

25 October, 2007.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 250 – 255

At a Meeting of the **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 25 October, 2007 at 4.45 p.m.

Present:

Cllrs.

T. Devichand

M. P. Jones

T. J. Jones

250. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

RESOLVED that Cllr. T. J. Jones be appointed Chairman pro tempore.

251. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge.

252. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

253. QUALITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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

RESOLVED that the information be accepted.

254. TRAINING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Training) on the new initiatives to increase revenue for the Training Department over the next 12 months.

A new National Planning and Funding System (NPFS) had been introduced by the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) on 1 August, 2007, for all post-16 Education and Learning Provision in Wales. The training department's current contract value for August 2007 – July 2008 was £465,000, but the department was capable of delivering training in excess of this requirement e.g. commercially.

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Members were informed that the Carmarthenshire 14-19 Pathways Network was made up of partners from schools, colleges and work-based learning providers. Its main aim was to develop alternative vocational qualifications for pupils between the ages of 14 – 19 within the county.

Two Council project applications would be submitted to the Network by the end of the year to enable collaboration with schools to deliver an Outward Pursuits/Wider Key Skills pilot project and Logistic (Driving) opportunities.

Commercial Training developments in partnership with Crosshands Transport Training Ltd. were under way to meet the requirements of the EC Directive which was being introduced for bus drivers in September 2008 and lorry drivers a year later in 2009.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

255. EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF) CONVERGENCE PROGRAMME

Members were circulated with correspondence relating to the new ESF Convergence Programme - West Wales and the Valleys 2007 – 2013.

A Regional Committee of partners from the five Counties of Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire Cardiganshire, Swansea Bay and Neath and Port Talbot had been established which was currently in the process of developing the interface to meet ESF requirements.

It was envisaged that the Council would be actively involved at a local level as partners and/or deliverers of training when the thematic and project committees were set up in April 2008.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.15 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 13 November, 2007, adopted by the Council.