

BLSP Learning and Skills Sub-Group
27 September 2005
1.30pm – 3.30pm
National Fluid Power Centre
MINUTES

Attending:

Fran Walker (Chair)	North Nottinghamshire College
Gillian Blenkinsop	Bassetlaw District Council
Chris Carrington	Notts Learning & Skills Council
Nicky Corbett	North Nottinghamshire College
Julie Dallinson	North Nottinghamshire College
Pete Davies	Enable
Jonathan Dawson	NRCC
Malcolm Kesterton	NCC Education
Janet Northover	LEA/NNLP
Victoria Seth-Kosoko	Bassetlaw PCT
Bob Wallace	Notts County Council
Celia West	Next Step Information & Advice

29 **Introductions and Welcome**

Fran Walker welcomed members to the meeting. Membership of the group would be reviewed prior to the next meeting.

Action: Membership to be reviewed (FW/GB/JW)

30 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Vicki Bacon, Cllr Barry Bowles, Eddie Burgess, Jackie Collins, Virginia Darby, Helen Goldsborough, Bob Hill, Stuart Hood, Lisa Hunter, Michael Newstead, Shona Neill, Rob Packer, Cllr Mike Pugsley, Roger Ranson, Linda Turner, Steve Walker, Robin Woodhead, Jo Wilson.

31 **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

31.1 Re 22.3: FW referred to a £2 million budget currently being managed by the ACLS on behalf of the Learning and Skills Council. The money would be divided across 4 areas countywide:

- Personal Development
- Skills for Work

- Skills for Life
- Skills for Independent Living

Committed spend for Bassetlaw for the current year to date amounted to £120,000 compared to an actual spend of £80,000 for the whole of the previous year.

31.2 Re 25 Learning Communities:

FW provided an update on the project. Interviews would take place on 29 September for a Learning Champion Co-Ordinator, funded and employed by Enable. In addition, a further half time post would be created through the Broxtowe College ESF bid. This bid would enable the development of Learning Communities and Learning Champions in areas other than Manton and Sure Start West Bassetlaw. FW reported that over £100,000 had been accessed to date for the Bassetlaw area.

Action: M Morris to attend next meeting to give presentation on 'Raising Aspirations'.

31.3 Re 27.7 Olympics 2012:

NC reported on an initial meeting which had taken place to discuss the establishment of a Bassetlaw Olympics Opportunities Trust (BOOT). The trust fund would be set up by Philip Fone to provide support to local people to attend the Olympics 2012. A video was currently being produced by the college Media students of young people engaging in sporting activities.

Action: Update to next meeting (NC).

32 BLSP Learning & Skills Action Plan

Members were requested to follow up actions with partner organisations and to forward updates to JW.

33 Local Area Agreements Update

GB provided an update on LAAs. The management structure had been agreed on 5 September, which would consist of 4 blocks through which decision making would take place which could then be fed into the Management Group. The draft LAA would be submitted to GOEM by Friday 30 September. The deadline for completion of the full document was end November 2005.

Action: GB to circulate papers from first meeting of Management Group.

34 North Notts Learning Partnership Update

JN reported that funding had been reduced for the NNLP contract, however activities would continue although would be across a wider base.

JN drew attention to the 6 priorities of the Regional ESP (Employability Skills Productivity) as detailed on page 20 of the Action Plan. Reference was also made to the Skills Board and its leverage within the SSP, the Skills for Life Partnership and links with the Begin Project.

35 Progress Update for Next Board Meeting

GB would be circulating templates for completion by each sub-group prior to the Board meeting on 27 October.

36 Any other Business

- 36.1 Referring to the planned Bassetlaw Skills Celebration 2006 event, FW informed the group that sources of funding were being explored and volunteers were requested to be part of the task group. The first meeting of the task group would be held on Thursday 13 October at 10.00 am in room E211, North Nottinghamshire College.
- 36.2 NC/VSK had attended the PCT Annual Public Meeting and provided a verbal report. Current proposals included options for one PCT for the County and one for the City, alternatively one large PCT which would cover the whole of the area. Bassetlaw PCT would cease to exist under both proposals.
- 36.3 GB referred to a letter circulated by M Newstead requesting support for the continuation of the BCVS. GB asked members to respond by the deadline of 10 October.
- 36.4 JD had been approached by the Carlton in Lindrick Gateway Centre with regard to the possibility of setting up an apprenticeship scheme for young people on the estate. It was suggested he contact Enable for further information on how to progress.
- 36.5 BW informed of a project emerging called Destination Trentside, which would be looking at tourism along the River Trent and the possible establishment of a commercial venture.
Action: BW to make further investigations and report back to next meeting.
- 36.6 PD announced a marketing forum being run through Enable. Organisations would be able to apply for funding of marketing events/promotional activities. Approximately £800 per campaign per organisation would be available. NC commented that the Sandy Lane Fun Day on 4 October may benefit from this.
- 36.7 FW notified the group of the likelihood that the Sure Start West Bassetlaw Centre would become a Children's Centre early November 2005.
- 36.8 JW requested case studies for inclusion in the Annual Progress Report.
Action: Members to forward case studies to JW.

37 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29 November 2005 at 1.30 pm at the Sure Start Centre, Langold.