

31 July, 2008.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 166 – 171

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, 31 July, 2008 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. C. A. Rees

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	H. J. Evans
M. L. Davies	T. J. Jones
T. Devichand	G. H. Wooldridge

166. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

167. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

168. QUALITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Members considered the Training Department's quarterly Quality Development Plan (June 2008) and it was

RESOLVED that the information be accepted.

169. SKILLBUILD PILOT PROGRAMME

The Training Manager reported that the Welsh Assembly Government had been successful in obtaining European funding to run a new two year Skillbuild pilot programme from July 2008. The overall budget for the programme was in the region of £4.5 million. The programme was going to be piloted in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.

Members were informed that the programme would pilot new initiatives within Skillbuild and would inform Work Based Learning contract allocations from 2010 onwards. The format and distribution of the programme was due to be finalised shortly and the Training Department was hoping for a substantial increase in work from the initiative which in turn would provide further financial stability for the department over the short to medium term.

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Should opportunities arise to take advantage of the programme a report would be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in due course, outlining current and future capacity requirements and general staffing needs. Should it be deemed necessary to recruit additional members of staff, appointments would be made on fixed term contracts correlating to the life of the programme.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and to await further developments.

170. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act, 1960) be exercised.

171. WORK BASED LEARNING CONTRACT 2008/09

Members were circulated with a letter from the Head of Provider Policy Team, Welsh Assembly Government dated 10 July, 2008. The writer confirmed that the Training Department had been awarded a contract value offer of £556,663 for 2008/09.

Members congratulated the Training Department staff for their diligent work and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted with pleasure and that the Deputy Clerk (Training) issue a media release to the local press about the favourable contract offer.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.05 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 9 September, 2008, adopted by the Council.