



**CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SERVICES  
CABINET MEMBER MEETING  
20 March 2006**

Report of the Education Commission

## **Review of the Impact of Learning and Skills Council's Agenda for Change on Adult Learning**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To consider and support the recommendations of the Education Commission listed in the attached report.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 During the summer 2005, members of the Education Commission learned that Derby College was reducing its adult learning provision in the city which could potentially affect thousands of learners. Members suspected that this may be in response to the Learning and Skills Council's (LSC) national Agenda for Change Programme. The Commission therefore resolved at their 19 September meeting to review the likely impact of the Learning and Skills Council's Agenda for Change Programme to deliver post-16 education on adult learning in Derby.
- 2.2 The Commission conducted a detailed review and interviewed a selection of learning providers including representatives from City's Adult Learning Service and Lees Brook Community Sports College, the Principal of Derby College and the Acting Director of the LSC.
- 2.3 The Commission has now completed its review and makes 10 recommendations to address the issues raised during the process.

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**Background papers:** None  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. The Commission recommends that there should be no reduction in the budget for Adult Learning Services.

**Legal**

2. None.

**Personnel**

3. None.

**Equalities Impact**

4. Adult learning seeks to improve the skills of the adult population and equip the businesses to compete with our international competitors and bridge the productivity gap.

**Corporate objectives and priorities**

5. This report links to the latest corporate priorities approved of encouraging lifelong learning and achievement as a catalyst for economic growth