

CORPORATION OF KIDDERMINSTER COLLEGE

Minutes of the Governors/SMT Strategic Forum Meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2009 in Room 149 at 17.00 hours

- SF 39 Present** Harry Grove Chair
Paul Crowley
Andy Dobson
Jonathan Grice
Derek Harrison
Andrew Miller
Anna Place
Karen Stevens
Ivan Vaux
Adrian Ward
- SF 40 Quorum** 4
- SF 41 In Attendance** Alan Hopkins Clerk to the Corporation
- SF 42 Apologies** None
- SF 43 Declaration of Members' Conflict of Interests**
No declarations made
- SF 44 Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2009 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair.
- SF 45 Matters Arising**
- i) *Mission Statement*
This had been reviewed by the SMT and a revised statement was presented as part of the draft Development Plan. Andrew Miller outlined the changes that had been made. Changes suggested in the discussion were; -
 - a) To work with local employers and the wider community to build sustainable partnerships.
 - b) To maintain outstanding financial health.
 - c) As the College works towards achieving its mission, it will be subject to various Government initiatives for the FE sector and key policy announcements.
 - d) The College will respond to the best of its ability to these initiatives and policy changes in the context of its local communities and available resources.

In the summary of key strategic priorities, it was suggested that a reference should be included to the link between the employment of high quality staff and good teaching performance. The elimination of the reference establishing a new centre at Sladen by 2011 was agreed.

Andrew Miller stated he would review the comments made with SMT members and where appropriate revise the Mission Statement and Strategic Priorities.

ii) *1 or 3 Year Planning Review*

It was agreed that since the College was required to complete a 3-year financial Forecast, the 3-year period for the Development Plan had to be the standard. It was noted that in the 3-year period there would be a focus on strategic issues, including provisions for capital spending. The focus over a 1-year period would be on achieving operational/budget targets.

iii) *BDU Plan & T2G Developments*

It was stated that the position was under review and it was hoped to provide a revised BDU business plan at the July Corporation meeting. The LSC was committed to a growth in funding for the next year, but it was thought possible that in the future there may be some priority areas targeted. The College were looking at new areas for T2G activities, which included Waste Management and Spectator Safety NVQs.

iv) *Herefordshire College Relationship*

Andrew Miller stated that no further decisions had been made on future relationships between the Colleges. Present contacts were good, but on an informal basis. He would like at some future time to move towards a more formal arrangement.

SF 46 College Development Plan 2009 – 2012 (1st Draft)

Details had been circulated. As a first draft, it was emphasised that information on learner numbers had not been included. The comments made by Members were: -

- a) The need to change the references to the Sladen project to reflect the current position.
- b) The need to show a key for the OfSTED/SAR grades in the summary on Improvement Indicators.
- c) The need to give examples of pilot programmes on projects introducing progression opportunities into Higher Education for people in low paid manual employment.
- d) Key areas for improvement from the recent OfSTED inspection report to be expressed in more positive terms.

Andrew Miller indicated that a revised version of the Plan would be circulated to Members for their further comments prior to the July Corporation meeting.

SF 47 Any Other Business

i) *Governors' Wider Involvement in Strategic Planning*

The Clerk referred to discussions held at the last Corporation meeting where some Governors expressed a wish to be more involved in some of the Strategic Planning issues relating to the College. He was therefore interested in seeking the views of SMT Members on what other steps could be taken to involve Governors. This could involve a return to the previous practice of having "strategic away" days. In response, Anna Place indicated that in the next term she had to prepare a Higher Education strategy. This may be an area where Governors could become involved. It was agreed therefore to follow this up in the Autumn Term.

SF 48 Date of Next Meeting

Subject to calendar of meetings for 2009/10.

The meeting closed at 18.10 hours

Chair _____ Date _____

10th June 2009