

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL  
TEACHING COUNCIL FOR WALES**

**DATE: 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2006**

**LOCATION: THE CONWY BUSINESS CENTRE, LLANDUDNO JUNCTION.**

**Present:**

Mal Davies (Chair)	Sue Jenkins
Jacque Turnbull (Deputy Chair)	Gareth Jones
Ron Carrotte	Valerie Merriman
Tim Cox	Suzanne Nantcurvis
Elwyn Davies	Rosemond Nelson
Sheila Drayton	Richard Parry Jones
Michael Edwards	Gareth Roberts
Ian Guy	Jacky Tonge
Anthony Hughes	Gwen Williams
Angela Jardine	Peter Williams

**Apologies:**

Frank Bonello, Jean Campion, Goronwy Jones, Nichola Jones and Jane Setchfield.

**Officers:**

Gary Brace	Chief Executive
Hayden Llewellyn	Deputy Chief Executive (Teachers' Qualifications, Registration and Professional Standards)
Julia Evans	Deputy Chief Executive (Finance, Personnel and Corporate Services)
Karen Evans	Policy and Planning Manager
Jo Harris	Corporate Support Officer

**1. Welcome and Preliminaries**

- 1.1 The Chairperson welcomed members to the twenty-fourth meeting of the Council and confirmed the meeting would be conducted bilingually. Welcome was also given to Tom Hamilton, Director of Educational Policy from the General Teaching Council for Scotland who was present as an observer and to persons observing from the public gallery, in particular a small group of students who were attending as part of their studies.
- 1.2 The Chairperson proceeded to thank members for their commitment in assisting with the increased workload of Professional Standards Committees and commended the offers of assistance with Suitability Committees during the holiday period.

- 1.3 He went on to voice his appreciation to officers for the significant work undertaken to ensure that the Council was fully prepared to undertake the new function of suitability checks on new teachers to the profession. In addition, he praised the quality of the two Disciplinary Refresher Training days and the training material which had been provided for members and former members in recent months.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

- 2.1 Gareth Roberts expressed an interest in Agenda item 13: 'Draft GTCW response to the Furlong Report on Initial Teacher Training Provision in Wales' because of his link with an ITET institution.

## **3. Chairperson's correspondence**

- 3.1 The Chairperson began by informing members of his meeting with Jane Davidson, Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 at which the Deputy Chairperson and the Chief Executive were also present. He reported a very positive discussion during which he outlined the range of activities undertaken by the Council, leading to particular focus on the areas of CPD and suitability for registration and an acknowledgement from the Minister on the pressure placed on the organisation as a result of the speedy implementation of the latter. Dialogue also took place about the format of the Minister's annual meeting with Council members and she expressed her openness to a more open discussion with members following her introduction. Members' comments, following the meeting, were invited on this point.
- 3.2 The Chairperson then brought members' attention to item one of correspondence, letter from Jane Davidson dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006 responding to the Council's draft Corporate and Operational Plans, and went on to advise that the Minister had stated in his meeting that the costs of funding Induction and EPD would be confirmed. In addition, as requested, the issue of the relationship of the Framework with pay would be included in the Strand 2 advice to the Welsh Assembly Government.
- 3.3 Item two of correspondence was a further letter and accompanying report from Jane Davidson, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006, which stated that over £59 million (excluding INSET days) had been made available to teachers for their Continuing Professional Development by the Assembly. This information was in response to the Strand 1 advice from the Council. However, the financial input from LEAs was not known. The Chairperson confirmed that officers would need to press the twenty-two Local Education Authorities to ascertain their level of funding input which, although variable, formed a vital part of the complex funding arrangements for CPD.
- 3.4 A discussion took place at this point and some members observed that there was difficulty for teachers to obtain sufficient funds for their CPD; disappointment that the amount of monies available from the Better Schools Fund had been reduced; the issue of funding available to headteachers through NPQH and PHIP needed to be addressed and that a postcode lottery appeared to exist as there was not an equal spread of the funds available reaching teachers across the country. On this final point the Chairperson informed members that the Minister had highlighted this issue herself. It was also covered in the recent National Assembly review of school funding arrangements.

- 3.5 Item three of correspondence: *The General Teaching Council for Wales (Constitution) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – a consultation on the composition of the Council* was then brought to the attention of members. Whilst the Council had agreed its position on the constitution at its last meeting, the recently issued Assembly document contained a further issue which had not been previously discussed by Council that of “consideration to be given to providing representation on the Council based on the linguistic nature of the education system in Wales”. Members’ views were welcomed on this issue and these included the complexity of selecting a Welsh language body which would cover the primary, secondary and special needs sectors; the importance of the Welsh Language being kept to the fore; the option of the Welsh Language Board itself being added to the list of nominating bodies and finally, that it was possible that the language might be represented through the existing list of nominating organisations, dependant on the person and their background.
- 3.6 The Chairperson concluded that the Council response on this issue should express members’ acceptance of the proposal in principle but that the issues raised should be highlighted. Members were content with this. **Action: GTCW Officers**
- 3.7 A final point was raised by members which highlighted some inaccuracies in Annex A of the document which referred to the positions of Peter Williams and Ron Carrotte. Officers agreed to refer to the inaccuracies in the response. **Action: GTCW officers**

#### **4. Draft minutes of the Council meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a correct record.

#### Matters arising:

- 4.2 Minute 13.3: Suitability for registration: One member recalled that Council had expressed a view at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006 that the list of exempted persons from the requirement to register with the General Teaching Council for Wales, and therefore not be required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check, should be raised as an issue of concern with the Welsh Assembly Government. Officers were asked if such an opportunity had arisen. Gary Brace, Chief Executive responded that the issue had not been as yet but still remained on the agenda whilst focus was maintained on the new suitability function.

#### **5. To receive notification of any issues which members wish to raise in respect of the ‘Information’ Agenda items (21 to 24)**

- 5.1 One member notified two points for questions on agenda item 21: *Reports from Council representatives on external groups* and item 22: *Quarterly Review, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006*.

#### **6. Draft minutes of the Executive Committee meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive introduced these minutes, advising members that the overall agenda would cover all issues for discussion with one exception.

6.2 Minute 2.2: Statutory Welsh Language Scheme: He informed members that the Council's scheme had been approved by the Welsh Language Board (WLB) on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006. The first report on its operation would be made to the Executive Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and thereafter to the WLB as required.

6.3 The unconfirmed minutes were noted.

6.4 No other matters were raised.

## **7. Draft minutes of the Policy Committee meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

7.1 The Chief Executive presented these minutes and explained that all issues would be covered by the agenda of the meeting.

7.2 The unconfirmed minutes were noted.

7.3 There were no matters arising.

## **8. Draft minutes of the Registration Committee meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

8.1 Gareth Roberts briefly introduced these minutes, informing members that all issues would be covered by the meeting agenda.

8.2 The unconfirmed minutes were noted.

8.3 There were no matters arising.

## **9. Draft minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006.**

9.1 Mike Edwards presented these minutes to the Council. He drew members' attention to some specific points namely: the current Finance Officer vacancy which was currently covered by a temporary member of staff; the development of a *Self Evaluation Checklist* for use by the Council and its Standing Committees; the satisfactory outcome of the Internal Audit exercise; the very positive report received following the Council's Internal Audit Annual Report and an update on the Whistleblowing training received by Audit and Scrutiny Committee members.

9.2 He went on to point out that Audit and Scrutiny Committee members were still awaiting a proposed flowchart which would outline the process to be invoked when handling such a whistle-blowing scenario. Officers confirmed this would be pursued with the Wales Audit Office.

9.3 The unconfirmed minutes were noted by members and there were no matters arising.

## **10. Suitability for registration – progress report (GTCW 34/06)**

- 10.1 Hayden Llewellyn, Deputy Chief Executive, Teachers' Qualifications, Registration and Professional Standards introduced this paper. Members were provided with an additional report providing details of the enhanced Disclosure Submissions to the Criminal Records Bureau and the number of responses received by the Council as at 7<sup>th</sup> July 2006.
- 10.2 Following the Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills' stated intention in January 2006 to empower the General Teaching Council for Wales with the remit to determine the suitability of an individual for registration into the teaching profession, the Suitability Regulations became law on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006.
- 10.3 Members were informed that Council officers had received 1300 Enhanced Disclosure Application forms in line with the new process and acknowledged the role of ITET institutions which had facilitated the collation of newly qualifying teachers' applications. Although he acknowledged it was early on in the process, Hayden Llewellyn reported that the turnaround time experienced thus far was reasonably positive but not yet in line with the 90% in four weeks service level agreement outlined by the Criminal Records Bureau. He went on to refer to the report tabled to members which reflected the progress made to date.
- 10.4 The Chairperson welcomed the report and the information provided. Members were invited to raise questions and these were namely, a question of whether officers felt the process was on track and whether there were sufficient staff resources to handle the increased work load. Hayden Llewellyn provided assurances to members on both points.
- 10.5 He then proceeded to draw members' attention to two issues which required discussion and decisions to be made. Firstly, the Registration Committee proposed that the existing list of matters which officers could deal with without reference to an Investigation Committee should be widened. The detail of this proposal was outlined in paragraphs 22 to 25 of the paper. Members were content with the proposal. Secondly, guidance was sought on the number and frequency of re-applications for registration from individuals, outlined in paragraphs 26 to 29. The recommendation of the Registration Committee was that officers should draft this guidance with legal advice so that it could be incorporated in the standard letter which would be used to advise applicants who had been deemed unsuitable for registration.
- 10.6 One member questioned a separate issue in the paper about why the Registration Committee had not adopted the advice from the Council's legal advisor for a one-stage process for suitability cases. Hayden Llewellyn responded that, after debate, it had been decided for consistency reasons to keep the process in line with that of the other professional standards procedures the Council already had in place. This said, the process had now gone out to the wider profession for consultation and officers awaited the outcome. The member stated his concerns for the additional costs of a longer process. One of the Registration Committee members was able to explain that their debate had also covered this concern but that, with the aim of developing a balance between fairness and speed, the Committee had decided to err on the side of fairness with a view to reviewing the procedures once they had been in place for a reasonable term. Members concurred that as suitability posed a new function for the Council which was sensitive and clearly needed to be handled 'correctly', they were happy to agree to the Registration Committee's proposed approach for the time being.

## **11. Funding of Induction and EPD – progress report (GTCW 35/06)**

- 11.1 This paper provided members with an update on the Council's progress in implementing the new arrangements for the funding of Induction and EPD as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006; a report which summarised responses to the consultation on the new arrangements for funding the programmes and a copy of the procedures document which had recently been published and distributed to schools.
- 11.2 In presenting the paper, Hayden Llewellyn highlighted the high levels of support from the profession for the programme in the consultation and reported that following the issue of the procedures document on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2006, a significant number of telephone enquiries had been received and subsequently, a number of applications forms had been submitted for the funding itself.
- 11.3 Members were invited to receive the report for information and to raise any questions or issues. As there were not any questions raised, The Chairperson thanked officers for their work and concluded that this was the initial approach to a new function for the Council with perhaps further developments to evolve.

## **12. Professional Development Framework – progress report and draft advice (Strand 2) (GTCW 36/06)**

- 12.1 Following the recent Council consultation on strand 2 of a Professional Development Framework for teachers, this paper provided a revised draft of the proposed advice document to the Assembly; an update on the development of the standards for the milestone of Chartered Teacher and a recommendation that invitations for the reconvened Task Group, required to undertake strands 3 and 4, be despatched to the same organisations previously involved.
- 12.2 The Chief Executive presented this paper and reminded members that the draft advice and consultation report had been despatched in advance of the Council papers for their perusal. The outcomes of the consultation exercise, including the acknowledgement of issues and challenges, were provided in the cover paper but he summarised that there had been considerable support for the specific Chartered Teacher proposals.
- 12.3 Members were also informed that during the meeting with Jane Davidson, the proposal to re-designate provisional and full registration was discussed with an indication received that the Government of Wales Bill might facilitate such a change through primary legislation. The Chief Executive added later in the discussion that the consultation proposal to mainstream Chartered Teacher in 2008 should be deferred by a year to 2009 to allow sufficient evaluation time following piloting.
- 12.4 Members' approval was sought on the advice, subject to comments made by members, following its initial circulation but as yet not incorporated and those made at the day's meeting. Members proceeded to request an amendment to Chapter 2 *Professional development recognition and accreditation: Issues and challenges* to acknowledge the funding available from the Welsh Assembly Government for teachers' CPD. Members also requested that it would be helpful if the 22 LEAs made a similar statement.

- 12.5 Members made general comments about the document which were namely, members were content to see the reference to the CPD needs of supply teachers; that the forthcoming review of all teaching standards might need to include those of Chartered Teacher; issues of where the milestone would 'sit' in relation to senior leaders and headteachers and that further consideration might need to be given to making the milestone 'renewable' in the future.
- 12.6 A member expressed concern with the assumption that the Council would automatically absorb the costs of administering the Chartered Teacher programme which would be incurred through the portfolio route, predicted at £120,000. The Chief Executive responded that the Council, having been asked by the Welsh Assembly Government to steer the Task Group for developing the standards, proposed to administer the function in line with that consistent with other professions. The Council, on behalf of the profession, would 'own' this milestone and it appeared appropriate for the administration of the accreditation route to be handled accordingly.
- 12.7 Additionally, the same member questioned the small number of teachers the programme would 'reach'. The Chairperson stated that the expected figures per year on which the costing was modelled were of 150 through the 'portfolio' route and 250 through the 'taught' route. This had been based on the number of teachers in Wales and the experience of the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
- 12.8 At this point, members confirmed that they were content with the draft advice document subject to the incorporation of the suggested amendments.
- 12.9 A discussion then took place surrounding the progress made by the Chartered Teacher standards development group which was noted in the minutes of the three meetings held thus far. A fourth meeting had taken place since the despatch of the Council papers but the minutes of which were not available for members to peruse. Members felt that significant progress was being made by the group and an acknowledgement made of the difficulties of their remit.
- 12.10 Observations were offered regarding the pitch of the standards; the sensitivity and importance of the wording; the use of the term *mentor* and the need to include positive/active verbs such as 'promote'. The inclusion of the Council's *Statement of Professional Values and Practice* was felt to be a requirement of all teachers and that a Chartered Teacher would be expected to set their sights higher still.
- 12.11 One member also suggested that an agreement from the Welsh Assembly Government be sought to cover the costs of supply cover and expenses incurred by teachers and schools.
- 12.12 Members were content that progress with the development of the Chartered Teacher standards would be reported to the next Council meeting in October 2006.

### **13. Draft GTCW response to the Furlong Report on Initial Teacher Training Provision in Wales (GTCW 37/06)**

- 13.1 This paper outlined Jane Davidson's reply to the Council's response to the Furlong Report. The General Teaching Council for Wales was invited to formally respond to the Review of ITT provision in Wales as well as to the Welsh Assembly Government's *ITT Change Plan* thus giving the Council a key opportunity to influence the strategic development of ITET in Wales.

- 13.2 Karen Evans, Policy and Planning Manager presented the paper and welcomed members' contributions to the development of the position paper which had been remitted to the Policy Committee. The first draft had been drafted following the Committee's debate on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and to which Gareth Roberts' contribution, following the extended invitation to all members who wished to attend this specific Policy Committee meeting, was acknowledged.
- 13.3 Some members endorsed the content of some specific paragraphs. The fourth paragraph outlined the proposed reduction of ITET numbers. Paragraph five noted the fact that the Welsh education system was diverging increasingly from that in England and that a balance was sought to tailor to the needs of Wales whilst ensuring that, a teacher who completed their training course in Wales, should never face an obstacle to gaining employment beyond Wales. Paragraph nine supported the opportunity for a re-energised ITET sector within Wales. In addition, one member referred to paragraph eighteen and concurred that it was important for the Council to push forward the issue of senior leadership standards into the public domain for open discussion.
- 13.4 Reference to the recently issued revised QTS standards document would necessitate an amendment to paragraph eighteen.
- 13.5 Members were content with the pitch and general development of the first draft. The formal response would be developed further by officers and remitted back to the Policy Committee for the 21<sup>st</sup> September with a view to the final agreement by Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

#### **14. Amendments to Disciplinary Procedures and Rules (GTCW 38/06)**

- 14.1 Since the Council assumed its disciplinary responsibilities in June 2001, its Disciplinary Procedures and Rules have already been revised once in June 2003 and, following a review undertaken by the Registration Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and subsequent input from the Council's Legal Advisor, a number of suggestions were currently under consideration.
- 14.2 Hayden Llewellyn introduced this paper and explained that approval was not sought from Council at this point of time. He invited members to note the further suggestions from legal advisors for information and to delegate responsibility for further consideration of these proposals to the Registration Committee due to reconvene on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Members' comments and questions were welcomed.
- 14.3 A discussion took place regarding the possibility that a witness might wish to provide their evidence in Welsh and officers were asked if this had been requested at any time. Hayden Llewellyn responded that this scenario had not occurred to date and assured members that some such enquiries were made as part of the arrangements leading up to the hearing. In any such case, legal advice would be sought and provided to the Committee. In addition, he agreed to take this issue further with the Council's legal advisor as a pre-emptive measure.
- 14.4 Members felt that the right for either a witness as well as the teacher to be able to speak in Welsh at a Professional Standards Committee was fundamental and that it should be incorporated into the Disciplinary Procedures and Rules document. A Registration Committee member acknowledged that this could be dealt with during their next meeting.

14.5 One further query was raised, whether the amended document would be passed for consultation with the profession. Hayden Llewellyn explained that no consultation was planned due to the types of amendments being made

**15. Monitoring Progress of the Action Plan for Teacher Recruitment and Retention in Wales (GTCW 22/06)**

15.1 In March 2005, the Council was formally invited by the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee of the National Assembly for Wales to monitor and report on progress made against the recommendations from the GTCW's *Action Plan for Teacher Recruitment and Retention in Wales*.

15.2 Members were informed by Karen Evans, Policy and Planning Manager, that the Policy Committee had formulated an initial draft report at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Comments were welcomed during the meeting and also by post to officers subsequently, with a view to finalising the report by September 2006 in readiness for presentation to the ELLS Committee.

15.3 The Deputy Chairperson, who had represented the Council at the ELLS Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006, requested that the decline of the Council's request for funding for certain aspects of monitoring in order to produce the report, be reflected on page two.

15.4 Another member questioned whether this area could be a potential vehicle for the Council to raise the issue of headteacher recruitment problems. The Chairperson added that it appeared to be assumed that, because there was an abundance of applicants for the NPQH programme, that there were no recruitment issues in this area. It was also mentioned that there were some inaccuracies with the Welsh Assembly Government's census which quoted some Council information incorrectly. It was agreed that officers would pursue both of these issues with PLASC at the Welsh Assembly.

15.5 At this point, reference was made to an article which Gary Brace had been invited to write about the recruitment of headteachers which had appeared in the Western Mail recently. The Chief Executive responded that important parts of the article he had prepared had been edited which changed the context and the view which he intended to provide. Having since clarified with the Welsh Assembly Government the content which should have been published, the Council are now pursuing through its media representative, Merlin, the difficulties caused by the misrepresentation.

15.6 The Chairperson concluded that members were content with the draft thus far and remitted the final work to be undertaken to the Policy Committee in September 2006.

**16. Accommodation, Reserves and Indicative Registration Fee, 2007-09 (GTCW 40/06)**

16.1 Julia Evans, Deputy Chief Executive, Finance, Personnel and Corporate Services, presented this paper which invited members to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee in firstly, establishing a capital reserve and building it through accruing any unplanned budget surpluses and secondly, to agree the indicative registration fees for 2007-08 and 2008-09 at £36.

- 16.2 Members were aware that at the previous Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006 it was agreed to remit the Executive Committee with the inter-woven considerations of establishing a reserve which might be used for a possible property purchase whilst looking into the benefits of buying the Council's own accommodation versus the continuation of leasing; the increased pressure on staff's working space within the existing office area due to the impending and recent increase in staff numbers; the current negotiations on the existing leases held with Southgate House and the subsequent impact on the Indicative Registration fee as a result of all the above.
- 16.3 Julia Evans outlined the Executive Committee's recommendation that a capital reserve of £350,000 was needed to cover the initial purchase costs, surveys and deposit for such accommodation. The development of this would be from unexpected surpluses and prudent planning of income based on guaranteed teacher numbers. This would mean that it would not be necessary to increase the registration fee.
- 16.4 It was generally thought that the costs of paying a Business Mortgage would equate to that paid in rental costs but this would only be clarified at the time of more specific enquiries once interest rates were known at the time of intended purchase which would not be for a further 3 to 5 years..
- 16.5 Members agreed to the proposal to establish a capital reserve of £350,000 for the stated purpose.
- 16.6 Julia Evans went on to report that, with the introduction of the funding of Induction and EPD staff and other recruitments reported at the last Council meeting, the office staff numbers would increase by five and subsequently six individuals. This additional pressure on work space had led to officers pursuing the possibility of additional office space on the second floor of Southgate House. Negotiations were in hand to enter into an additional lease which would run concurrent with those already held with a view for all to expire in 2011. Subject to the successful outcome of negotiations, it was hoped that the new space could be accessed from the beginning of September 2006.
- 16.7 Members were then informed that following work undertaken on the proposed Chartered Teacher programme and increased rental costs, indicative registration fees of £36 for 2007-08 and 2008-09 were being recommended by the Executive Committee. The Chairperson also reported that he had presented these figures to both the Minister and the STRB and he hoped that the fees would be reimbursed following the current pay review. One member commented that he was opposed to increasing the fee on the basis that no comparative figures had been provided on the Council's budgets if no fee increase was made.
- 16.8 Another member acknowledged the recently increased workload on Professional Standards officers and asked whether it would be pertinent to give consideration to expanding the resources to ensure that the current, very high quality of work was maintained and that any undue pressures on staff were avoided. The Chief Executive assured members that staffing resources were kept under constant review; measures were in place to cope with peaks and increased pressures and that additional staff would be appointed where and when necessary and reported to members.
- 16.9 The Chairperson asked members to vote on the proposal to set the indicative registration fees for both years at £36. This was agreed by 17 votes to 2.

**17. Draft Annual Report and Accounts, 2005-06 (GTCW 41/06)**

- 17.1 The Council is required to lay an Annual Report before the National Assembly for Wales, which reports its achievements against the targets outlined in the Operational Plan for the same period. The Annual Report is made available to the public via the Council's website and as a published document.
- 17.2 The Chief Executive introduced this report, commenting that 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 had been a very successful and busy year for the Council. He gave his thanks to both senior officers and the office staff for their efforts and commitment. Members concurred unanimously.
- 17.3 The Chairperson invited comments on the report. Observations included the suggestion that the Governors Wales Conference be added to the list of conferences attended provided on page eighteen; that both the teaching profession public were made fully aware through the report of the wider range and depth of work undertaken by the Council and that the description of responsibility for suitability checks be explained more fully
- 17.4 The Chairperson invited members to agree the Annual Report subject to the addition of the previously discussed amendments and the completion of the WAO audit of the Council's financial accounts. Members agreed with this proposal.

**18. Any other business**

- 18.1 There was no other business.

**For information items:**

**19. Reports from Council representatives on external groups (GTCW 44/06)**

- 19.1 The Deputy Chairperson provided an update to the report she had provided to Council on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006 on the 14-19 Learning Pathways Overarching Steering Group. Members were advised that a new project group would be convened to take forward the work thus far. Nominations were to be invited early summer 2006 and the Council should expect to be contacted in due course. The Chief Executive responded that no invitation had been received to date and that officers would pursue it.

**20. Quarterly Review, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (GTCW 45/06)**

- 20.1 The Deputy Chairperson commented that the dates quoted in the title of Annex B required correction to reflect the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
- 20.2 Officers were then asked by the Deputy Chairperson to include in Annex B her attendance with the Chairperson and Chief Executive of the meeting with Steve Marshall, Welsh Assembly Government; the ATL Conference at Newcastle; Wales Audit Conference, Cardiff and the Governors Wales Conference at Llandrindod

Wells. The Chief Executive apologised that these details had been omitted from the report and gave assurances that it would be rectified.

20.3 The Council then moved into its private session.

**The next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at ESIS – The Learning Centre at Treforest, Cardiff**