NOTE OF KEY POINTS

- Council noted responses to the funding aspects of the demand-led system consultation document. There were some clear headline messages for each of the three funding models, relating to in-year amendments and monthly payments.

- A draft Leitch implementation plan was considered. The plan was at a very early stage with little more than section headings and broad content suggestions in place. Members did have concerns over apparent omissions, although Stephen Marston was able to assure them that these were likely to be addressed in later drafts.

- The regular financial performance report showed an approximate 99% expenditure against budget. The vast majority of the under-spend was on the capital budget, but there was year end carry-over flexibility here.

- Council noted a draft of the LSC response to the Green Paper, Raising Expectations – staying in education and training post-16. One of the key issues would be to do with the funding trajectory and how the proposals in the Green Paper would affect it. Other comments were to be forwarded to Rob Wye outside of the meeting.

- Council agreed to the delegation to the Chief Executive of some new statutory functions transferred to the LSC relating to transport for post-16 learners.

- Council approved four in-principle capital applications and two detailed applications. Other decisions made by the Capital Committee were noted.

- Council noted details of the forthcoming skills campaign, with the tag line “Our future. It’s in our hands”. An extensive ad. campaign was due to start in July.

- Council noted plans to roll out the New Standard.

- The LSC would soon be able to access a considerable amount of funding under priority 1 and 2 of the ESF.

- It was confirmed that the Regional Director for London, David Hughes, would Chair the Change Board following Ray Dowd's departure.