

LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL CUMBRIA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2004 AT THE OFFICES OF LSC CUMBRIA, WORKINGTON, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

Council:

Rob Cairns (RC)
Victoria Ashfield (VA)
Mick Farley (MF)
Pat Glenday (PG)
Chris l'Anson (Cl)
Mike Smith (MS)
Jack Stopforth (JS)
Mike Thorpe (MT)
John Weir (JW)

Observers:

Pam Flynn (PF) - representing Nigel Burke (NB)

In attendance:

John duBarry (JdB)
Lindsay Harford (LH)
Jon Power (JP)
Elspeth Smith (ES)

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<p>1. <u>Apologies and Introductions</u></p> <p>Apologies – Council – Norman Burrow, Tricia Calway, Anne Diss, Cath Fare, Peter Irving, Graham Lamont, Jack Stopforth. Observers – Nigel Burke, Mick Carey/Sue Chester, Siân Rees.</p> <p>The Chair introduced John duBarry to the meeting.</p> <p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <table><tr><td>Rob Cairns</td><td>West Lakes Renaissance</td></tr><tr><td>Victoria Ashfield</td><td>LEA</td></tr><tr><td>Pat Glenday</td><td>Lakes College-West Cumbria, FE</td></tr><tr><td>Chris l'Anson</td><td>WBL, IAG</td></tr><tr><td>Rob Johnston</td><td>NWDA</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Smith</td><td>WBL, Lakes College-West Cumbria, Nuclear Skills</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Thorpe</td><td>TUC, Kendal College</td></tr><tr><td>John Weir</td><td>Voluntary Sector</td></tr></table>	Rob Cairns	West Lakes Renaissance	Victoria Ashfield	LEA	Pat Glenday	Lakes College-West Cumbria, FE	Chris l'Anson	WBL, IAG	Rob Johnston	NWDA	Mike Smith	WBL, Lakes College-West Cumbria, Nuclear Skills	Mike Thorpe	TUC, Kendal College	John Weir	Voluntary Sector	
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<p>3. <u>Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 July 2004</u></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>																	
<p>4. <u>Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda</u></p> <p>Visit of Steven Broomhead – it was agreed that, in future, Council should have more preparation time before a guest attended a Council meeting.</p> <p>Gender Stereotyping – It had been agreed to meet with Connexions in the early autumn regarding this in the context of work-based learning. It was hoped that the Business Gazette might also produce articles relating to this.</p>																	

<p>5. <u>Notes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 19 May 2004</u></p> <p>These were received and noted by Council.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Notes of the IAG Strategy Board held on Thursday 27 May 2004</u></p> <p>These were received and noted by Council.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Notes of the Equality and Diversity Advisory Group held on Thursday 29 June 2004</u></p> <p>The Chair of the Group voiced his disappointment at the level of attendance. Victoria Ashfield offered to join the Group and to involve some others from the LEA, to ensure consistent attendance. John Weir also volunteered to join the Group.</p> <p>Future dates of meetings to be forwarded to Council members.</p> <p>Noted that no major employer sitting on the Group.</p> <p>The notes were then received and noted by Council.</p>	ES
<p>8. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The Executive Director outlined his report.</p> <p>Case for Carlisle – All in favour of Carlisle City's submission.</p> <p>Collaboration – All in favour of external evaluation taking place.</p> <p>Staff Structure – Not finalised, still in discussion with Coventry but will move forward as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Workington.</p> <p>FOI Act – Council agreed that Council minutes and those of sub-committees should be published on the Internet.</p> <p>The paper was duly noted.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Chair's Day in London</u></p> <p>The paper was duly noted.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Concordat between Regional Development Agencies and the Learning and Skills Council</u></p> <p>The Concordat was noted by Council.</p>	
<p>11. <u>FE Allocations</u></p> <p>The paper was duly noted and accepted by Council.</p>	
<p>12. <u>WBL Allocations</u></p> <p>The paper was duly noted and accepted by Council.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Managed Collaboration</u></p> <p>Graham Lamont to be asked to give an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>The paper was duly noted and accepted by Council.</p>	GL

<p>14. <u>Higher Education in Cumbria</u></p> <p>The paper was duly noted and accepted by Council.</p>	
<p><u>Tabled Papers</u></p> <p>Government's Five Year Strategy for Children and Learners- for information and to note.</p> <p>Investing in Skills – for information. It was agreed to bring this to the next meeting.</p> <p>Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) – for information.</p>	<p>M F</p>
<p>15. <u>Any other urgent business</u></p> <p>The Chair informed Council about the Chair of LSC Manchester.</p> <p>The Chair recorded the thanks of the Chair of the Audit Committee and Members to Madeleine Warren. The Council wished her well.</p> <p>Radio 4 "File on Four" Programme – The Executive Director reported that there had not been any local enquiries regarding the contents of this broadcast. It was agreed that a paper should come to the next Council on health and safety.</p>	<p>M F</p>
<p>16. <u>Date etc of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 September 2004 at the LSC's premises, Venture House, Guard Street, Workington, commencing at 2.30 p.m.</p>	

Signed..... Date.....