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Cabinet

26 June 2006

Termination of the Governing Body Arrangements at Leicester Adult Education College

Report of the Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services Department

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to terminate the Governing Body arrangements of the Leicester Adult Education College (LAEC).

2. Summary

- 2.1 The Local Authority has secured provision of some of its Adult Learning Service through LAEC, under s85 Further and Higher Education Act 1992. This provision allows the Local Authority to make such provision as they think fit for the government of this maintained institution, and this has been done through the Instruments and Articles of Government and Scheme of Financial Delegation. These same documents, allow the Local Authority to replace them, again this power to do so, is contained in s85 Further and Higher Education Act 1992. In this situation, the proposals are to terminate the existing Governing Body arrangements. The Articles require the Local Authority to consult with the Governing Body 'in relation to the determination of the general educational character of the college'.
- 2.2 The Governing Body of LAEC has been consulted at several points on the proposals to realign the Adult Learning Service and LAEC into a new single integrated serviced entitled The Adult Skills and Learning Service and have given their written support to Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.
- 2.3 A decision to replace or terminate the Governing Body arrangements needs to be made by Cabinet. Therefore, the decision to disband the existing Governing Body, and withdraw the Scheme of Financial Delegation is necessarily and solely a Cabinet decision.

- 2.4 Cabinet approved on 15 May 2006 a number of recommendations, including delegation of authority to the Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services Department to implement Phase 3 of the realignment process, including replacing existing governance arrangements. However, there is a requirement for a specific approval to terminate the existing Governance Arrangements at LAEC, to ensure the Local Authority has fully completed its duties in regard to the process of disbanding the Governing Body.
- 2.5 Following receipt of the formal approval to terminate the Governing Body arrangements, it will then be necessary to confirm this in writing to the Clerk of the Governing Body.

3. Proposal

Cabinet is recommended to approve the termination of the current Governing Body arrangements of LAEC with effect from 31 July 2006.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:
- a. note the requirement for formal approval by Cabinet to terminate the Governing Body;
 - b. note the proposed date of termination of the Governing Body.
- 4.2 Cabinet is recommended to:
- a. Approve the proposal to terminate the current arrangements of the LAEC Governing Body;
 - b. Decide on the termination date as 31 July 2006.

5. Headline Financial and Legal Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The termination of current Governing Body arrangements at LAEC will involve the withdrawal of the Scheme of Financial Delegation. This will require Leicester City Council to make appropriate arrangements for financial management of funding previously directed to LAEC from 1 August 2006.

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5.2 Legal Implications

The Local Authority decision to replace or terminate the current LAEC Governing Body arrangements needs to be made by Cabinet. Therefore, the decision to disband the existing Governing Body, and withdraw the Scheme of Financial Delegation is solely a Cabinet decision. This decision must then be confirmed in writing to the Clerk to the Governing Body.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)

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