

Minutes



Leading learning and skills

Date	5 February 2007
Subject	Council Meeting
Location	Princes House
Time	16:00
LSC office	Sussex
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Present	Norman Boyland, Nigel Lambe, Keith Conniford, Jenny Barnard-Langston, Dr Richard Parker
LSC staff	Michael Nix, Aidan Pettitt, Elizabeth Funge, Wayne Wright, Chris Piper, David Smith, Melissa Slate
Apologies	Apologies have been received from: Debra Shandley, Phil Wood, Michelle Pooley, John Scott, Lynn Conolly, Chris Andrews

1). Apologies

Noted above

2). Update on the future of local councils

The Chair gave an update on the future of local councils and the future agenda. The FE Bill is going through parliament. Regional councils are to be recruited in due course and adverts will appear in the national press for regional chairs and members. Regional councils should be in place by Autumn 07.

It was agreed that while we have our local council in place, we will re-prioritise and meet specifically for capital issues and the business plan.

3). Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th Dec were approved.

4). Matters Arising

(Noted on agenda item 3.1)

Discussions have taken place with FE Sussex regarding pulling together activity around the STEM agenda. David Smith will forward details of outcomes to the Chair and those involved in the original meetings and the Chair will report back to Council on progress.

(Noted on agenda item 3.2)

A condolence letter was sent to Jackie Harding's partner, Alan Hughes, signed by David Smith and Henry Ball on behalf of all.

5). Regional Priorities

(Noted on agenda item 4)

Regional Board have approved the South East regional priorities. The regional priorities were circulated to council members and understood.

6). Business Planning update

(Noted as agenda item 5.1) The LSC Sussex vision has been drafted and is able to be considered by Council and feedback taken.

(Noted on agenda item 5.3) The revised draft for the Sussex key actions were presented to council. **ACTIONS:**

- **It was agreed that key action 4 needs focused attention.**
- **The capital plan references can be sharpened and given more specific detail.**
- **It was agreed that actions 2, 3 and 4 should tie in better with action 1 – the wording is not clear enough.**
- **The revised plan will be circulated before the 5th March.**

(Noted on agenda item 5.4) Key consultation mechanisms will be through:

- Children's Trusts and 14 – 19 Partnerships **(14 – 19)**
- Sussex Skills for Productivity Alliance and Economic Partnerships **(Employer Skills)**
- FE Sussex, Local Authorities and SCTP Ltd **(Capital/Quality)**
- Local authorities, Sussex Skills for Productivity Alliance, Sussex Learning Network and Economic Partnerships **(Community/Economic Development)**

Partnership Directors reported back on the variety of consultative mechanisms that have been employed in relation to each local authority.

(Noted on agenda item 5.5) Key dates for final approval of local plans:

- 14th February – plans are being presented to Mark Haysom
- 5th March – LSC Sussex final approval of local plan
- Approval by Regional Board on 12th March
- Approval by National Council on 21st March

7). LSC Sussex Capital timetable

(Noted on agenda item 6)

The Capital timetable from March – Dec '07 was circulated to council members. If we wish to see projects going forward to capital committee in autumn, council need to consider them in June/July. It was agreed that we would use the 18th April council meeting to look in detail at the education case for Area D and Area B.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Isabelle Wragg (Regional Property Advisor) and Pauline Tiller (SE Regional Director, Finance & Resources) to council on 18th April.

(Other matters)

Ringmer Community College application – Regional Board have given approval in principle.

8) Guild Hall event

(Noted as agenda item 7.3) There will be an event to say thank you to all members of local councils at the Guildhall in London on 7 March 2007.

Attendance has been confirmed from Jenny Barnard Langston, Nigel Lambe and Keith Conniford.

9) AOB

- The Chair approved and signed council minutes back-dated to July.
- David Smith updated council members on two aspects of PCS industrial relations:
 1. The PCS dispute with the government on Civil Service reform
 2. The PCS dispute with the LSC on 06/7 pay award.

An industrial action day took place on Wednesday 31st January. No LSC Sussex staff took part. The next Industrial Action day is due to take place on 23rd Feb. The Chair would like to thank all Sussex staff for their professionalism over these matters. **ACTION: Clerk to draft an email to circulate to all Sussex staff.**

- Future council dates are as follows:
 - 5th March, 1.30 - 3.30pm
 - 18th April, 4pm
 - May (to be arranged **ACTION: Melissa to circulate some dates**)
 - 7th June, 4pm
 - 18th July, 4pm

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Minute taker	Melissa Slate
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