

CENTRAL SUSSEX COLLEGE

Report of the Crawley and Horsham LCB Meeting – 5th March 2008

General

- The Board undertook a tour of the East Grinstead Campus.

Strategy

- The Board noted that the process of submitting the Masterplan had been delayed by two months following the proposal for a University Campus in Crawley using the Tower Block site.
- Information on the proposed University campus was provided to the Board. It was confirmed that this would not be a traditional University but would be a model enabling HE to emerge from FE. The Centre would provide for the high level skills gap in the Gatwick Diamond area and put in place Level 4 and 5 qualifications to fill the skills gap for industry in the local area.
- The paper presented to the Curriculum, Quality & Standards Committee on the review of the merger was outlined to the Board.
- The Board received an update on the Corporation Away Day and the main issues covered.

Curriculum, Quality & Standards

- An outline of the work being undertaken with the hard to reach and socially excluded groups was provided.
- The Board considered the Quality Improvement Plan including those areas identified for improvement along with the planned actions and measurable outcomes.

Community

- An outline of the partnership work being undertaken with the local schools was noted by the Board.
- The Board considered the success rates of ethnic minority groups and the work undertaken to support individual needs. A number of issues around achievement and success were also considered.

Any Other Business

- One Member of the Board raised his concern that when he had recently attended an Awards evening, staff had displayed difficulty in pronouncing the names of some learners. This had given a poor impression of the College and the Principal agreed to ensure this would be addressed in future.