

St Patrick's College Drumcondra Agreed Minute

The HEA acknowledges and appreciates the work undertaken by St Patrick's College Drumcondra in preparing the Compact Documentation submission in the context of this the first cycle of Strategic Dialogue. Documented feedback on the draft compact has been conveyed to St Patrick's College Drumcondra. This feedback has been informed by an extensive HEA exercise of evaluation of the submission, including analysis by an external panel set up to provide an independent assessment of the overall performance of the institution, against the backdrop of its mission.

HEA recognises that this is the first year of strategic dialogue and this is a developmental process. In year 2, HEA will have regard to the agreed outcomes of the dialogue process this year, including not only specific objectives and indicators proposed, but also any feedback to institutions regarding the overall composition of the compact. Institutions are expected to have regard to this feedback and to demonstrate that they have incorporated it into their processes for next year's process.

Subject to the above, the HEA and St. Patrick's College Drumcondra agree that the mission, planned profile and targets, as now set out in the accompanying Compact, are consistent with the national objectives set for the higher education system and are appropriate to the place of St. Patrick's College Drumcondra within the system. This agreement takes full cognisance of the strategic dialogue meeting which took place on 10th December 2013. **The following issues are taken from the Strategic Dialogue Meeting held on the 10th December 2013. It is recognised that this does not represent a full minute of the meeting but focuses on issues of particular importance.**

General

The main strategic priority for St. Patrick's College is to complete its incorporation into DCU which is progressing well, with challenging but realistic timelines and milestones.

Meeting Ireland's Human Capital Needs

The HEA noted the central importance of job creation for the Government and the important role Higher Education plays in that domain. St. Patrick's College agreed and noted the range of efforts underway to support this objective.

Regional Cluster

The HEA notes that St. Patrick's College will connect to the regional cluster agenda through DCU.

Institutional Consolidation

The HEA will follow up separately with DCU, St. Patrick's College and Mater Dei Institute of Education in the management of the comparative data for the institutions separately and collectively.