

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Date 2 June 2006
Subject Sixty Second Council Meeting
Location Dumayne House
Time 8.30-10.30
LSC office London North
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Present

Peter Lyne	Mary Vine-Morris
Ian Turner	Steve Hart
Keith Weller	Tony Medawar
Afzal Akram	Joan McVittie
Alison Dickens	David Plank
Wally Steel (representing Nick Drane)	
Grace Igbasi	

In attendance

LSC staff Yolande Burgess
Clare Kearns

Apologies Apologies have been received from:

Paul Butler	Carol Gibson
Nick Drane	Janette Faherty
Ian Ferguson	Lenny Kinnear

Item 1. Welcome and minutes from the previous meeting

- 1.1 Train to Gain item that was deferred from the last meeting is now being presented at the July meeting (due to lack of availability of any appropriate presenters)
- 1.2 MVM tabled and talked through a paper concerning 'Key Priorities and Risks' for London North.
- 1.3 Waltham Forest College inspection went well (overall 3 – Satisfactory) with a 2 (Good) in 'Capacity to Improve'. Council congratulated Carol Gibson and the College and acknowledged the commitment to continuous improvement.
- 1.4 Question about how many staff LSC London North has 'lost'. MVM – have agreed 7 voluntary severance requests (although they haven't all left yet)
- 1.5 Question about the 14-19 Implementation Plan and the curriculum. Answer – specialised Diplomas are now under development. MVM hasn't received a

final version of the Waltham Forest AWI Evaluation Report yet, but will distribute it when it arrives.

ACTION: MVM to circulate final version of Waltham Forest AWI Evaluation Report when it becomes available.

- 1.6 David Plank was thanked for submitting a paper for the Chair's Day re: Streamlining LSC Accountability. It was noted that it was passed forward to Rob Wye and David Hughes.
- 1.7 Minutes approved as accurate.

Item 2. Performance Review (Yolande Burgess)

- 2.1 This review is in the context of the Spring Review provided for David Hughes and then Mark Haysom.
- 2.2 YB ran through the content of the report and then invited members to ask questions:
- 2.3 We will no longer be contracting with Middlesex University for delivery of Foundation Studies in Art & Design, but there is alternative provision for this in the area.
- 2.4 Discussion concerning the validity and reliability of some of the statistical analysis, especially participation rates. Data primarily relates to the Institutions in the area that receive funding, not the residents. Query as to whether a sub-regional break down of this material is available. YB stated that it will be available later in the year.
- 2.5 Discussion concerning NEET figures – Connexions confirmed that it now had access to largely accurate information.

ACTION: Lenny Kinnear to be invited to present on the characteristics of the NEET group in North London (including data concerning diversity), at a future Council meeting,

- 2.6 It was noted that increasing Level 2 at 19 is a key issue for ministers
- 2.7 Council looked at levels of 'Success'. Numbers of apprenticeship completions are still relatively poor. The Work-based Learning procurement policy has been changed to try and address this.
- 2.8 Discussion regarding how attractive it is to employers to take on apprentices and what incentives there are, especially in an area like North London where there are a large majority of small businesses

ACTION: YB to find out for what proportion of adults in North London have a Level 2 and how this compares with the past.

Item 3. ESF Pan-London (Mary Vine-Morris in place of Sarah Carrick)

- 3.1 Afzal Akram declared an interest as his company is potentially involved in this programme.
- 3.2 MVM talked through a tabulated information paper regarding successful tenders for the Pan London 2 ESF Programme. Members were then invited to discuss and ask questions:
- 3.3 Query concerning the future of ESF Programme. MVM informed the meeting that the ESF Strategic Framework is currently the subject for consultation on

revision. Tony Medewar reported that a response has gone from the Mayor and other partners concerning this review. The Government will announce the outcome by the end of July.

ACTION: TM to report back on this at a future Council Meeting.

Item 4. Haringey Update (Mary Vine-Morris for Lindsay Bates)

- 4.1 MVM introduced the newly appointed Partnership Directors at London North: Yolande Burgess (Haringey) and Sarah Carrick (Waltham Forest). Lindsay Bates has a new post in London Central, but will take up an interim role at London West. Council members welcomed new appointments and thanked LB for all her hard work, especially in terms of the new Haringey institution.
- 4.2 Update: All is going ahead according to plan. June Jarrett (Principal) will be invited to the October Council meeting. The Vice Principals are also being appointed.
- 4.3 There is a meeting on 13th June between LSC London North, Haringey Council and Bill Rammell MP to resolve the issue of funding for the transition costs.
- 4.4 Joan McVittie, the Council member on the interim governing body, gave a further update. The Chair of the governing body has just resigned and the appointment of the next Chair will be key to the future successful operation of the group. Curriculum development is going apace and June Jarrett is doing a very good job. MVM confirmed that June was to be invited to the October Council meeting to present on progress.
- 4.5 MVM – the LSC were proposing that given the change in personnel an early meeting with Principals and other interested parties should be arranged to re-visit and remind all stakeholders of the original objectives and priorities.

Item 5. Streamlining LSC Accountability (Peter Lyne)

- 5.1 Discussion around the update paper that was produced after the Chair's Day. There is a need to retain the Council's influence whilst streamlining the administrative support provided by local offices, as well as transferring some of the statutory powers to the regional board. Peter pointed out that this paper can be seen as a 'direction of travel' and it is now up to the Council how they will work with this.

ACTION: Chair to meet with Area Director in order to produce a document outlining how they feel the local Council should progress, new ways of working and what functions it should have.

Members highlighted that the Council has always worked well with the Executive Director and SMT at London North, and also that members are still very focused on the individual learners they are ultimately working for.

Item 6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 The Chair and Council formally appointed Mary Vine-Morris, the new Director of Area, as a member of the Council.
- 6.2 The next Council meeting will hopefully be held at a Work Based Learning provider.

- 6.3 The Review of the London Plan is on the GLA website –including proposals to change the regional boundaries in London.
- 6.4 Wally Steel (Job Centre Plus) thanked the Council as he felt the meeting was very informative.

Meeting chair	Peter Lyne
Minute taker	Clare Kearns
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