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**PROPOSAL FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AT HARROGATE COLLEGE
FROM LEEDS METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY TO HULL COLLEGE**

**Harrogate College, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, HG2 8QT
Consultation period 14 November 2007 to 5 December 2007**

**General description of the education and training provided and the
number of students at the institution:**

Harrogate College is located in the North Yorkshire Local Authority area and in the area of the North Yorkshire Local Learning and Skills Council. The College's main site is located at the Hornbeam Business Park, approximately one and a half miles south of Harrogate town centre, further provision is offered on community premises throughout the area. In the 2006-07 academic year the College had 898 full-time and 3910 part-time students. The College offers a range of provision, mainly in vocational areas and is a Centre of Vocational Excellence in Early Years and Play Work. Areas of recent development include Construction, Public Services and Hair and Beauty provision. The College has developed a significant higher education offering to include Foundation Degree and Degree with Honours provision.

Reason for proposing transfer of activity:

The governing body of Leeds Metropolitan University has agreed to transfer the responsibility for provision of education and training at Harrogate College to the management of Hull College. This will be achieved by the transfer of activity, property, rights and liabilities to the further education corporation of Hull College.

The principle reasons advanced by the governors of both institutions in support of the proposal are:

- the transfer will provide significant and sustainable benefits for learners, staff and the local community;
- the potential to raise learner achievement;
- the long term financial stability for Harrogate College;
- the opportunity to invest a significant amount of funds in the development of the Harrogate campus; and
- Harrogate College, to achieve its full potential, will be better served by being wholly within the further education sector.

Criteria

The Learning and Skills Council has initially considered the proposal in the light of criteria shown below and is fully supportive of the transfer, and will undertake a further review once the consultation is complete:

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

Date proposed for the transfer:

The transfer will take place by 1 August 2008.

Educational and training provision to be made for those students who have not completed their courses on that date:

All students at Harrogate College who have not completed their courses of study by the date of the proposed transfer will complete their studies under the management of Hull College. Recruitment to all programmes and work supporting employer and community needs will continue as usual, as will the College's work in support and response to new initiatives.