

Mercian Collaboration

Wednesday 29th October 2014
University of Derby

Agenda

1. Introduction and welcome 10.15
 2. Guest speaker – Dr Steven Hill, Head of Policy, HEFCE 10.30
 3. Apologies 11.40
Judith Andrews, Kathryn Greaves
 4. Minutes of previous meeting 11.45
 5. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) 11.50
 6. Governance (including officers, terms of reference and subscriptions) 12.00
- Notes:
- *Agreed to greater differentiation across bands 6-9 in Robin's paper*
 - *Agreed need funds for a staff member to build capacity*
 - *Agreed middle band for income*
 - *Robin to redraft*
7. EMALINK/WESLINK ways forward discussion paper (Lys Ann Reiners) – paper received 12.15

Notes:

- *Agreed bring EMALINK/WESLINK under Mercian Umbrella*
- *Re-name to reflect this*
- *Open up to offer more developmental and strategic training offers as well as operational*
- *Agreed to move to 4 in the paper ie one Mercian group with two divisions, via 3 ie. joint planning, joint workshop, good comms*
- *Agreed plan and review at end of year should be submitted to Mercian collaboration for agreement and sign off.*
- *CT offered to attend next EMALINK/WESLINK meeting to*

discuss

LUNCH	13.00
8. SCONUL update (Mark Toole)	13.30
9. Review of potential projects	14.00

a. Directors Day

Notes:

- *Agreed good idea, 1 day 2 halves, 1 hot topic*
- *Facilitated?*
- *Development opportunity, could shape work of the group?*
- *LMS, OA, RDM favoured for hot topics over all. Include skills*

b. LMS review

Notes:

- *Long term 2020 view?*
- *Pragmatic seemed to be favoured, eg. Workshop to support tender preparation; or to support making the business case; or collaborative groups to talk to others*

c. OA Audit

Notes:

- *OA and RDM could feed into Directors day, also include skills*
- *Share experience in DMP?*

d. Skills audits

Notes:

- *As above and Director's day*
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e. Workforce review

- *Noted costs for external report*

f) Disaster planning and Business continuity

Notes:

- *Yes to Diane's question, useful to do further work*

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| 10. Any other business | 14.30 |
| 11. Time, date and location of next meeting | 14.45 |

Notes:

- *24 March 2015*
- *Venue?*