

CENTRAL SUSSEX COLLEGE

Report of the Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath LCB Meeting – 5th October 2009

Matters Arising

- Concern was expressed by the Board about the amount of litter at the Haywards Heath campus. Whilst it was recognised that this was in part a cultural issue it was considered that this could not be allowed to continue; particularly as it was creating a poor image of the campus.

Risk Management

- The Health & Safety Report was noted.

Staff Matters

- These were dealt with later in the Agenda.

Student Matters

- There were no student matters raised.

Community

- An update was provided on the work being undertaken by the Area Partnership Board, particularly transport issues.
- The importance placed on Child Protection and Safeguarding by Ofsted was noted by the Board.

Curriculum, Quality & Standards

- The Board received reports from two Members on their recent Link Visits.
- The Link areas for this year were in the process of being arranged. A number of Members had expressed a wish to stay with their link curriculum area for a further year.
- The Board considered in detail the proposals to create an Enterprise Sixth Form to support post 16 participation in Burgess Hill at Oakmeeds Community College.
- A number of issues raised by the staff at the Haywards Heath campus with regard to the proposals were outlined to the Board. Further meetings with the staff were due to take place and the Board were to be kept informed.
- Whilst broadly welcoming the proposals outlined in the paper, the Board stressed that this provided curriculum based information only and that further information on financing, funding and branding etc was required. It was noted that a range of additional work on the proposals was being undertaken, and that comments received from the various discussions would help further shape the proposals. The Board was advised that discussions were taking place with the Local Authority and the LSC; further information would be made available to them at their next meeting.

- The Board considered both the exam results and value added for the campus and noted that overall AS Levels were moving towards significantly positive and A' Levels were remaining fairly neutral.
- The Board analysed the enrolment position for 2009, noting the enrolment breakdown from partner schools.
- A report from the recent Task & Finish Group convened to address the increase in applications to the Haywards Heath campus was provided to the Board. The Board reviewed the selection criteria drawn up by the Group and with an amendment to paragraph 2 the Board considered the Protocol effectively communicated the selection criteria.
- The Board was advised that all funding streams were on or heading for target, but noted the difficulties with 16-18 apprenticeships.

Strategy

- The ranking order for the Haywards Heath and Crawley Masterplans were provided to the Board. In view of their position in this ranking list it was confirmed that the Task & Finish Group (Masterplan) would be meeting to consider both the value of applying for the spring 2010 sift and also alternative options for developing the College sites.
- The Board received an update on the Corporation's activities.

Any Other Business

- The Board expressed their gratitude to Sue Dare for all her work for the College and Board and wished her well in her future role.