**

10.1 Mary Francis, Partnership Director for Richmond informed Council about the latest developments regarding Hillcroft College's capital application. Due to timing issues Mary recommended that authority is delegated to the Chair, Vice Chair and Area Director to consider and approve Hillcroft College's capital application on behalf of Local Council. Subject to local approval, it is planned that Application in Principle will be submitted to the National Capital Committee in June 2007.

**Decision: Council agreed to delegate authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Area Director to approve the Application in Principle.**

#### **Item 11. Orpington College Capital Update**

11.1 Laurence Downes, Partnership Director for Bromley presented his paper to Council confirming that the Orpington College Capital Application in Principle was not fully processed in time for the Council meeting in March. Therefore the Application in Principle would be assessed by Council via delegated authority as agreed at the previous council meeting.

11.2 Council noted the paper for information.

**Item 12. Orpington College Loan Approval**

12.1 Laurence Downes presented the paper detailing key points of Orpington College's loan application for £750k and recommended that Council endorsed it.

**Decision: Council approved the request.**

**Item 13. Richmond 16-19 Competition**

13.1 Mary Francis introduced Hugh Gildea, a consultant working on the Richmond 16-19 competition. Mary outlined previous decisions made by Council related to the statement of need in Richmond and presented the outcomes of the Competition Stakeholder Panel's evaluation of the one competition proposal received.

**Decision: It was agreed that the decision made by Council, to accept the proposal subject to significant changes, would be communicated to the Partnership in a letter from the Chair. The Chair thanked Mary Francis, Hugh Gildea, Vic Grimes and team for all their hard work.**

**Item 14. Any other business**

14.1 Garth Taylor, Partnership Director for Croydon presented his additional paper on the London South Learning and Skills Plan 07-08. Any comments should be sent to GT by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

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Caroline Allen

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