

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Date 2 May 2007
Subject Council
Location Conference Rooms A & B
Time 16.00hrs
LSC office Greater Manchester
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Present Ray Short
Elaine Bowker
Richard Guy
Abdul Hamied
Maggi Harris
Mike O'Hare
Mike Keegan
Dr Martin Smith
David Tomlinson

In attendance Jane Bracewell
Ian Ellis
Claire Jackson
Ian Pursglove
John Rawsthorne
Christine Rudge

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Sarah Firth
Mandy Gill
Abdul Jabbar
Councillor John Merry
Fiona Mellett
Councillor Sir Richard Leese

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Item 2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 30 March were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Item 3. Matters arising

- 3.1 A detailed presentation on NEETs to the meeting scheduled for 03 May 2007 – cleared to be presented under agenda item 6.
- 3.2 Any comments on the annual plan to EB or CJ asap – cleared no comments received.
- 3.3 A presentation to be received on Adult Skills at level 2 targets would be achieved – to be presented at a future meeting.

Item 4. Proposed merger of North Trafford College of Further Education and South Trafford College

- 4.1 JB presented paper 04/2007 which provided an evaluation of the proposed merger of North Trafford College of Further Education (NTC) and South Trafford College (STC).
- 4.2 Chair welcomed Bill Moorcroft, Principal, Antionette Lynthgoe, Director of Finance and Graham Lucock, Chair of Governors from South Trafford College and David Lawrence, Principal and Karen Heppleston-Bains, Chair of Governors from North Trafford College, who presented to the council, a copy is attached.
- 4.3 Chair thanked the representatives for their presentations and invited the council to ask questions.
- 4.4 Council enquired about participation rates for the college as it appeared that numbers were going down. The college confirmed that current provision will not be offered at the new merged college, and that there will be more focus on LSC priority provision.
- 4.5 The Council questioned the robustness of the case and how it will be evaluated in the future. JB confirmed that council could receive feedback on a quarterly basis. The representatives from the colleges assured the council that the governing bodies took the robustness very seriously and that it would be monitored very closely.
- 4.6 The council were concerned over the economy within Trafford and that a skill based provision would not deal with the current labour market in Trafford. The college responded by stating that there was currently a Science and Technology Centre and that the location of the college would allow a variety of learners to attend.
- 4.7 Chair thanked the representatives for their presentations and they left the room.

Decision: The local council recommends that the proposal meets the Learning and Skills Council's criteria for reorganisations and wishes to recommend the proposal to the Secretary of State for Education and Skills for approval.

Item 5. Rochdale 16-19 Competition

- 5.1 AH declared an interest as an employee of Rochdale MBC.
- 5.2

Item 6. Any other business

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Item 7. Date of next meeting

7.1 The next meeting of the Committee will take place on [Type date here](#) , and will take [Type subject here](#) as its focus.

Meeting chair	Ray Short
Minute taker	Christine Rudge
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