

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Minutes of meeting

Date	20 September 2005
Subject	Council Meeting
Location	Preston Marriott
Time	16:00
LSC office	Lancashire
Publication intent	Internal

Present

Mike Collier, Chair
Nancy Cookson
Jeff Cowburn
Alyson Malach
Ray McManus
Clive Memmott
Peter Neill
Ekwaaju Ohwoisi
Karen O'Donoghue
Greg Turner

LSC staff

Dave Cresswell
Andy Fawcett
Viv King
Steve Palmer
Sandra Whyte

Apologies

Apologies have been received from:

Nigel Burke
Margaret Dudley
Tony Gill
Hazel Harding
Steve Johnson
Malcolm McVicar
Iqbal Memon
John Moverley
Janice Parker
Khalid Saifullah

Welcome and introductions

Mike Collier welcomed all present. Matthew Hirst, NW Regional Property Adviser attended for item 2. Ekwaaju Ohwoisi attended on behalf of Nigel Burke.

Scene Setting

Steve Palmer confirmed that the September Awayday was a follow on from the January Awayday as requested by the Board. The Board were given the opportunity to look at how Lancashire LSC was facing its bigger strategic challenges and agree an action plan for the way forward.

Steve Palmer informed the Board that the agenda had been amended to allow enough time for John Korzeniewski, North West Regional Director to give a presentation to the Board on Theme 7 of Agenda for Change. Copies of the revised agenda were tabled.

Item 1. Minutes of last meeting

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising

4.4 Covered at item 2 on the agenda.

5.3 To be covered at the October Board meeting.

7.2 To be covered at the October Board meeting.

Item 2. Draft Lancashire Capital Plan

2.1 Andy Fawcett talked the Board through the draft Capital Plan that had been prepared and distributed with the papers. The paper reported on progress to date and asked the Board for comments and input on the content.

2.2 Andy Fawcett informed the Board that Lancashire was one of the first local offices to have produced a draft plan at this stage. Consultation with colleges, local authorities and other partners is currently taking place to ensure all partners are working together.

2.3 Andy Fawcett will bring a refined version of the plan to the November meeting for further debate.

Action: AF

Item 3. Future Planning Arrangements: East Lancashire Colleges

3.1 Andy Fawcett talked through the paper which gave background information on the assessment of the demand and supply of post 16 provision in East Lancashire. The Board were made aware that colleges in East Lancashire were reluctant to share student data with each other due to being in the same competitive arena.

3.2 Concern was expressed with regard to the voluntary and community sector. It was felt that due to the further education sector having the bigger slice of the budget the voluntary and community sector was being lost sight of.

3.3 Andy Fawcett will develop a clear strategic plan for the future alongside the capital strategy and bring to the October meeting.

Action: AF

Item 4. Executive Director's Report

4.1 Steve Palmer talked through his paper giving the board opportunity to ask questions on the issues raised.

4.2 Karen O'Donoghue gave verbal clarification on the wording under section 5 of the report.

Item 5. Agenda for Change, Theme 7 – John Korzeniewski

- 5.1 John Korzeniewski, North West Regional Director joined the Board for this item. He shared with the Board the presentation given to staff on Friday 16 September.
- 5.2 John Korzeniewski explained that there was going to be a reduction of 1300 staff across the LSC. The number of staff cuts per LLSC would vary dependent on the number of colleges, schools and local authorities they cover.
- 5.3 The proposed structure for the north west is headed by the Regional Director and his team consisting of Skills Director, Learning Planning and Performance Director, Finance and Resourcing Director, Area Directors and Head of Communications and Marketing. Local offices will be headed by Area Directors supported by local Directors and Partnership Managers. There will be a Regional Centre which will be co-located with one of the local offices. The location for the centre has not been decided however the possible areas include Warrington, Preston or Manchester.
- 5.4 John Korzeniewski explained that Mark Haysom was keen for local councils to continue with their vital work of agreeing local plans and ensuring they were delivered.
- 5.5 John Korzeniewski stated that this reorganisation would help improve national and local links which in turn would deliver the targets set out in the plan.
- 5.6 Concern was highlighted that some experienced staff may move jobs leaving inexperienced staff behind to do the work. John Korzeniewski confirmed that there would be a recruitment exercise to fill any gaps.
- 5.7 John Korzeniewski confirmed that administration savings will be put back into the pot to benefit the learner.

Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place at 5pm on 18 October 2005 at LSC Lancashire.