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- How well did the learning experiences meet the needs and interests of learners and the wider community? 2
- How well were learners cared for, guided and supported? 2
- How effective was leadership and strategic management? 2
- How well did leaders and managers evaluate and improve quality and standards? 2
- How efficient were leaders and managers in using resources? 2

Furthermore, the standards achieved in each of the learning areas inspected was as follows:

<b>Learning Area</b>	<b>Inspection Grade</b>
• Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies : Transportation	2
• Preparation for Life and Work : Foundation for Work	1

The Clerk commended the inspection results to Members and stated that the grades achieved were more pleasing than the previous inspection grades achieved in 2001, because the current inspection regime was far more rigorous.

Members noted the Inspectorate's conclusion that the Training Department made good use of resources and that overall it gave good value for money. Members attention was then drawn to the recommendations to further improve the delivery of the department's work – based learning namely to:

- Put in place well documented plans that underpin quality systems so that all staff fully understand their roles in bringing about quality improvements;
- make sure that all learners were fully aware of the value of key skills in the workplace;
- update the Council's Welsh Language Scheme to ensure it included targets for the development of Learners' bilingual skills; and
- action the recommendations in the building's Disability Discrimination Act audit as soon as possible.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the inspection report be accepted with pleasure and that a suitable media release be issued highlighting the Training Department's successful inspection results and achievements.

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**164. QUALITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Members considered the Training Department’s quarterly Quality Development Plan (June 2007) and it was

**RESOLVED** that the actions and targets outlined in the plan be endorsed and accepted.

**165. REVISED WORKED BASED LEARNING CONTRACT OFFER**

Members considered correspondence received from Mr R Spear, Head of Programme Funding, Welsh Assembly Government (WAG), dated 19 July, 2007, informing that the Training Department’s original contract for Work Based Learning programmes had subsequently been reviewed in view of the original contract offer being unviable.

Members were informed that initially the department had received an undated letter in June 2007, from the Director of Lifelong Learning and Skills Groups, WAG, which indicated that funding available for the year ahead would fall well short of the anticipated allocation.

However, the anomaly had now been corrected in light of further information being provided to WAG by the Training Department and as such the allocation awarded to the Council for the period 1 August, 2007, to 31 July, 2008, had been safety netted at £462,148.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 11 September, 2007, adopted by the Council.