

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2004 AT 10.30 A.M.

PROVISION FOR 14 – 19 YEAR-OLDS AND RECREATIONAL COURSES IN  
DACORUM

Update following the meeting of the Topic Group on 7 January 2004

1. Richard Boniface reported to the Group that an interim Principal, Tony Pitcher, has been appointed and is in post from 7 January. Tony was the Principal of South East Essex College and will be in post until the permanent position is filled.

His task will be to manage the process of change and development in the light of the Tribal Consultancy and OfSTED inspection reports.

2. Richard was clearly not in a position either to discuss the OfSTED inspection outcomes (the report will be published in approximately eight weeks' time) or to pre-empt how the Interim principal will want to drive the new agenda forward. Nonetheless, the group was reassured to learn that the focus would be on the needs of the learners.
3. Alan Gray, Headteacher of Hemel Hempstead School outlined the work that schools have been engaged in to develop collaborative working, including working with West Herts College. There was evidence of real progress in recent months, including timetabled provision of AS/A2 level Law and Photography at the College to be offered to post-16 students. It is now envisaged that the courses will be offered at the Dacorum Campus.
4. Howard Moxon, who is responsible for Adult and Community learning at the College, reported on the College's Plan for ACL. He reiterated the College's commitment to continue with recreational provision until such time as other suitable arrangements could be made.
5. Members of the group were pleased to learn of the progress being made. The College now needs time to focus on developing its action plan. A further meeting of the group was pencilled in for 17 May, on the understanding that it could be cancelled if it is not required.