

## CENTRAL SUSSEX COLLEGE

### Report of the Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath LCB Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009

#### Matters Arising

- Two new Student Members and a new Staff Member were welcomed to the Board. It was confirmed that one of the existing Student Members would be continuing with his membership of the Board as he was staying on for a third year at the College.

#### Risk Management

- The Health & Safety Report was noted.

#### Staff Matters

- Continuing constraints on the number of online tests that could be carried out at the Burgess Hill campus were raised. It was confirmed that a Group had been set up to review this and other related issues.

#### Student Matters

- The Board noted that the new Student Executive had been elected. The question of where they were to be located in the coming year was raised and the Principal agreed to meet with them to discuss this issue.

#### Curriculum, Quality & Standards

- The Board agreed that the Link Scheme should be taken as a main agenda item at the next meeting, but in the meantime Members would be requested to consider their preferences for their Link Curriculum Area.
- It was confirmed that the Curriculum, Quality & Standards Committee had reviewed the Link Scheme Reports at their last meeting.
- The Board was briefed on the Learning & Skills Council's (LSC) funding allocation to the College for 2009/2010 and the bid by the College for additional growth for its work with young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs).
- Constraints on funding for working with adults and employers were outlined to the Board.
- The increased pressure on the College's resources by the Government's proposals to raise the age of compulsory participation in education or training (ROCPA) were considered by the Board along with the implications of potential decreases in future Government funding.
- The Board considered the attendance and retention rates for the campus.
- The latest application figures were noted by the Board.

#### Community

- The latest developments on the transfer of responsibilities to the Local Authority from the LSC were outlined to the Board.
- The Board agreed to set up a Task & Finish Group to address the issue of the increasing applications to the campus for 2010/2011 and the need to establish criteria for selecting learners. It was agreed that Judith Conway (Vice-Chair to the LCB) would Chair the Group.
- The implications of the September Guarantee were considered by the Board.

#### Strategy

- An update on the current review of capital projects was provided to the Board along with the most recent letter from the LSC and various press cuttings. The implications to the new planned vocational curriculum following the delay to Phase 3 of the campus redevelopment were considered.
- The Board received an update on the Corporation's activities particularly the focus on the financial difficulties the College was facing in the current economic climate. The Board also noted the work being undertaken on the Training Quality Standard (TQS), Investor in People Accreditation and the Framework for Excellence.

#### Any Other Business

- A Board Member wished to formally congratulate the organisers of the recent production of Songs for a New World.