

## LSC WEST YORKSHIRE COUNCIL MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2007

### THE LEEDS REVIEW

#### Resolution

In the light of current and known future circumstances for learning and skills in Leeds the Council confirmed that it was committed to a unified Further Education system for the city, in the interests of learners, employers and communities. The development of new college campuses in a unified system would recognise the need for good access for learners in all main areas of Leeds Metropolitan District. Specialist provision should be maintained and extended. The Council concluded that unification could best be delivered by a merger of the five Colleges which had been identified in the Strategic Options Review as being at the heart of any reorganisation, namely: Leeds College of Building; Leeds College of Technology; Joseph Priestley College; Park Lane College Leeds; and Leeds Thomas Danby.

Taking account of learning and skills priorities and the full spectrum of views presented through informal consultation, the Council **resolved** to conduct a formal public consultation on a reorganisation of the Leeds Colleges, to bring about a unification of Further Education in Leeds. This consultation would seek support for the following actions:

1. A commitment by the Corporations of Leeds College of Building, Leeds College of Technology, Joseph Priestley College, Park Lane College Leeds and Leeds Thomas Danby to create a new city-wide College for Leeds, by dissolution of the existing Corporations.
2. The Corporations of Notre Dame Catholic 6<sup>th</sup> Form College and the Leeds College of Art & Design to agree to establish a formal partnership with the new entity created by merger.
3. Leeds College of Music to be invited to join this partnership, with consideration to be given to other organisations and providers of Further Education to join in membership.

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