

## CENTRAL SUSSEX COLLEGE

### Report of the Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath LCB Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009

#### Chair of the Local Community Board

- The Board noted that Russell Strutt had been appointed Chair of the Local Community Board for the foreseeable future and gave their full support to him.

#### Matters Arising

- A breakdown of applicants by postcode from feeder and non feeder schools was provided to the Board.

#### Risk Management

- The Health & Safety Report was noted.

#### Staff Matters

- The item on staff concerns raised at the last meeting was covered as a main Agenda item. No further issues were raised by the Staff Members.

#### Student Matters

- The Student Members provided an update on their work to raise the profile of the Student Council.

#### Curriculum, Quality & Standards

- Board Members provided an update on their Link Member visits.
- The stringent funding round for 2009/2010 was outlined to the Board along with the implications for each of the funding streams.
- The impact of the recession on both the educational budget and applications to the College was considered.
- The Board was updated on the current application figures for the Haywards Heath campus which were demonstrating a steep rise for the September intake. Whilst pleased to note the increase in applicants the Board recognised and discussed in detail the challenges this brought to the campus.
- The implications of the increase in applicants and the campus reaching capacity levels and the impact on the local community were considered.
- A number of strategies including timetabling arrangements were explored and the Board was requested to give further thought as to how the campus managed this situation. It was noted that a Common Application System would assist the Campus in the future if introduced.
- The Board recognised that a lot of the information presented at the meeting particularly on funding and applications was still very new and their implications were still being worked through.

- An update on the staff issues raised at the last meeting was provided and the Board was pleased to note that all the items had been or were being addressed.

#### Community

- The transfer of responsibility for 16-19 year olds from the LSC to the Local Authority had accelerated and it was anticipated that this would now be in place by Spring 2010.
- The new IT Vocational Diploma had been introduced at Oakmeeds and 12 applicants were ready to start the programme.

#### Strategy

- The current situation on the Capital Funding was outlined to the Board.
- Two new sift processes had been introduced to prioritise the projects submitted by Colleges. Both the Haywards Heath and the Crawley projects had been put forward for the first sift process and a decision was expected by early June.
- The Board received an update on the Corporation's activities, some of which had been discussed previously in the Agenda. The budget deficit for next year and the actions being undertaken to address this were highlighted.