

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Date 19 January 2007
Subject Council meeting
Location Worsley Marriott Hotel and Country Club
Time 12.45hrs
LSC office Greater Manchester
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Present David A Page MBE (Chair)
Elaine Bowker
Sarah Firth
Maggi Harris
Abdul Jabbar
Dr Martin Smith
David Tomlinson

In attendance Mike Keegan
Fiona Mellett

LSC staff Carol Bluer
Jane Bracewell
Alison Cresswell
Mike Emmerich
Michelle Ford
Claire Jackson
Nina Ketcher
John Korzeniewski
Ian Pursglove
Hooshang Rahmani
John Rawsthorne
Chris Troughton
Ruth Wheatley

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Mandy Gill
Richard Guy
Abdul Hamied
Councillor John Merry
Mike O'Hare
Ray Short
Councillor Sir Richard Leese

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Greater Manchester Senior Management Team to the Council.

Item 2. Minute of the last meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Item 3. Matters arising

- 3.1 There were no outstanding matters arising

Item 4. In-principle proposal for the merger of North Trafford College of Further Education and South Trafford College.

- 4.1 Jane Bracewell and Ian Pursglove introduced paper 01/2007 to the Council drawing the Council's attention particularly to:
- its role in the process, what they should expect of an initial outline proposal (IOP) and the recommendations that have been put to them
 - the background to the merger and the Council's consideration of the post-16 review of education and training in Trafford in September 2006;
 - the proposed aims of the merged college.
- 4.2 Chair welcomed David Lawrence, principal of North Trafford College of Further Education (NTC) and Graham Luccock and Bill Moorcroft, chair and principal respectively of South Trafford College (STC). David gave apologies on behalf of Karen Heppleston-Baines, chair of NTC, as personal commitments prevented her from attending. Nina Ketcher, LSC partnership manager for Trafford, was also in attendance for this item.
- 4.3 The college representatives gave a presentation to the Council setting out their proposal for the merger. They covered its rationale and the strategic case, a vision for the merged college, the aims for the merged college and a broad overview of the provision infrastructure and the expected opportunities and benefits of a merger.
- 4.4 The Council asked for detail on the issues of finances, the structure of the college and in particular the proposal for discrete provision and sites contained in the IOP, and the role of the college in tackling the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) in Trafford whilst recognising the good work the colleges already undertook.
- 4.5 The Chair thanked the representatives from the colleges for their presentation.
- 4.6 The Council members discussed the proposal and agreed that with the recommendation at paragraph 4(a) of the paper, i.e. that the colleges should

continue to develop their proposal and the colleges and LSC should jointly undertake local consultation. They identified a number of issues they would like to see addressed in the full merger proposal:

- a. the actual and projected financial position of the merged college, taking into account any proposed capital projects that may be started early in the merged college's life, and any efficiency gains expected to be achieved as a result of the merger;
- b. the proposed governance and senior management structure of the merged college;
- c. how young people not in employment, education or training will be better engaged through the merged college and how their learning needs might be met;
- d. the planned Centre for Contemporary and Popular Music including its role in engaging young people and/or educationally disadvantaged adults and its contribution to LSC priorities;
- e. how the merged college will contribute to the delivery of the 14-19 agenda in Trafford; and
- f. how the merged college will address the skills priorities across Greater Manchester.

Item 5. Future impact for the North West Region

- 5.1 Council received a presentation from John Korzeniewski, Regional Director, North West, a copy is attached.

Item 6. Context and future local, regional and national issues and key issues surrounding LSC Greater Manchester

- 6.1 Council received a presentation from Elaine Bowker, Area Director for Greater Manchester, a copy is attached.

Item 7. Manchester Enterprise's perspective on Greater Manchester economic development and how this relates to the LSC.

- 7.1 Council received a presentation from Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive Manchester Enterprises, a copy is attached.

Item 8. Workshop

- 8.1 Council members divided into two break out groups to discuss issues raised by the above presentations.

Item 9. Planning and Performance

- 9.1 Council received presentations from Jane Bracewell, Area Director for Greater Manchester South and John Rawsthorne, Area Director for Greater Manchester North, a copy of both are attached.

Item 10. Workshop

10.1 Council divided into two breakout groups as an opportunity to influence the 2007/08 annual plan.

Item 11. Close

11.1 Chair thanked all for their attendance and reminded members that an evening meal would be provided for those who wished to stay.

Meeting chair	David A Page MBE
Minute taker	Christine Rudge
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