

CENTRAL SUSSEX COLLEGE

Report of the Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath LCB Meeting – 2nd March 2009

Risk Management

- The Health & Safety Report was noted.
- It was noted that whilst the Board recognised that the Corporation had no control over the current delays to the building programme, the issue of overcrowding was becoming an increasing concern.

Staff Matters

- A document itemising a number of staff concerns was tabled at the meeting. The Board considered that these important issues should be raised through the appropriate staff groups in the first instance and that they required more time to consider the issues raised.

Student Matters

- The Board noted the work being undertaken to galvanise the Student Council and looked forward to receiving more information on this at their next meeting.

Curriculum, Quality & Standards

- The Board received a presentation on the Educational Case and Enrolment Forecasts for the Haywards Heath campus.
- Board Members provided an update on progress with their Link Visits. The Board considered that the approach to reporting on the visits this year had proved beneficial.
- An overview of the recent OFSTED Inspection was provided to the Board.
- The Board noted the updated Quality Improvement Plan.
- The current attendance and retention figures for the Haywards Heath campus were noted by the Board. Some concern was expressed with regard to the tutor group attendance figures and the Board was assured that this was being monitored and these sessions were to be subject to a review.
- The Board was pleased to note the favourable application statistics. Whilst recognising the potential increase in applications brought a number of challenges to the campus and staff, the increase in applications particularly since the merger was extremely encouraging.

Community

- An update on the transfer of responsibility for planning and funding for 14-19 year olds was received.

Strategy

- The Board was advised of the current situation with regard to the building projects at both the Haywards Heath and Crawley campuses.
- The implications of any delay in the Haywards Heath project were considered by the Board.

- The importance of keeping the local community informed of the situation with the building project was highlighted by the Board.

- The Board received an update on the Corporation's activities.

Any Other Business

- The Board was advised that Martin Delbridge's term of office with the Corporation was shortly due to be completed and that he had taken the decision not to stand for a further term of office. As a result this would leave a vacancy for the position of Chair of the LCB.

- The public profile of the campus was raised and the Board considered opportunities for taking a more pro-active approach to raising the profile of the campus.