



Leicester  
City Council

**WARDS AFFECTED**  
All

## **FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:**

**Cabinet**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

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### **Results of ASL inspection and Action Plan**

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#### **Report of the Interim Service Director for Safer and Stronger Communities**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present the results from the OFSTED inspection of the Adult Skills & Learning Service.

##### **2. Summary**

- 2.1 On the basis of the OFSTED inspection results the Adult Skills & Learning service has been transformed since the last inspection in 2004 from 'satisfactory' to 'good' with 'outstanding' results for Community Development and Equality of Opportunities.

##### **3. Recommendations (or OPTIONS)**

- 3.1 To note the improvement in performance achieved by the staff of the Adult Skills & Learning Service since the last inspection in June 2004.

##### **4. Report**

- 4.1 OFSTED base their inspection results on an analysis of the service's self-assessment report and development plans along with comments from the Learning & Skills Council and data on learners and their achievements over the period since the last inspection. Inspectors sampled and graded provision across the whole service to arrive at their final results.
- 4.2 The previous inspection of June 2004 judged most areas to be 'satisfactory' with some 'unsatisfactory' re-inspected in May 2005 and then judged to be 'satisfactory' or 'good'.
- 4.3 Overall effectiveness of the provision is good. More specifically, provision is outstanding in community development and good in information & communication technology (ICT); arts, media and publishing, and literacy, numeracy and ESOL. Leadership and management are also good.
- 4.4 The key area for improvement identified by OFSTED was that observations of teaching and learning are insufficiently thorough.
- 4.5 Achievement and standards are good. Success rates for all long and short courses are now satisfactory having improved significantly from 33% and 44% respectively in

2005/06 to 68% and 88% in 2007/08. Retention rates are high on all programmes and excellent on community development and adult safeguarded learning programmes.

## **5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **5.1. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.  
(Ravi Lakhani, Accountancy Team Manager)

### **5.2 Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications.  
(Kamal Adatia, Head of Community Services Law)

## **6. Other Implications**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	<b>YES</b>	<b>The service is seen as outstanding for Equality of Opportunity.</b>	
Policy	<b>NO</b>		
Sustainable and Environmental	<b>NO</b>		
Crime and Disorder	<b>NO</b>		
Human Rights Act	<b>NO</b>		
Elderly/People on Low Income	<b>NO</b>		

## **7. Report Author**

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<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Reason</b>	Is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising more than one ward
<b>Appeared in Forward Plan</b>	Yes
<b>Executive or Council Decision</b>	Executive (Cabinet)