

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Minutes of meeting

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| Date | 19 April 2005 |
| Subject | Council Meeting |
| Location | Board Room |
| Time | 17:00 |
| LSC office | Lancashire |
| Publication intent | Internal |

Present

Nigel Burke
Nancy Cookson
Margaret Dudley
Tony Gill, Chair
Ray McManus
Alyson Malach
John Moverley
Peter Neill
Karen O'Donoghue
Janice Parker

LSC staff

Dave Cresswell
Andy Fawcett
Viv King
Steve Palmer
Sandra Whyte

Apologies

Apologies have been received from:
Jeff Cowburn
Hazel Harding
Steve Johnson
Malcolm McVicar
Clive Memmott
Khalid Saifullah
Greg Turner

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 Tony Gill welcomed all present.

Item 2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March were accepted as a true record.

Item 3. Matters arising

- 3.1 Steve Palmer reported that Jeff Cowburn had agreed to host the July meeting at Training 2000. A schedule highlighting venues and dates of future Board meetings will be available at the next meeting.

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Item 4. Progress on Developing the Provider Infrastructure

- 4.1 Sandra Whyte gave the Board a presentation on the progress made on Developing the Provider Infrastructure, which was discussed at the Board Awayday in January.
- 4.2 Sandra reported that there was concern over the 19+ client group and how institutions are moving towards the funding available.
- 4.3 The Board felt that the LSC should be more innovative and look towards partnerships where funding could be sought on an urgent basis.
- 4.4 Sandra Whyte agreed to arrange a half day seminar to advise appropriate college representatives of alternative funding streams, best practice, evolution trends, future of adult 19+ and how it might look in 4/5 years time.
- 4.5 Sandra Whyte agreed to report back to the Board in 12 months with progress made on the colleges 16-18 and 19+ A, B, C, D position table.
- 4.6 The Board requested more detail on FE colleges loan repayment and how this is a burden to them against their growth.

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Item 5. Regional Performance Report - North West

- 5.1 Andy Fawcett was pleased to be able to give the Board an update on Lancashire LSCs performance. Andy explained that overall the figures gave a positive picture although we shouldn't become complacent because there is work still to be done in some areas.
- 5.2 It was noted that encouraging progress was being made on FE; there had been a steady increase in school 6th form; we had reached our target for apprenticeship starts; above the national average in entry to employment and skills for life and we have the highest number of adult learners in the region.
- 5.3 Areas of concern currently being looked at include adult success rates and apprenticeship success rates. Although these are improving more work needs to be done to ensure this continues.
- 5.4 The Board requested population figures be included in reports to give a clearer picture.
- 5.5 Andy Fawcett to look at whether there is a strategic case for increasing the capacity of our sixth forms and report back at the next meeting.

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Item 6. Executive Director's Report

- 6.1 Steve Palmer talked through his paper giving the Board the latest developments that were not already covered.
- 6.2 Viv King will report on the StAR 16-18 consultation exercise and the balance of supply and demand of provision in each travel to learn areas. The fruits of the Tomlinson consultation will also be brought back to the May meeting.

- 6.3 Steve Palmer informed the Board that budget information would become available following the Regional Management Team meeting on 21 April.

Item 7. Any other business

- 7.1 Tony Gill gave the Board an awareness of exp05 taking place over three days at Myerscough College commencing 18 October 2005. Dave Cresswell agreed to contact Peter Neill with details regarding the event.
- 7.2 Dave Cresswell gave an update on the current allocation of ETP and how the allocation was being distributed across the region.
- 7.3 Steve Palmer thanked Tony for his support and for deputising whilst a new Chair was being appointed.

Item 8. Date of next meeting

- 8.1 The next meeting of the Board will take place at 5pm on 17 May 2005 at LSC Lancashire.