

LSC CAPITAL PROGRAMME – SELECTING PROJECTS TO GO FORWARD

FORMAL MINUTE OF DECISION

1 On 24 June 2009, all National Council members received a paper setting out proposals for how new capital projects could be selected and funded. The Council was asked to agree proposals for progressing to the next stage of funding new further education capital projects. The paper provided the Council with details about the process for arriving at identifying the 13 projects which the Council was being asked to approve to go forward to the next stage in the process. An earlier version of the paper had been considered by the Capital Sub Group and where possible their comments and responses had been taken on board and included in the paper.

2 Council members were asked to respond to the recommendations by the next day in anticipation of a written Ministerial Statement accompanying an LSC announcement on Friday 26 June.

3 Sufficient National Council responses were received on time to ensure a quorate decision was taken.

4 The recommendations were **approved** with a number of comments being made, as follows:

- Communications must be well handled, particularly in relation to:
 - The unsuccessful colleges
 - the “Challenge Fund”
 - the possible competition for small projects
- Consider increasing the cost reduction percentage to be requested of the 13 from 7% to 10%
- Ensure the value for money exercise does not become overly bureaucratic
- Position on fees and “sunk” costs to be clearly articulated.