

## **Northern Ireland Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment**

### **Council Workshop**

Minutes of the Council Workshop on 14-19 Developments, held on 21 January 2004 at 1000 hours in the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick.

**Present :**

Dr A Lennon (Chairman)	Mr B Carlin
Mr J Clarke	Dr A Murray
Dr W Mulryne	Ms P O'Farrell
Mrs D Black	Mr J Lee
Mrs H McClenaghan	Professor P Roebuck
Mr D Thompson	Mr B Turtle

Mrs M Cree, DEL Assessor

Mr G Boyd, Chief Executive  
Dr A Walker, Head of Education Services  
Mr D Mulholland, Head of Corporate Services

Mr C Holmes  
Mr R McCune  
Dr C Sproule

Miss N Kennedy, Manager, CE Office

### **Introduction**

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the workshop was to focus on 14-19 developments and issues arising in this area. A series of presentations will be given throughout the course of the workshop to ensure topics on the programme are fully debated.

It is anticipated that the Council will be brought up to speed with current thinking around qualifications developments and will be in a position to give the Regulation and Qualifications Committee a steer on issues going forward.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ms J Bell; Mr J Collins; Mr J Ellison; Mr D McKee; Mrs M Watson, Mr D Woods.

### **Chairman's business**

The Chairman offered the condolences of the Council to Jim Clarke, David McKee and Mae Watson on the loss of their mothers.

He welcomed Mr Holmes, Dr Sproule and Mr McCune to the meeting who would be giving presentations to Council on the topics contained in the programme for the day.

He informed members that CCEA had won the Northern Ireland Quality award with a score in excess of 500 points and congratulated the Chief Executive and staff on this excellent achievement.

The Chief Executive said that we will be focusing on how to ensure we get the best value out of Council members over the next few years and will be asking members to contribute to various events going forward.

He reported that the Costello Report on the Review of Post Primary Education would be published shortly and the Tomlinson report would be made public from mid –February 2004.

It is imperative that we pay attention to what is happening in the United Kingdom to ensure that we are aware of the impact this will have on Northern Ireland and how CCEA maintain currency in qualifications and examinations offered.

### **14-19 Developments : Green Paper**

Dr Walker gave a detailed presentation on 14-19 developments since the publication of the 2002 Green Paper by the Government.

### **Tomlinson Proposals**

Mr McCune gave a presentation on what was likely to come forward from the Tomlinson proposals.

The Chairman emphasised that in taking this work forward to the Regulation & Qualifications Committee the issues need to be clearly laid out in a framework for development.

### **Qualifications Development**

Dr Sproule gave a presentation on CCEA's qualifications development, in particular : Key Skills and Vocational qualifications.

### **Links to Employment**

Mr Holmes gave a presentation on how CCEA interacts with employers and how we can develop further in this area with the introduction of the new suite of vocational GCSEs.

The Chairman summarised issues for the Regulation & Qualifications to take forward, as follows :

- Within vocational qualifications – more relevant qualifications in the 6<sup>th</sup> form, recognising skills development and knowledge acquisition.
- Business education and Careers advice needs to be addressed and developed further by CCEA.

The Chairman thanked Mr Holmes, Dr Sproule, Dr Walker and Mr McCune for their presentations and asked that the whole area of 14-19 developments and Business Education Links be included in the Corporate Planning Process for the next 3 years.

Finally, the Chairman presented a list of 'factors to consider' on the whole 14-19 debate, to Council. He asked that this list be formalised into areas for discussion going forward both in the Regulation and Qualifications Committee and Council.

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Chairman

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