

**LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL CUMBRIA**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2004 AT  
THE HUNDAY MANOR HOTEL, WORKINGTON, COMMENCING AT 4.00 P.M.**

**Present:**

**Council:**           **(Chair)** Jack Stopforth  
Norman Burrow  
Tricia Calway  
Anne Diss  
Cath Fare  
Mick Farley  
Pat Glenday  
Chris l'Anson  
Peter Irving  
Graham Lamont  
Mike Smith  
Mike Thorpe  
John Weir

**Observers:**           Nigel Burke  
Mick Carey  
Brian Lightowler

**In attendance:**       Reg Chapman  
Lindsay Harford  
Paul Holme  
Craig Ivison  
John Korzeniewski  
Marjorie Pickthall  
Jon Power  
Elspeth Smith

	<b>ACTION</b>												
<p><b>1. <u>Apologies and Introductions</u></b></p> <p>Apologies – Council – Victoria Ashfield, Rob Johnston. Observers – Siân Rees.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed John Korzeniewski (NW Regional Director), Paul Holme, (NW Regional Director of Skills), Marjorie Pickthall (14-19 Manager), Craig Ivison (Senior WBL Adviser) and Reg Chapman (Consultant working on College Collaboration Project) to the meeting.</p> <p>He also noted that it was Norman Burrow's last Council meeting.</p> <p><b>2. <u>Appointment of Vice-Chair</u></b> – Mike Thorpe was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair.</p> <p><b>3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <table><tr><td>Cath Fare</td><td>Kendal College</td></tr><tr><td>Pat Glenday</td><td>Lakes College-West Cumbria, FE</td></tr><tr><td>Chris l'Anson</td><td>WBL, IAG, Adult Training, 14-19</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Smith</td><td>WBL, Lakes College-West Cumbria, Nuclear Skills</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Thorpe</td><td>TUC</td></tr><tr><td>John Weir</td><td>ESF, CDCs, 14-19</td></tr></table>	Cath Fare	Kendal College	Pat Glenday	Lakes College-West Cumbria, FE	Chris l'Anson	WBL, IAG, Adult Training, 14-19	Mike Smith	WBL, Lakes College-West Cumbria, Nuclear Skills	Mike Thorpe	TUC	John Weir	ESF, CDCs, 14-19	
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<p><b>4. <u>Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 September 2004</u></b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda</u></b></p> <p>Fees Consultation – no feedback received as yet.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 11 November 2004</u></b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Wednesday 22 September 2004</u></b></p> <p>Peter Irving outlined the minutes and reported on the meeting with Kendal College. Audit Committee had taken comfort from the report and felt more confident. The situation will be closely monitored and exceptional support will be dependent on the Recovery Plan. John Korzeniewski pointed out that exceptional support was no longer a foregone conclusion.</p> <p>Council re-iterated its agreement that it should submit a proposal for exceptional support for Kendal College.</p> <p>The minutes were duly received and noted.</p>	
<p><b>8. <u>Minutes of the Young People’s Learning Committee held on Friday 5 November 2004</u></b></p> <p>Peter Irving outlined the minutes. Congratulations were noted for the County Pathfinder which had two case studies included in the Tomlinson Report.</p> <p>Sixth Form Colleges – John Korzeniewski advised that this issue will have to be monitored but he did not feel that it would result in a “free for all”.</p> <p>The minutes were duly received and noted.</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>Executive Director’s Report</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Director outlined this report. He confirmed that <i>NEXTStep</i> would replace New Frontiers locally. He also confirmed that the disruption on 5 November (PCS Industrial Action) had been minimal.</p> <p>It was agreed that if further funding could be agreed then the Apprenticeship Agent would go out to competitive tender.</p> <p>The report was duly received and noted.</p>	
<p><b>10. <u>Regional Director/Regional Director for Skills</u></b></p> <p>John Korzeniewski briefed Council members as to how the regional roles were taking shape. It was important that all local performance was pulled into a regional perspective. The new Regional Board was now functioning well and would draw on best practice from around the region. He added that the LSC is now a “bottom-up” organisation with Executive Directors feeding into the Regional Director; including the local plan which goes via the Regional Director to National Office.</p>	

<p>Paul Holme concurred with this and added that although the region was very diverse many other organisations worked regionally.</p> <p>Council re-iterated its desire to ensure that the “localness” and individualism of Cumbria was not overtaken by the region. The Chair thanked John and Paul for their contribution to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>11. <u>Excellence in Cumbria Awards 2004</u></b></p> <p>The dated of the final (24 March 2005) was noted and the paper was duly received.</p>	
<p><b>12. <u>College Collaboration</u></b></p> <p>The Chair introduced Reg Chapman and invited him to outline his report. Council members were encouraged by the work done so far and congratulated Reg, Graham and Lindsay for the results. Thanks also go to the College Principals and Chairs of Governing Bodies for the collaborative spirit shown.</p> <p>The paper was duly noted and received by Council.</p>	
<p><b>13. <u>Learning Carlisle</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Director outlined the report. Council agreed that this paper could be shared with the Operational Management Group (OMG) of the Learning Carlisle Group.</p> <p>The Executive Director confirmed that the Two-Year Action Plan was being closely monitored and that school Heads were aware that the proposal of a Sixth Form College in Carlisle may be re-introduced should this group fail to deliver.</p> <p>The paper were duly received and noted.</p>	
<p><b>14. <u>14-19 Curriculum and Qualification Reform (Tomlinson)</u></b></p> <p>The paper was duly noted and received by Council.</p>	
<p><b>15. <u>University Education in Cumbria</u></b></p> <p>Thanks were minuted for all the work involving the Executive Director in his role as a catalyst in the developmental work of the 'virtual' university. The Council unanimously welcomes the development of HE and expressed its strong support for the business plan developed by the Fender Group.</p> <p>The paper was duly noted and received by Council.</p>	
<p><b>16. <u>Employer Offer</u></b></p> <p>Jon Power outlined the paper.</p> <p>The Chair informed Council that he had received seven offers for hosting of Council meetings.</p> <p>The paper was duly noted and received by Council.</p>	
<p><b>17. <u>Skills for Nuclear and Environmental Restoration</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Director outlined the paper and also tabled a copy of the letter from Patricia Hewitt to Jack Cunningham. The letter showed the importance</p>	

<p>put on this by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The Council unanimously expressed its support for the proposals relating to a National Nuclear Academy and to Nucleus.</p> <p>The paper was duly noted and received by Council.</p>	
<p><b>18. <u>Adult and Community Learning</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Director outlined the paper. It was suggested that the Chair and the Executive Director will meet with colleagues from CREDITS. John Weir volunteered to join them. It was also agreed that it is the County Council to decide of the future of CREDITS.</p> <p>The paper was duly noted and received by Council.</p>	<b>M F</b>
<p><b>19. <u>Investing in Skills: Taking Forward the Skills Strategy</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Director outlined the paper for information. It was duly noted and received by Council.</p>	
<p><b>20. <u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Grant Letter – 15% reduction in the Administration Budget – to be discussed at the January meeting.</p> <p>Thanks were recorded for Norman Burrow’s great contribution to the Council and members wished him well for the future.</p>	<b>M F</b>
<p><b>21. <u>Date of Future Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 26 January 2005  Wednesday 30 March 2005  Wednesday 25 May 2005  Wednesday 27 July 2005  Wednesday 28 September 2005  Wednesday 30 November 2005</p> <p>Times and locations to be advised.</p>	

**Signed**..... **Date**.....