

# Minutes



Leading learning and skills

**Date** 29 June 2007  
**Subject** Council Meeting  
**Location** Room 4, CBI, Centre Point  
**Time** 09:00 - 11:00  
**LSC office** London Central  
**Publication intent** Internal

**Present** Cllr Keith Cunningham, RBKC  
Chris Heaume, Connexions  
Amanda Howells, Youth Crime Consultant  
Peter Ibbetson, Natwest (retired)  
Roy Lockett, Bectu (retired)  
Angela McConville, Vital Regeneration  
Janet Morrison, Education Consultant  
Sue Rimmer, South Thames College  
Yvonne Thompson, ASAP Communications  
Su Thomas, PACE

**In attendance** Mathew Hitchin, JobCentre Plus, Job Shop, Battersea  
Power Station  
Shanie Jamieson, Director of OLASS K&C College

**LSC staff** Steve Bagley, Partnership Director  
Richard Bell, Partnership Director  
Malaika Culverwell, Director of Economic Development,  
(RO)  
Roland Hancock, Partnership Manager  
Lyselle Kendall, Partnership Manager  
Jill Lowery, Area Director  
Buki Oni, Secretariat  
Joyce Roberts, Partnership Director

**Apologies** Apologies have been received from:  
David Congalton, Emprise Services Ltd  
Geoffrey Copland, University of Westminster  
Keith Faulkner, Working Links  
Jon Fairclough, Government Office for London  
Satnam Gill, Working Men's College  
Mick Hickey, JobCentre Plus  
Raymond Madden, ICAEW

## **Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

- 1.1 Yvonne welcomed Malaika Culverwell (Director of Economic Development), Lyselle Kendall (Partnership Manager Wandsworth), Roland Hancock (Partnership Manager Southwark), Shanie Jamieson (Director of OLASS K&C College) and Mathew Hitchin (JobCentre Plus, Job Shop, Battersea Power Station).
- 1.2 Cabinet Reshuffle – Jill circulated a copy of the note of the changes which Chris Banks sent to Local Council Chairs and subsequently LSC staff by Mark Haysom. The note outlines in broad terms the responsibilities of two new departments; namely Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) and the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS). It is important to note at this stage that the actual details of how this will work have not been finalised. A copy of the note will be circulated with the minutes.
- 1.3 At this point, Jill left the meeting to see if there are further updates regarding the changes.  
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- 1.4 Jill rejoined the meeting. There were not yet any further updates. It was not yet known what the implications are for the LSC in the short to medium time, but it was expected that change would not be immediate, and that it would be 'business as usual' for the present.

## **Item 2. Offender Learning / OLASS**

- 2.1 Steve introduced Shanie and Roland who both gave presentations on Offender Learning and OLASS respectively. It was noted that half of those released from prison have no qualifications and about a third have basic skills needs.
- 2.2 Presentation on Offender Learning - Shanie is the Director of OLASS at Kensington and Chelsea College and has experience in prison education. In her presentation she introduced the work the college is undertaking with the prison. A copy of Shanie's presentation is attached to the minutes.
- 2.3 Presentation on OLASS – Roland is the Partnership Manager for Southwark at the London Central LSC. With the integration of OLASS into partnership teams, local projects have now been made possible. The LSC is trying to reduce re offending and expand OLASS to those in the community i.e. not currently held in prisons. People are less likely to re offend when they are in sustainable employment. A copy of Roland's presentation is attached to the minutes.

## **Questions / Comments**

- 2.4 Chris Heaume said Connexions has proven to be a one stop shop for ex offenders as they often turn up with other issues such as housing, basic skills, benefits etc with a success rate of 65%.

- 2.5 Su Thomas asked what resources go towards the 65,000 in the community to stop the re offending. Roland said they can access a wide range of IAG services. There is also work with the probation service, Connexions and JobCentre Plus. However some of them do not want to be identified as ex offenders.

### **Item 3. Regeneration**

- 3.1 Richard introduced Malaika who gave a presentation on London Region's work on regeneration while Lyselle Kendall and Matthew Hitchin showcased the work of JobCentre Plus job shop at the Battersea Power Station. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

### **Questions / Comments**

- 3.2 There was limited time available for further discussion. It was noted that local people would have priority access to the provision at Battersea Power Station and that this was a cause of concern for people living in some other areas.

### **Item 4. Any Other Business and date of next meeting**

- 4.1 Yvonne reminded all to note future meeting dates of 7<sup>th</sup> September (now brought forward to 4<sup>th</sup> September), 9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December and the Council dinner on 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- 4.2 Jill noted that since the FE Bill is yet to be passed, it is not yet clear when the Regional Council will be established. She thanked Council members for their flexibility and willingness to change meeting dates to accommodate capital proposals, and asked members to keep future meeting dates in diaries as there may be future capital bids to be considered. These include Westminster Kingsway in Soho and City of Westminster College in early autumn.
- 4.3 There may also be a need to agree a change of date or to delegate a subgroup to deliberate on certain matters before the full Council meeting (agreed to bring forward the 7<sup>th</sup> September meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup>).
- 4.4 CWC Capital Proposal - Jill reported that the college had provided further information subsequent to the last Council meeting. They had proposed to reduce costs, and the proposal had now been agreed in principle by the national capital committee. However, the LSC had concerns that some of the means by which the savings had been achieved (eg heating and ventilation) may not be deliverable. The national committee had challenged the college team on the realism of the costs, and had indicated that they would not expect the college to propose higher costs at the detailed approval stage, especially given that the bid would come back as soon as September. The college team accepted this condition.
- 4.5 The next meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 to 11.00 (subject to confirmation of availability by sufficient council members to achieve a quorum – it currently looks as if this will be possible.)

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<b>Minute taker</b>	Buki Oni
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