

# Minutes



Leading learning and skills

<b>Date</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2007
<b>Subject</b>	South West Regional Board
<b>Location</b>	Dillington House
<b>Time</b>	13.30
<b>LSC office</b>	South West Region
<b>Publication intent</b>	Internal

<b>Present</b>	John Savage CBE (Chair) Jane Barrie OBE Professor John Bull CBE Catherine Christie John Chudley Richard Dimpleby Malcolm Gillespie Paul Lucken Denis Miles Marinos Paphitis Trish Taylor Mike Davies Mark Harvey
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<b>Apologies</b>	Brian Kemp Bryan McGinity John Temple
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## **Item 1. Welcome and introductions**

- 1.1 John Savage welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded members of their responsibility to declare any interest relevant to the agenda.

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

- 2.1 Bryan McGinity and Trish Taylor had both communicated by email that with reference to paragraph 4.4, the proposed skill centre is at Wimborne not Wiltshire. Subject to this amendment, the minutes of the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 were agreed as a true record.

### **Item 3. Matters arising**

- 3.1 With reference to paragraph 4.2 Malcolm Gillespie said that he had been advised that in general terms Governors were not personally liable. John Bull agreed but said care was needed as this could change if Governors took inappropriate decisions in the full knowledge of the existence of a serious financial problem.
- 3.2 With reference to paragraph 5.2, Malcolm Gillespie confirmed that all possible ESOL allocations had been made.

### **Item 4. Regional Director's report**

- 4.1 Malcolm Gillespie referred to his report and highlighted the achievement of the IIP standard. With regard the appointment of the new regional Council, Malcolm Gillespie said that the draft legislation to enable this is still in place.
- 4.2 Denis Miles, Catherine Christie and Paul Lucken provided a verbal summary of their updates contained within the Regional Director's report.

### **Item 5. Planning and performance update**

- 5.1 Catherine Christie referred to the two information packs sent out to all members and explained how the information had been used as part of the recent Spring review with the Chief Executive. Malcolm Gillespie said that the review had gone well and the areas for further improvement had been discussed and agreed.
- 5.2 John Bull complimented Catherine Christie on the comprehensive information and suggested that the next report should include an impact analysis.

### **Item 6. Capital –strategy, delegations and applications**

- 6.1 Mark Harvey said that Regional Capital Plan was due for submission to the National Capital Committee but had been put on hold due to the announcement of the Government Departmental changes. Denis Miles tabled a paper which summarised the updates included in the draft plan.
- 6.2 Mark Harvey explained that applications to the 16-19 capital fund which related mostly to bids from schools had now been delegated by the National Capital Committee to Regional Boards. Included in the agenda for this meeting was a bid from the Crypt school in Gloucestershire. Mark Harvey presented the bid and said that it met all of the LSC's criteria on cost, space and education requirements. It had also been considered and endorsed by the Gloucestershire Council.
- 6.3 The Regional Board unanimously approved the bid for an 82% grant based on the figures submitted in the paper.

### **Item 7. Leitch report – implementation plan**

- 7.1 Paul Lucken explained that there was no paper for this item as the plan was still in draft. Paul Lucken said that he thought the main messages in the report are likely to be included in the plan including the increase in apprenticeships, the Skills Pledge and the growth of Train to Gain.

**Item 8. Any other business**

- 8.1 Malcolm Gillespie said that the implications for the LSC of the new Government Departments were still being developed but strong indicators were likely to come from the Sub-national review which was expected at any time. John Savage asked Council Chairs to maintain the involvement of their local Councils as well as they could in the meantime.
- 8.2 Malcolm Gillespie said that the South West Management Group will meet immediately after this meeting to discuss communication arrangements of the changes for the LSC.

**Item 9. The next meeting of the Committee**

- 9.1 The next meeting will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

**Meeting chair**            John Savage  
**Minute taker**            Mike Davies