

LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL GREATER MANCHESTER

Minutes of the special meeting of Council held on Monday, 3 December 2001, at Arndale House, Manchester, at 16.00 hrs.

Present

Members	Anthony Goldstone	Chair
	Richard Hurst	
	Jean Llewellyn	
	Alan Manning	
	John Merry	
	Nigel Newton	
	David Seddon	
	Chris Woodcock	

In attendance	Jane Bracewell, Head of Quality Improvement
	Andrew Harrison, Head of Finance and Systems
	Ian Lever, Head of Workforce Development and Strategic Planning
	Penny Sanders, Head of Lifelong Learning

Apologies

Rachel Charlton	
Bill Grady	
Pauline Green	
Abdul Jabbar	
David Page	
Ray Short	
Mollie Temple	
Liz Davis	Executive Director
Steve Brown	Employment Service
Nigel Burke	GO NW
Roger Hinchliffe	Business Link Manchester North
Fiona Mellett	Chamber Business Enterprise
Hannah Roberts	Connexions Service

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Clerk to the Council confirmed that 8 members of Council were needed for the meeting to be quorate.

61. Consultation on the Draft Strategic Plan

Head of Strategic Planning and Workforce Development took members through the structure of local strategic plan, its context and the objectives and supporting objectives.

Council members discussed the plan and agreed the following amendments:

Section/page/paragraph number	Amendment
Chairman's message page 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs strengthening • Need to refer to the possibility of a recession and unemployment • Need to emphasize size of basic skills issues • Refer to the 'love of learning' • Explain that the LSC Greater Manchester is a strategic planning and purchasing body. • Mention that the targets are challenging but LSC GM will do its best to achieve them. • Remove OBE after chair's name.
page 7 Section 9 Business Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An note that the sectors identified by the North West Development Agency (NWDA) as important were listed in alphabetical order not order of importance should be added to the text.
Page 10 Skills Supply – Table of School Leaver Destinations 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment to be added to narrative that the disparity between different local areas was disguised by the figures. • Mention needed to be made of progression to higher education and an objective was needed to relate to that.
Page 10 /11Partnerships and Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the words 'including Chambers of Commerce' should be deleted after 'Employers and their representative bodies' • Regeneration partnerships should be added to the list • 'Health Service Trusts' should be changed to 'NHS organizations'.
Page 14 Basic Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text needs to clarify that basic skills means more than just reading and writing

Page 15 Childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main text should emphasize that childcare training and childcare places need to be local, particularly in disadvantaged areas. This should also be included in the objective. • Work with businesses on childcare and family friendly employment policy should be mentioned
Page 20/21 Strategic Objective1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All performance indicators should state timescales and who is responsible • Supporting objectives need widening in scope/wording. • Needed to include further education and schools • 1.3 – supporting objective needed to be widened to include further education • 1.4 – List of those working with disaffected/disengaged young people should include ‘voluntary and community organizations’ • 1.5 should be put as objective 1.1 and its profile should be increased.
Page 22 Strategic Objective 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.1 – Supporting objective should read: ‘To identify and assist those people we need to help to progress.’ • 2.4 – Notes under ‘action’ should include the fact that LSC GM will be committed to the national funding formula
Page 28 – Footnote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace ‘We will focus on’ with ‘These groups include ..’
Page 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.3 Objective needs to mention generic/key skills • Need an objective related to employability • Needs a workplace focus (mention Union Learning Fund)
Page 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.4 - Delete ‘to resolve non-competitive infrastructure issues’; • 5.7 –Add ‘Need to get views of learners who are not successful/do not complete/achieve

On Annexe 1, Head of Strategic Planning and Workforce Development explained that the national office had set the national targets for 2004. LSC GM then had to set its own local targets in line with national targets. They were over challenging, but we had to achieve them. He thanked members for their input and agreed to circulate the amended document.

Chair invited Council members to feed any concerns to Head of Strategic Planning and Workforce Development. He thanked them for attending the meeting. The next meeting of Council would be held on Tuesday, 15 January 2002.