

# Minutes



Leading learning and skills

**Date** 06 September 2005  
**Subject** Council Meeting  
**Location** Pendleton College  
**Time** 16.00hrs  
**LSC office** Greater Manchester  
**Publication intent** Internal

**Present** David A Page MBE (Interim Chair)  
Richard Guy  
Maggi Harris  
Abdul Jabbar  
John Korzeniewski  
Mike O'Hare  
Ray Short  
Mollie Temple  
Chris Woodcock

**In attendance** Lindsey Harman  
Councillor Richard Leese  
Hannah Roberts

**LSC staff** Chris Cherry  
Julia Dowd  
John Rawsthorne  
Nicola Scott

**Apologies** Apologies have been received from:  
Sarah Firth  
Richard Hurst  
Dave McCall  
Councillor John Merry  
David Tomlinson

## **Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

- 1.1 As DP was delayed, and in the absence of the deputy chair, Council agreed the RS should of Chair the meeting.
- 1.2 Council welcomed Lindsey Harman to the meeting, Lindsey would be attending future council meetings as an observer from JobCentre Plus.

## **Item 2. Minutes of the last meeting**

- 2.3 The minutes of the meeting held on 06 July 2005 were accepted as a true and accurate record

## **Item 3. Matters arising**

- 3.1 Council members enquired whether it would be possible to access the performance scorecard from an external source – JB informed the Council that National Office had indicated that there was no intention of expanding access.
- 3.2 JK to produce a proposal for an Equality and Diversity Committee to be brought to the Council in September – covered in paper 33/2005.
- 3.3 Council members to contact JB for a full breakdown of Local Intervention and Development Fund Allocations – Cleared.
- 3.4 Council to receive quarterly reports on key measures of performance and impact – to be included on Novembers agenda.

**Action: CR**

- 3.5 Council members to request global figures on the performance update – success rates in schools if required – cleared.
- 3.6 Value added to be included on agenda for September meeting – covered in paper 34/2005.
- 3.7 Council members to send comments on the advertisement for Council member vacancies – comments received and advertisement gone to press.

## **Item 4. Findings and outcomes from the Strategic Area Review in Rochdale and proposed way forward for the 14-19 plan.**

- 4.1 Council received paper 32/2005. CC informed the Council that the report provided a summary of the findings of the review of LSC funded education and training provision in Rochdale.
- 4.2 CC informed the Council that a preliminary review of 14-19 education and training in Rochdale was carried out in October 2004 to examine provision that is currently offered and would be required in the future with the ultimate aim to enable the LSC to
- 1 Provide the right mix of provision that meets learner, employer and community needs within a framework of raising standards and success rates.
  - 2 Develop an integrated local learning infrastructure that consists of high quality providers, each clear about its own unique contribution with the ability to work collaboratively to achieve educational, social and economic success.
- 4.3 The Council discussed the geographical issues surrounding the proposals, as the proposal could affect learners from Oldham, Bury and North Manchester in particular involving cross boarder travel.

**Decision:** Council endorsed the recommendation to remit the Young People's Learning Committee to evaluate the options and make proposals for

consultation with Rochdale stakeholders and partners.

David Page joined the meeting at this stage, however RS continued as chair for the entire meeting.

#### **Item 5. Proposal for an Equality and Diversity Committee**

- 5.1 JK presented paper 33/2005, which asked the Council to support the formation of an Equality and Diversity Sub-Committee. He told the Council that this was looked at originally at the Council away day held in February and it had been agreed that equality and diversity should be built into the other committees remit, however, further to this discussion JK informed the Council that it was expected that a senior member of staff would be appointed regionally to focus on equality and diversity, this member of staff would then use a local contact to feed into local equality and diversity committees to ensure consistency throughout the local offices.
- 5.2 The Council agreed with the principle of developing an Equality and Diversity Committee, it was however felt that it should focus on fewer key issues.
- 5.3 The Council held a discussion surrounding the setting up of an Equality and Diversity Committee and it decided that if the committee was set up then the membership should include co-opted members with particular expertise and experience in matters of equality and diversity.

**Decision:** The Council support the formation of an Equality and Diversity Sub-Committee and asked the Development Committee to make recommendations as to its terms of reference.

#### **Item 6. Minutes of the Capital Committee held on 19 July 2005.**

- 6.1 Council received paper 34/2005 concerning the Pendleton College Capital Project.
- 6.2 Council also received an update from JD on Manchester College of Arts and Technology's capital project. She informed the Council that MANCAT was reconsidering the project as they are not sure that Wright Robinson would be the correct location for the new building.
- 6.3 JD informed the Council that MANCAT had not indicated their new preferred location, however, she assured the Council any proposal would be considered alongside developments under Buildings Schools for the Future and the 14-19 strategy for Manchester. Council requested a further update at the next meeting.

#### **Action: JD**

**Decision:** Council ratified the Capital Committee's recommendation that the Council gives full approval to the Pendleton College Capital application amounting to LSC capital grant of 35% (£3,325,000) of the total cost. The Council also recommended that Pendleton College:

- Works closely with the Greater Manchester LSC, the local authority and other providers to ensure that there is no unnecessary duplication of 14-19 provision, including that delivered in the new building, and that identified gaps

are filled.

- Works with its project contractors to ensure that building work is undertaken in line with the Salford Construction Partnership protocol.

## **7. Comparison of 16-18 Funding Levels and Associated Advanced Level Performance of Schools and Colleges (ALPs).**

- 7.1 In JB's absence JK presented paper 35/2005 for discussion, JK informed the Council that MO'H would be assisting in the presentation of the paper as his college had been involved in the above system.
- 7.2 JK and MO'H explained to the Council how the Advanced Level Performance of Schools and Colleges (ALPS) system was used to assess value added in schools with sixth forms and colleges.
- 7.3 MO'H informed the Council of an error in the ALPs score for his college. He informed the Council that he had written to Dr Kevin Conway (Director of ALPs) to express concern about the error. JK and JD informed the Council that they would follow-up with Dr Kevin Conway to resolve this issue.

### **ACTION: JK/JD**

- 7.4 The Council discussed the reasons why there were such a large difference in the value added scores between institutions. JD informed the Council that this was something which area directors and area teams explored further with college principals and head teachers to help understand areas to improve performance.

## **8. Update on Planning Process**

- 8.1 JR presented paper 36/2005 for information. He informed the Council that the reason for the paper was to update them on changes to the timings and format of the annual plan for 06/07. As a result, the council would be invited to become involved in the planning process at an earlier stage than previous years.
- 8.2 JR informed the Council that the Development Committee had been informed of this and had recommended that the Council should hold an away day on 13 and 14 January 2006, and that the Annual Plan would be an item on the agenda.

## **9. Minutes of the Development Committee held on 16 August 2005.**

Council received the minutes of the Development Committee for information.

## **10. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council was scheduled for 8 November 2005 at 16.00hrs, and will be held at Manchester Enterprises.

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<b>Minute taker</b>	Christine Rudge
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