

Minutes DRAFT



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Date 15 November 2007
Subject Council
Location Conference Rooms A & B
Time 16.00hrs
LSC office Greater Manchester
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Present Elaine Bowker
Ray Short
Dr Martin Smith
David Thomlinson
Councillor Sir Richard Leese
Mandy Gill
Abdul Jabbar
Richard Guy

In attendance Chris Griffin
Cathy Robinson
John Rawsthorne
Ian Ellis
Hooshang Rahmani

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Councillor John Merry
Mike O'Hare
Fiona Mellet
Sarah Firth
Abdul Hamied
Maggi Harris
Jane Bracewell

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 3 September were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Item 3. Matters arising

3.1 There were no matters arising.

Item 4. A new single institution for the City of Manchester

4.1 EB presented a paper that invited Council to consider the creation of a single institution from City College Manchester and Manchester College of Arts and Technology.

4.2 EB informed Council that we have the right to nominate up to eight people to sit on the Board of the new corporation. The Secretary of State will then make the decision. The positions have been advertised and four members of the Council have completed a shortlist, however there has not been any outstanding candidate.

4.3 EB informed Council that the Chair of the new institution will be recruited from one of the original eight board members.

4.4 Chair welcomed Peter Tavernor, Principal, Maurice Littlewood, Chair of Governors from Manchester College of Arts and Technology and Monica Box, Principal and Tony Nightingale, Chair of Governors from City College who presented to the council.

4.5 **Recommendation:** The local Council is recommended consider the full Proposal for the creation of a single institution from City College Manchester and Manchester College of Arts and Technology.

Decision: The Council is prepared to accept the document with conditions as below and to recommend that the proposal be considered at the LSC North West Regional Board on Thursday 22 November 2007.

- Each College submits individual financial information that will allow the LSC to produce the financial forecasts by the 22 November 2007.
- With regards to City College Manchester signing an agreement with a Higher Education recruitment agency they confirm that they have sought legal advice and also provide a financial and human resource risk assessment.

Item 5. Rochdale Sixth Form College Proposals for Incorporation

5.1 Chair Welcomed Ian Ellis, Partnership Director, LSC who presented a paper on the Rochdale Sixth Form College, Proposals for Incorporation.

5.2 Cathy Robinson, Council Solicitor, LSC informed Council that the 2007 Act has not been passed as there are commencement orders that are going to be made. The powers are still with the Secretary of State.

5.3 Ian Ellis informed Council that FE regulations mean that the LSC is required to consult on the principals that they are going to establish the College as a FE College under FE regulations.

5.4 Ian Ellis informed Council that the aim is for Incorporation to commence in April 2008.

5.5 JR informed Council that examples of Sixth Form Colleges that have been incorporated are Holy Cross, Oldham College and Loreto which are all under FE regulation.

Decision: The Council accepts the proposals within the paper as set out below.

- The council maintains its support for the establishment of the Sixth College in Rochdale, following its approval of the outcomes of the Stakeholder Panel, held in May 2007.
- The Council considers and approves the initial proposal for Incorporation.
- The Council recommends that the local LSC should undertake the period of statutory consultation.
- The Council agrees to receive the full proposal that takes account of consultation for its consideration.

Item 6. Any other business

6.1 There was no other business

Item 7. Date of next meeting

7.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 11 January 2008 at 16.00hrs at the LSC offices.

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| Minute taker | Andy Taylor |
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