

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Date 17 January 2007
Subject Special Council Meeting
Location Boardroom, Moongate House
Time 16:30
LSC office Tyne and Wear
Publication intent Public

Present Ashley Winter (Chair), David Cheetham, Graham Randell, Mohammed Farsi, Peter Slee, Carol Barwick, Michael Stephenson

In attendance Peter Robertson, Connexions Tyne & Wear

LSC staff John Wayman, Michael Johnston, Chris Ord and Susan Milburn

Item 1. Apologies

1.1 Received from Christopher Edwards, Morven Smith, Gill Hale and David Barker

Item 2. Introduction and Context

- 2.1 John Wayman advised Council Members that the Annual Plan is a very early draft and was prepared using initial guidance from National Office. Since then the Leitch Report on Skills has been published and recommendations from this will now impact on the content of the plan.
- 2.2 Case conferences have also recently been held (one for each Local Authority area) which has resulted in the collation of more information and intelligence about each area that could now be included in the plan.
- 2.3 The plan needs to be consistent with other local office plans however, a Tyne & Wear emphasis is required.
- 2.4 As it stands the Annual Plan is too long and detailed and requires editing.

Item 3. Annual Statement of Priorities

3.1 Michael Johnston gave a summary of the 4 key LSC priorities and targets and how through collaboration, a changed approach to planning and demand led responsiveness these priorities can be begin to be addressed.

Item 4. Regional Commissioning Plan

- 4.1 Submitted: Regional Commissioning Plan
- 4.2 The Regional Commissioning Plan sets out the vision for the region and echoes much of the elements of the Annual Plan with particular emphasis on learning for young people, improving skills, raising the performance of provision and the continuing economic development and regeneration of the region.
- 4.3 It is a huge remit within an already challenging environment

Item 5. Local Plan

- 5.1 Submitted: Draft Tyne & Wear Annual Plan 2007-08
- 5.2 Chris Ord explained to Council that this is only the first stage of consultation of the plan and there will be further opportunities to contribute to it. The purpose of the Special Council meeting is to provoke a discussion and consider suggestions and comments from members.
- 5.3 Council members suggested that the Local context of Tyne & Wear could draw out more of the positive progress made. Successes such as the recent Capital investments and the introduction of Partnership Teams at Local Authority level could be covered more in the Plan.
- 5.4 The future demographics of the area are an important factor - fewer young people, more migrant workers and the changing profile of BME will all impact on provision and the need for it to be more flexible and responsive.
- 5.5 Some of the information needs to be updated as there are figures quoted from 2003/04.

Item 6. Next steps

- 6.1 Executive to consider all the comments and suggestions as part of the next redraft. Further guidance from National Office to be followed and information produced from the recent case conferences to be considered for inclusion.
- 6.2 The Annual Plan will be circulated for further consultation prior to the next Council meeting on Monday 26th February when the plan will be put forward for formal approval.
- 6.3 The plan will then go to the Regional Board meeting on 9th March with the final publication on 31st March.

Signed: -----

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