

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Minutes of meeting

Date	30 March 2005
Subject	Council Meeting
Location	Sellafield Visitors Centre
Time	14:00
LSC office	Cumbria
Publication intent	Public

Present	Jack Stopforth, Victoria Ashfield, Cath Fare, Mick Farley, Pat Glenday, Chris l'Anson, Peter Irving, Mike Smith, Mike Thorpe, John Weir
In attendance	Ohwoisi Ekwaaju (representing Nigel Burke)
LSC staff	John duBarry, Lindsay Harford, Ann Walsh, Elspeth Smith.
Apologies	Apologies were received from: Graham Baldwin, Tricia Calway, Anne Diss, Rob Johnston, Graham Lamont. Nigel Burke, Mick Carey, Brian Lightowler, Sian Rees, Jon Power.

Item 1. Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest

1.1 Declaration of Interests:

John Weir – ESF

Chris l'Anson – WBL, Adult, IAG, Connexions

Mike Smith – Nuclear Skills, ESF, WBL, FE, Sixth Form

Pat Glenday – FE

Cath Fare – Kendal College

Item 2. Minutes of last meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2005 were accepted as a true record.

Item 3. Matters arising

- 3.1 Item 18 – CREDITS – After discussions around the relationship with CREDITS it was agreed that as the situation had changed and time had passed that a meeting with CREDITS would not now be necessary.

John Weir had attended the County Council's Scrutiny Panel meeting and he felt that old ground should not be gone over. The LSC was wholly supportive of the

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Council's new approach with regard to CDCs and CREDITS. However, it was agreed that the Executive Director should write to CREDITS to explain the Council's position.

Action: Executive Director

- 3.2 Item 8 – Funding of Work Based Learning – A statement had been prepared for the Chair's signature and agreed by Council, this would be sent to Stephen Gardner, Director of Work Based Learning at National Office.

Action: Elspeth Smith

Item 4. Minutes of Special Council Meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2005 were accepted as a true record. Congratulations were noted to all staff involved in the production of the Annual Report.

Item 5. Minutes of the Young People's Learning Committee

- 5.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2005 were accepted as a true record and duly noted.

Item 6. Executive Director's Report

- 6.1 The Executive Director outlined his report.
- 6.2 Learning Carlisle – the following statement was agreed.

Council –

- recognises that as a result of the Carlisle floods a number of schools in the City face difficulties.
- welcomes the discussions now taking place about the future of secondary school provision in the City and the local LSC's involvement in these.
- is of the view that the discussions must result in a resolution of the surplus places issue.
- places on record that these discussions must not distract from the implementation in full and on time of the Learning Carlisle Action Plan.
- wishes to see Carlisle College and the NWRDA involved immediately in a meaningful way in the discussions.
- wishes to see work-based learning providers involved.
- understands notwithstanding that the local LSC will continue to contest the position that any capital the LSC may have for 16-19 school provision is likely to be for additional new places and not for the restructuring/reconfiguration of existing places.
- would wish to see employers involved in any wider consultation.

- 6.3 IAG – congratulations were recorded to all concerned in the recent inspection.
- 6.4 Nuclear Skills Update – the steering group consists of NDA, NWRDA and LSC.
- 6.5. Leadership and Management Programme Update – It was agreed that a more detailed outline of the programme would be provided for Council members to highlight the process, outputs and who holds the contract.
- 6.6 Summer Learning and Skills Programme – The Executive Director confirmed that there would be sufficient funding to maintain this programme in the coming year.

Action: Executive Director

- 6.7 Kendal College – Progress update on Strategic Recovery Plan and Exceptional Support Proposal – John duBarry outlined this paragraph and informed Council that he had attended a very productive meeting with College staff on 23 March. He is reasonably confident that good progress is being made and the College will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis for the near future.

The Chair of the Audit Committee thanked John duBarry and other staff members who had been involved for all their hard work.

6.8 Addendum to Executive Director's Report

- 6.8.1 Barrow Schools etc – The Council agreed the revised paragraph as follows:

Council -

- agreed that it would not wish to see any proposals for Barrow that would destabilise existing post-16 provision in the area.

- 6.8.2 Excellence in Cumbria Awards - It was agreed that the video recording of the Excellence in Cumbria Awards would be shown at the next meeting. Council also agreed to support the 2005 awards and asked if the Executive could investigate attracting sponsorship.

It was also noted that the use of strobe lighting had not been intimated to those present before the beginning of the ceremony. This notice to be included in next year's running order.

Action: Executive Director

Item 7 Targets

This very helpful paper was duly noted.

Item 8 Budgets 2005/06

This paper was tabled for information only as the budget discussions were still taking place. The Executive Director will report back to the next meeting. It was duly noted.

Action: Executive Director

Item 9 The Offenders Learning and Skills Service (OLASS)

This paper was presented for information only and was duly noted.

Item 10 The 14-19 White Paper

The Chair informed Council that he and his fellow Chairs had not given Ivan Lewis an easy time at a dinner on 7 March about the way in which the Government appeared to cherry-pick from the Tomlinson Report. He (Ivan Lewis) was however very complimentary on the work of the LSC. The Chair is also due to attend a briefing on the Foster Review on Further Education.

The paper was duly noted.

Item 11 The Skills White Paper

This paper was tabled for information. It will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

Action: Elspeth Smith

Item 12 The Youth Green Paper

This has not been published and will therefore not now be progressed until after the election (if at all).

Item 13 Budget 2005

This paper was presented for information only and was duly noted.

Item 14 Any other urgent business

None.

Item 15 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 25 May 2005 at the offices of Kimberley-Clark Ltd, Barrow in Furness, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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Meeting chair

Jack Stopforth

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