

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Date	20 November 2007
Subject	LSC Lancashire Council Meeting
Location	City Gate, Preston
Time	1700 hours
LSC office	Lancashire
Publication intent	Internal

Present	Mike Collier Ian Haworth Tony Gill Karen O'Donoghue Alan Roff Greg Turner
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LSC staff	Ian Haworth Abdus Wadee Sandra Whyte Ian Kinder Bev Watson
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Apologies	Apologies have been received from: Alyson Malach Ray McManus Iqbal Memon John Moverley Peter Neill Khalid Saifullah Alison Wolstenholme Dave Cresswell
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Item 1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 The Deputy Chair, Tony Gill opened the meeting and informed Members that the Chair had advised he may be a little late if a previous meeting overruns.

Item 2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2007 were agreed as a true record.

Item 3. Matters arising

- 3.1 The Minutes from the Cardinal Newman College Local Board Sub Group were handed out.
- 3.2 Capital update from Ian Haworth:
- Burnley College cut the turf on the 7 November 2007 to start work on their capital build.
 - The Cardinal Newman College capital bid went to the Capital Committee and was approved.
 - Blackpool – Stephen Pegg, The Principal, has informed us that work will commence later this week.
 - Item 6 from the previous minutes – DCFS and DIUS are to issue a joint statement on funding shortly. This will set out what they are planning to do. The consultation will finish in January 2008 and then they will present their proposals. The FE bill is now an Act of Parliament.

Item 4. Statement of Priorities

- 4.1 Ian Haworth informed the Council that the Statement of Priorities came out on Friday 16 November 2007. The LSC held a presentation for Lancashire and Cumbria providers yesterday, 19 November 2007.
A morning presentation was given to FE/WBL providers and an afternoon presentation to school 6th forms.
- 4.2 Ian Haworth presented the main points of the Statement of Priorities. Sandra Whyte talked through a presentation on Performance in the North West and Issues for Lancashire.
At Level 3 Lancashire is behind the national average and this is echoed across the northwest.
Demography – the cohort is peaking this year. Next year there will be a 1% decrease, decreasing to 7% by 2011.
- 4.3 The northwest has the highest rate of NEET in the country at 20,000 young people.
- 4.4 The September guarantee has been important this year. Across the sub region we have done very well and have made 11th in the national tables for succeeding in getting young people out of NEET.
- 4.5 Abdus Wadee gave a presentation on the LSC Investment Strategy and answered questions from Members.
- 4.6 Ian Kinder gave a presentation on the LSC Business Cycle for 2008/09 and answered questions from Members.
- 4.7 Alan Roff queried whether there was going to be a Lancashire version of the Statement of Priorities. Ian Haworth informed the Council that Lancashire would produce a Statement of Need but that there would not be a Lancashire Commissioning plan.
- 4.8 Hard copies of all presentations to be sent out to all Members and Observers.

Action: Bev Watson

Item 5. Any other business

- 5.1 Ian Haworth informed the Council that Dave Cresswell has requested that a sub group meet at some point between 3 – 7 December 2007 to discuss a 6th Form School presumption for Blackburn with Darwen. The group is going to be joined by Roger Hoyle, Regional Chair. The new way of working will be such that Lancashire has a Capital Sub Group which reports to the Regional Board.

The following members to attend:

Mike Collier
Tony Gill
Ian Haworth
Iqbal Memon

Item 6. Date of next meeting

- 6.1 The next meeting of the Council is provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 18 December 2007 at City Gate offices, Preston.

Meeting chair	Mike Collier
Minute taker	Bev Watson
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