

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, STRAND ROAD CAMPUS, ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2008 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Mr A Rainey (Chair)
Mr E Beattie
Mr L Gallagher
Mr S Murphy (Director)
Mr T O'Connor (from 6.25pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Kinnaird (Assistant Director, Client Services)
Mr P McKeown (Assistant Director, Finance)
Mr C Morrison (Assistant Director, Curriculum)
Mr D McClelland (Secretary)

Apologies were received from Mrs J Doherty and Mrs M Lestas.

**Item of Business – Additional Spend 2007/08
(Ref: paper on Project Proposals)**

The Chair reminded members that the meeting had been called in response to the request by the Governing Body that the Committee consider proposals for additional spend from this year's finances and that the Chair of the Governing Body had been given executive powers in relation to any recommendation coming from the Committee.

Members then examined each proposed Curriculum Project and Capital Investment Project with detail supplied by and discussion with the Director and Assistant Directors. Issues discussed along with potential benefits included

- The need to increase and encourage the use of inter active white boards across college campuses
- The requirement to update equipment to keep pace with industry standards in several curriculum areas
- The prudence of increasing protection of systems and data security
- The fact that some projects reflect DEL requirements
- The need to make small business clients aware of and encourage them to make use of the facilities of the EPI Centre.

The Assistant Director, Finance, then tabled a summary paper showing projected spend on proposed projects and its affect on end of year figures. He indicated that

- Each project would be set up and monitored separately
- Some capital items would be procured in collaboration with WELB

- No item was over the limit required for EU-wide procurement

It was proposed by Mr Gallagher seconded by the Chair and agreed to recommend to the Chair of the Governing Body that all projects listed be approved for spend in this financial year.

The Chair and the Director both expressed their appreciation of the work done by the Assistant Directors in preparing the proposals for the meeting.

The Chair then closed the meeting at 7.45pm.