

PRESENT

Tony Cosgrove (Chair)
David Burnby
Tony Anson
Jonathan Leafe
Sue Dobbs
Richard Tuplin
Francesca Devine
John Sharp
Paul Burnley
Ian Kelly
Nick Pontone
Ben Delaney

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies for Absence

631. Apologies were received from Barry Schofield, Jonathan Leafe and Neil Cavill. Neil Cavill withdrew from the Steering Group as he was struggling to attend regularly.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes

632. The minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2008 were agreed as a true and correct record.

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising

633. i) 18th Quarterly Forum - Nick Pontone reported that the previous Quarterly Forum had attracted the largest number of members and the presentations and panel discussion had worked well. He said that John Meehan, Editor of the Hull Daily Mail, had been asked to speak at the next Quarterly Forum on 15th July.

ii) Diplomas - Sue Dobbs said that an Employer Engagement Officer would soon be appointed to coordinate links between schools and businesses for the Diploma scheme. She suggested that this person be invited to speak at a Forum event to raise awareness of the Diploma among employers. Nick Pontone responded that more information on the Diploma would be beneficial but this should come from somebody at a more senior, strategic level.

iii) Marina Development - John Sharp noted recent press reports that a number of the remaining businesses around the Marina, including the Minerva pub, were closing down. He enquired about the provision being made to support these businesses during the regeneration process but it was agreed by the Group that direct financial support from Hull Forward or Hull City Council would not be appropriate.

Agenda Item 4: Steering Group Elections

634. Nick Pontone explained the system for Steering Group elections. He proposed that Steering Group members be divided into three groups of five with one group elected every year on a rotation system. Existing members would be eligible to restand for

