

Agenda Item:
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 14 November 2007

SUBJECT: Review of 14-19 Provision in Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected: ALL

Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality & Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call-in

Not Eligible for Call-in (Details contained in the Report)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Executive Board of the situation with regard to producing a response to the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) proposals for the reorganisation of FE Colleges in Leeds.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 On 3 October 2007 the LSC West Yorkshire 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 and create a truly world class vocational provision capable of delivering the skilled workforce we need to compete in a global economy. The decision at this meeting was informed by the outcomes of the informal consultation on the Strategic Options Review of Further Education Colleges in Leeds that ended on 14 September 2007.

2.2 The LSC are currently working on the detailed proposals that will go forward for public consultation and these are due to be completed by 7 November 2007. There will then follow a 28 day period of formal public consultation on the proposals that is scheduled to end on 5 December 2007.

3.0 **Response to the LSC proposals**

3.1 As soon as the LSC proposals are available Education Leeds and Children Services will produce a report recommending a response to the consultation. As the Executive Board meeting on 19 December is outside the consultation period the only opportunity for the Council to endorse the response is the meeting on 14 November 2007. It should be possible to produced a report recommending a response by 9 November 2007 that can then be immediately sent out to members of the Board.

4.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Executive Board is asked to:
Note that the LSC proposals for the re-organisation of FE Colleges and a report recommending a response will be sent out on 9 November 2007.
Endorse the response at the Executive Board meeting on 14 November 2007.