

## **STATUTORY DRAFT PROPOSAL**

### **SINGLE DISSOLUTION MERGER**

**DRAFT PROPOSAL UNDER SECTION 51 (1) (c) OF THE FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION ACT 1992 (THE ACT) FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE FURTHER EDUCATION CORPORATION OF EAST DEVON COLLEGE UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE ACT.**

**NAME OF THE FURTHER EDUCATION CORPORATION AND INSTITUTION: EAST DEVON COLLEGE**

**ADDRESS: BOLHAM ROAD, TIVERTON, DEVON, EX16 6SH**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE EDUCATION PROVIDED AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AT THE INSTITUTION**

East Devon College is located in the Devon Local Authority and in the area of Devon and Cornwall Local Learning & Skills Council. The college's main site is located in Tiverton, however, courses are offered at centres based in Honiton, Exmouth and an additional Tiverton centre. At January 2008, East Devon College has 747 full-time and 538 part-time students enrolled with a further 225 students engaged in apprenticeship programmes. The college delivers a broad curriculum offer through a range of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) and General Certificate of Secondary Education courses (GCSEs). The College also offers Entry to Employment, and Train to Gain programmes and a significant amount of vocational training for school pupils aged 14-16 years old.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION**

The governing body of East Devon College has agreed to merge with North Devon College. This would be achieved by the dissolution of the existing further education corporation of East Devon College and the transfer of its property, rights and liabilities to the further education corporation of North Devon College.

The main reasons advanced by the governors of the colleges in support of the proposal are: the positive effect for North Devon, Torridge, Mid and East Devon learners in terms of shared staff expertise, joint planning, shared resource and curriculum cohesion, provision and progression. This will provide an opportunity to create a coherent, consistent, high quality, well resourced curriculum for the whole of North Devon, Torridge, Mid and East Devon which no other form of collaboration offers.

A merger will ensure greater efficiency and utilisation of capital resources to support a vocationally orientated curriculum. There are significant opportunities for increased participation, introducing a unified approach to student recruitment across North Devon, Torridge, Mid and East Devon.

## **CRITERIA**

The Learning and Skills Council will consider in the light of the criteria shown below:

- the proposal is likely to extend participation, learning and training;
- the proposal is likely to result in raised learner achievement;
- the proposal is likely to result in raised standards of education and training delivered;
- the proposal is likely to address any issues of over and under-provision in an area;
- adequate consultation has been undertaken and proper consideration has been given to alternative options;
- the proposal is likely to be financially viable, affordable, cost-effective and successfully managed; and
- the proposal is consistent with any area-wide inspection report published.

**DATE PROPOSED FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION:  
31 JULY 2008**

**EDUCATIONAL PROVISION TO BE MADE FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO  
HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR COURSES ON THAT DATE:**

Provision will be made for those students at East Devon College who have not completed their courses by the date of the dissolution to complete their courses under the auspices of the joint institution.