

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

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Subject Seventy Third Council Meeting
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Present Peter Lyne
David Plank
Alison Dickens
Grace Igbasi
Keith Weller

LSC staff Mary Vine-Morris
Sarah Carrick
Hassan Shami
David Clayton

Apologies Afzal Akram
Paul Butler
Nick Drane
Ian Ferguson

Item 1. Welcome and minutes of last meeting

1.1 The minutes of 6 July were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Item 2. Matters arising

2.1 Leyton Sixth Form College received approval for their in-principle capital funding application to LSC National Capital Committee. Barnet College planning application to Barnet Council was successful.

Item 3. Update on Haringey Sixth Form Centre

3.1 YB has discussed with June Jarrett circumstances regarding the shortfall in funding for ICT. June's view is that the ICT is appropriate for the learners although perhaps not the "Rolls Royce" equipment initially detailed.

MVM gave an update on the enrolments for 2007-08. There were 627 enrolments by 6th September (550 Target) and expected final numbers are projected to be 580-590 (of which 180 A-Level students). The most popular subjects are Business/ICT followed by Art and Media. There was less

interest than anticipated in Music Production and sufficient numbers for one class in Catering. The only subject not going ahead is AS Geography. Staff morale is high and another wave of staff recruitment is due to take place.

Action: Letter from Council to pass on congratulations

Item 4. Leitch Implementation Plan

- 4.1 HSH gave a presentation on the Leitch Implementation Plan and its implications for local commissioning.
- 4.2 Discussion centred on how much resource would be concentrated on reform of various agencies involved.

PL questioned whether 'hooks' (to get people into training leading to employment) were sufficient to engage the hardest-to-reach. There was also discussion around whether there was sufficient alignment with benefits reform.

Discussion around SSCs and the fact that they are insufficiently funded by employers – therefore difficult to imagine employers making statutory contribution to training as hinted at in the plan.

Highlighted critical importance of agencies working together in order to achieve the plan.

Item 5. ESF 2007-2013 Programme

- 5.1 DC presented the plan for the next ESF Programme; its priorities, targets and the new internal management and monitoring arrangements.
- 5.2 PL asked if LSC Co-Financed Programme, which represents 56% of the total ESF, is an increase in the amount of funding that the LSC administered in the last programme.

Action: SC to investigate

- 5.3 Discussion around how the LDA will ensure they are adequately resourced to manage the programme and how they will manage themselves as a CFO, ensuring an appropriate separation of duties.

Item 6. Further Education and Training Bill update

- 5.1 HSH talked through paper on the Education and Skills Bill and stated that the Bill was expected to pick up some of the Machinery of Government changes. In response to a question about whether The FE Training Bill could be delayed beyond Queen's speech, HSH explained that the Speaker has the authority to put a stop to further discussions and that the Commons has the final say. The two bills will be dealt with separately.

PL highlighted implications for Council, confirming that local councils will not be disbanded before alternative governance arrangements are agreed and implemented. The Council agreed that the only imminent formal decision-making item of business for them to resolve was the detailed application of

the Barnet College capital application. They agreed to reconvene the Capital and Finance Sub- Committee to deal with this. The date for the final Council dinner was set as Friday 30th November (venue to be notified).

Action: All to put date in diary!

Item 7. Any Other Business.

7.1 It was agreed not to convene a Council Meeting in October.

7.2 MVM invited council members to put forward items they would like to consider at the November meeting (other than 2006-07 performance). Initial suggestions were:

- White working class report
- Discretionary funding – use of contingency funds

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