

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2008**

1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs H Wright (Chair), Ms S Daley, Mrs L Ladds, Mrs P Smith and Ms B Ward.

Also in attendance Mrs J Hemmant (Clerk to the Corporation) and Mr J Rees (Director of Curriculum and Standards).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Gallagher.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the committee held on 28 June and 17 September 2008 were reviewed.

It was noted that the validation of the AS/A2 SAR had now taken place. Enhanced monitoring arrangements and revised delivery models had been put in place to ensure the quality of provision was maintained. Some courses had been removed from the college offer and clear lines of accountability had been established. To ensure opportunities for progression were maintained, only courses where there was an alternative level 3 vocational offer had been removed. The committee was advised that there would be a further quality review before Christmas.

3. SUCCESS RATES

Members received a report from the Director of Curriculum and Standards on the success rate outcomes for 2007-2008. It was noted that national success rates for 2007-2008 were not available and that inspectors had been advised to make their judgements against presumptions of improvement nationally.

The committee reviewed the college's performance over a three year period and agreed target success rates for 2008-2009. These rates would be disaggregated for agreement of targets at local levels within the college.

4. OFSTED INSPECTION 2008

Members received a report from the Director of Curriculum and Standards with a copy of the draft inspection report which was due for publication on 28 November. Governors were delighted with the inspection outcomes and particularly the distance travelled since the last inspection.

5. COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Members received a report from the Clerk to The Corporation on the committee's performance against its 2007-2008 targets.

Members were disappointed to note that performance against the attendance target of 80% had only been 72%. The committee felt that it would be helpful if more members of the Corporation could become members of the committee.

Performance against the target for reviewing the implications had also been

unsatisfactory but the committee was satisfied that the inspection outcomes demonstrated the effectiveness of the committee's scrutiny of the internal monitoring systems and inspection preparations.

Members agreed that targets to be proposed for 2008-2009 should be:

- Achieving 80% committee attendance
- Monitoring of the revised Framework for Excellence model
- Monitoring implementation of the inspection action plan
- Monitoring performance of the AS/A2 curriculum offer and implementation of any further changes