

Minutes



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Date 30 October 2007
Subject London Regional Board Meeting
Location Room 3.6W City Hall
Time 12:30
LSC office London Region
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Present Rod Kenyon (LW - Chairman)
David Hughes (RD)
Caroline Allen (LS)
Sandra Moore (LE)
Yvonne Thompson (LC)
Peter Lyne (LN)

In Attendance Raza Raheem (Director of Finance & Resources)
Philippa Langton (Regional Director of Skills, London)
Claire Ighodaro (National Council Member and Observer)
Gary Reilly (Minute taker)

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Frances O'Grady (National Council Member & Observer)
Keith Faulkner (Chair - Regional Audit Committee)
Mohamed Omer (LE)

Item 1. Welcome and Introduction

1.1 RK welcomed everyone to the group and confirmed apologies.

Item 2. Action Points from the previous meeting.

- 2.1 The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
- 2.2 All actions not mentioned have either been completed or covered on the agenda.

Item 3. Delegation of Powers to Regional Boards

3.1 DH presented the above paper to the board and gave a verbal update on the implications of the passing of the FE and Training Act.

3.2 DH, RK and the board discussed following points.

- The Act requires the Secretary of State to issue Commencement Orders before local Councils are disbanded. This is likely to be in the New Year.
- Until then, delegated powers are given by National Council to the existing LRB
- The LRB membership is the 5 local Chairs and the RD, others may attend as observers.
- Recruitment for new councils will probably start in the New Year.

3.3 DH suggested that LRB meeting more often would be beneficial.

ACTION: Group to meet every 6 weeks, to commence after December LRB meeting. (JR)

ACTION: Summary performance reports to be provided on the agenda for subsequent LRB meetings (DH)

ACTION: Regional Audit Committee meeting minutes to be sent to the board. (GR)

Item 4. Priorities for Success 3 and outcome of comprehensive spending review.

4.1 DH addressed the board on the above topic.

- Was due mid Oct but will be finalised by 12th/13th Nov. It is a tough settlement with a challenging pace of change and carried significant risks.

4.2 The board moved on to a brief discussion regarding money around the Olympics and whether those successful in winning tenders would be required to assist directly in London's challenging increase in apprenticeships.

ACTION: To present a paper regarding issues around successful Olympics contractors being required to fund and support apprenticeships and training at the next LRB meeting in December. (DH)

Item 5. LSEB Strategy

5.1 PL presented the LSEB strategy paper to the board

5.2 Key issues:

- Need to emphasise the balance between skilling up current workforce and employability of those who are out of work.
- Good progress regarding employers, though still not a compelling case for employers to be engaged in the strategy.

5.3 DH explained to the board that the LSC will be issuing its response to the strategy in the next few weeks. LRB members would be asked for comments on it before it is finalised.

ACTION: Circulate 1st Draft of the LSC's responses to the LSEB Strategy for comments and approval. (DH)

Item 6. Regional Capital Taskforce

6.1 RR presented the paper on the Regional Capital Taskforce, which included reasons why the Task Force was created. There are currently 5 nominees from their areas of LSC London except LNN and LNW, PL & RK agreed to seek representation for their areas. The board were notified that an LSEB nominee was still needed. Property Advisors and Finance will also be invited to be in attendance.

ACTION: Members for the Task Force to be sought from areas currently not represented (LNN / LNW).

ACTION: An LSEB/Private sector nominee to be sought for the Task Force (RR).

6.2 CA stressed that the Task Force is an advisory group and therefore all decisions have to be made by the full board. The Board agreed.

6.3 Paper Agreed by LRB.

Item 7. AOB

7.1 No matters were raised.

Item 8. Date of next meeting

8.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 3rd December at 10am.

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Minute taker	Gary Reilly
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