

Minutes

Agenda item A



Leading learning and skills

Date 19 October 2006
Subject Local Council Meeting
Location Stainton Room
Time 08:30
LSC office Tees Valley
Publication intent Public

Present Mr T Dabbs (Chair)
Mr T Crompton
Mr K Cranney
Mr J Hogg
Ms P Whaley
Prof G Henderson

In attendance Mr S Davidson, Jobcentre Plus
Mr S Dearlove, Connexions Tees Valley

LSC staff Miss H Smirhson, Council Secretary
Miss S Middleton, Administrator

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Mr J Hughes, Council Member
Mr D Irwin, Connexions Tees Valley
Mr M Taylor, Business Link Tees Valley
Mr J Fitzpatick, Council Member
Ms P Osbourne, Council Member
Ms A Haskins, Council Member
Mr I Williams, Council Member
Mr R Mallon, Council Member

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 The chair welcomed Professor Graham Henderson to the meeting.

Noted

Item 2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations.

Noted

Item 3. Minutes of last meeting

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2006 were accepted as a true record.

Noted

Item 4. Matters arising

- 4.1 City Region** The proposal has now been submitted regarding the Tees Valley City Region, copies have previously been circulated to members. A Skills sub group has been set up to take the proposal forward. The LSC will facilitate this group and have also agreed to provide support and staffing. The Area Director South attended the first steering group and was heartened by the collaboration by the Local Authorities.
- 4.2 Working Together Strategy** A meeting has been arranged to discuss delivery of this strategy, Mr Cranney and Ms Whaley are to be involved.
- 4.3 Risk Management** The regional risk register is still to be completed to date, however once complete the register will be presented to council.
- 4.4 Future of Audit and Quality Committee** Nothing to report on this item, therefore no paper submitted.
- 4.5 Finance and Budgets** Regional Expenditure Report and Budget Allocation paper submitted to council.

Item 5. Chair's Report

- 5.1 National Chairs' Day** The Chairman gave feedback to members on the National Chairs' Day. Members were informed that Regional Councils will be established, subject to the passage of necessary legislation. The Chairman reiterated that in the remaining time Local Councils still have a key contribution to make, which also includes the development of the 07/08 Local Plans.
- 5.2** Member were informed that Regional Chair vacancies were expected to be advertised in January 2007, then regional Council Members subsequently. National Council membership in turn is to reduce to around 12 members.
- 5.3** It was agreed that over the coming months the council will focus on
- Structure of Institutions
 - Contestability
 - NEET's
 - City Region
 - Deprivation
- 5.4** Council members questioned whether the 9 regional councils may be structured the same. The Chairman informed members that the structure for regional councils will predominately be similar but there will be opportunity for local flexibility to suit each region.

Item 6. The Transition Agenda

6.1 A presentation was delivered to members regarding impending key issues for the Tees Valley. A copy of the presentation will be circulated with the minutes for information.

ACTION: Council Secretary

6.2 It was agreed to circulate a copy of the new Statement of Priorities to members on email once received.

ACTION: Council Secretary

Item 7. Area Directors' Report

7.1 Staffing update Tees Valley is still currently running with 7 vacancies. Interviews have now taken place regarding the post of Partnership Director for Hartlepool. Unfortunately an appointment will not be made following interviews, as a result the post will go to national advert.

7.2 Partnership Team Updates Members were advised that Stockton Riverside College have now opened their new building. Work on the Middlesbrough College Capital new build is now under way. Darlington College's new campus is also now open and there is an opportunity for members to visit the new college if they wish.

7.3 Members were informed that a 14-19 Rapid Response Inspection has been carried out in Redcar and Cleveland. Feedback is expected shortly.

Item 8. Local Capital Committee -21 September 2006

8.1 Members received feedback from the Local Capital Committee meeting which took place on the 21 September 2006.

8.2 Members were advised that the Redcar and Cleveland College proposal was approved in principle following further details submitted by the Regional Property Adviser.

NOTED

8.3 Also the Prior Pursglove College proposal was approved with the committees recommendations.

NOTED

8.4 A copy of the minutes of the 21 September 2006 meeting will be circulated with the minutes.

8.5 National Capital Committee The chair fed back to members on the outcome of the National Capital Committee. Members were advised that the proposal for Redcar and Cleveland College was approved. The committee did how ever raise concerns regarding the Colleges financial deficit. The committee did how ever reject Prior Pursglove College's submission of 40% but did agree to approve at 35%.

8.6 Members asked if the committee's decision making criteria could be fed back to members of the local council.

NOTED

Item 9. Business Planning Cycle

9.1 A paper was circulated to members with the Council Papers. The Area Director explained to members that the purpose of the paper was to outline the Business Planning Cycle for 2007/08. Members were informed that the local Annual Plan draft would be brought to the January 2007 Council meeting for approval.

Item 10. Any other business

10.1 Connexions Update Members were advised that the disaggregation of the Connexions service to the five local authorities will be completed by April 2007. Locally based staff will be TUPE'D over and centrally (circa 53) based staff will be made redundant. Arrangements will be made to retain a Tees Valley management information system hosted by Stockton for 2 years initially. Discussions with 14-19 co-ordinators on preserving the Connexions website are in progress. There are considerable anxieties regarding the look of secure arrangements for the Learn2Work contract after March 2007. At present no bookings can be made for work experience in the summer term. No host has been identified for the period leading up to a decision on reallocating the Learn2Work contracts.

ACTION: Area Director

10.2 There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.50 am.

Item 11. Date of next meeting

11.1 The next meeting of the local council will take place on Tuesday 11 January 2006, 8.30 – 12.00 in the Stainton Room, LSC Tees Valley.

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Meeting chair

Terry Dabbs

Minute taker

Hannah Smithson

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