

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FURTHER EDUCATION
CORPORATION OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS SIXTH FORM COLLEGE HELD ON
TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2008**

Present:

Members: Derek Lyon (Chair), John Barker, Jen Billingham, John Calvert, Grant Cronin, Gill de Bourcier, Hazel Charlesworth, Lee Dacre, Liz Kershaw, Greg Peers and Mike Phipps.

In attendance: Jan Fielding (Vice-Principal), Rob Nodroum (Director of information and Resources), Alan Eccles (Chief Finance Officer)

Clerk: Ed Elvish

Apologies: John Goddard, Dave Kelly

1. Minutes and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th October 2008 were accepted. Alan Eccles introduced under matters arising the issue of the borrowing arrangements. These will not now necessitate a single payment of £14 million. £9 million will now be paid in March 2010 which will be recouped in April 2010. This will therefore require a temporary overdraft facility, the present quote for interest being 6 ½ % (1 ½ % over LIBOR) from Barclays. Other banks are being approached, however, and the Bank of Scotland appears interested in discussing a possible quote.

Jan Fielding updated the meeting on developments regarding BREEAM options for the project and explained the reasons for no longer pursuing excellent status.

The arrangements discussed at the previous meeting on October 30th for enabling works were confirmed.

2. Capital Application to the Learning and Skills Council for Consent and Capital Grant Support

After questions and discussion of the above and other matters arising from the consultants' presentations at the previous meeting, including the distinction between VAT charges for fixtures and fittings but not the building, the following motions were unanimously agreed;

1. That the following project costs are approved;

- **A fixed price contract lump sum of £19,609,083.00 excluding VAT**
- **Overall developments costs excluding BREEAM excellent of £24,136,824.00 including VAT**
- **A total maximum financial commitment for works prior to the decision on AiD (13th January 2009) of £440,007.00 excluding VAT**

2. That borrowing arrangements will result in conversion of costs to a long term loan of £2.414 million on completion of the building at an expected interest rate of 1.5% above LIBOR

3. That approval is granted for entry into a contract with Norwest Holst immediately after AiD