

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

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Subject Council
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LSC office Greater Manchester
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Present David A Page MBE (Chair)
Elaine Bowker
Abdul Hamied
Maggi Harris
Ray Short
Dr Martin Smith
David Tomlinson

In attendance Claire Jackson (for agenda item 5)
Christine Rudge (minute taker)

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Sarah Firth
Mandy Gill
Richard Guy
Abdul Jabbar
Councillor John Merry
Vanda Murray
Mike O'Hare
Mike Keegan
Fiona Mellett
Councillor Sir Richard Leese
Jane Bracewell
John Rawsthorne

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 19 January were accepted as a true and accurate record. Chair thanked members for their attendance at the away day.

Item 3. Matters arising

3.1 There were no outstanding matters arising.

Item 4. Council update

4.1 EB tabled the Council update previously circulated to council member by email.

4.2 EB informed the council that City College Manchester had issued a press release confirming the closure of the Fielden Park Centre. Councillor Sir Richard Leese had released a press statement expressing his concern and requesting the resignation of the governors. EB informed the council that legal advice had been sought from national office.

4.3 EB assured the council that the LSC's priority was with the learners. Council supported the local offices priority.

Action: EB to circulated position paper and a copy of the press release

4.4 Council thanked EB for the monthly update and agreed that the update was useful.

Item 5. Annual Plan

5.1 CJ introduced paper 02/2007, she informed the council that the LSC were seeking approval of the local plan, and presented to the Council on the background, priorities, ways of taking the plan forward and timescales, a copy of the presentation is attached.

5.2 A discussion was held around NEET funds, council requested that a detailed presentation be brought to council at the next meeting.

Action: CJ to present at meeting on 2 May

5.3 Chair requested that any further comments be sent directly to CJ or EB and said that he would email all council members requesting that they also email comments.

Action: All

5.4 EB informed the council that the annual plan had received good feedback from local authorities.

Decision: The council approved the local plan.

Item 6. Performance and Planning Update

6.1 EB presented to the council, a copy of the presentation is attached.

6.2 She explained the Adult Skills at level 2 targets were cause for concern, and that this issue had been raised with partners at the last strategic briefing. She informed the council that the next years budget had been secured, however it was vital at colleges delivered. Chair requested that the council received a presentation on how this will be achieved at the next meeting.

Action: EB to present at meeting on 2 May

6.3 Council thanked EB for her presentation.

Item 7. Future items for Council consideration

- 7.1 EB tabled paper 04/2007 which provided council with a list of the scheduled meetings for 2007 along with expected agenda items.
- 7.2 Chair requested that council received frequent updates on staff morale and local office performance.
- 7.3 Chair encouraged members to attend meetings where possible in the future.

Item 8. Minutes of the Capital Committee held on 20 March 2007

- 8.1 RS presented paper 03/2007 which supplied council members with the minutes of the capital committee for ratification by the local council.
- 8.2 RS informed council that the capital committee were particularly supportive of the proposal by Newall Green High School, and were satisfied that it would help address the NEET issue in the Wythenshawe area. He also informed the local council the Manchester City Council were fully supportive of the proposal.

Decision: The local council gives 'in-principle' consent to this capital application subject to the educational provision being fully complementary to Manchester's formally agreed 14-19 Strategy and associated action plan.

- 8.3 RS raised the committees concerned over the amount of funding required for the proposal by Stockport College capital bid, however he informed the council that all concerns had been addressed at the committee meeting.

Decision: The local council gives in-principle consent to this capital application up to the maximum level of LSC capital grant of approximately 69% of the total cost of the project. The total project cost is £95.7 million and the LSC grant would be £67 million.

Item 9. Any other business

- 9.1 Chair wished to thank council members for their support and commitment during his time as chair, and informed council that RS had been appointed as the interim chair of the LSC Greater Manchester effective of the end of April 2007. EB echoed this and also thanked DP for his commitment to the council over a long period of time and for his outstanding leadership.

Item 10. Date of next meeting

- 10.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 02 May 2007 at 16.00hrs at the LSC Offices.

Meeting chair	David A Page MBE
Minute taker	Christine Rudge
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