



Midlands Regional Probation Training Consortium (MRPTC)

Executive Summary

MRPTC Executive Board Meeting of 22 July 2009

Preamble

MRPTC Executive Board has approved the suggestion that the Director provide an Executive Summary of business transacted at each Board meeting.

The summary will be compiled within two weeks of each Board meeting and sent to MRPTC Board Members, Chief Officers and Chief Executives and to Board Secretaries. Board Secretaries are asked to forward the Summary to Board Treasurers.

The Summary will particularly highlight any issue with a financial implication for Boards/Trusts.

1) Matters Arising

- a) *Accredited Programmes* – It was reported to the Board that a national schedule of Tutor training had now been devised to minimise delays to staff attending these necessary events.
- b) *Regional Audit* – Progress reported upon with outcomes to go to Audit Committee in September and then to inform discussion on next Business Plan.

2) Qualifying Training

The Board received full reports on the Dip PS programme, the PSO Core Programme and the DMU Certificate programme. The Director was authorised to respond on behalf of the Board to the current consultation on the new Qualifying Framework and to particularly emphasise the concern that the project may not deliver in time.

3) Regional Training Centre

An account of the last few months' progress was given, notably including the re-asserted support to the project in the light of detailed information on the notional maximum liability to constituent Boards/Trusts. The project now awaits final approval by the National Property Board on 29 July 2009.

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4) Budget

- a) The Board noted the final closedown budget account for 2008/09.
- b) The Board received a report on the current 2009/10 spend against this budget. In particular the achievement of 39.36% of the income generation target for the year was noted.

5) Directors of Offender Management

The Board was informed of current contacts with the DOMS office.

6) External Funding

The Board noted ongoing work with the Learning and Skills Council/Skills for Justice to establish the Midlands Region as a pilot to access funds following the signing of the Skills Pledge by the Permanent Secretary. A regional Joint Investment Framework is to be developed with a projected agreement this autumn.

7) The Director

The Board noted the planned retirement of the Director at the end of December 2009. Plans are in place to appoint a successor with the advert 'ring-fenced' to substantive ACOs from the Midlands. The Chair and the Lead Chief Officer will work with WMPA, as the Host Board, to manage the process.

The Director would be pleased to respond to any further enquiries about this Board meeting and would make himself available to attend Board/Trust, or Senior Manager Meetings, as appropriate.

Ian Macnair
Director
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