

## Manchester's Further Education Review

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In August 2006 the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) published a review of the further education structure in Manchester. The report recommended that preparatory work should begin into the feasibility and acceptability of Manchester's two general further education colleges, Manchester College of Arts and Technology (MANCAT) and City College Manchester (CCM) joining together to create a single new college for Manchester.

Further and more detailed work has now been completed and the report is published at [www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/northwest](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/northwest). The report looks in detail at all the options for structural change and concludes that a single institution would be the best model to provide cost effective and high quality courses for young people and adults in all parts of the city.

The LSC will now meet with both college governing bodies to discuss the report in detail and to agree next steps in implementing the findings.

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The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

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