

Item 3m Partner Updates

Organisation	South Devon College
Date	8 March 2010
Summary of Progress	<p>The new university centre building project is slightly ahead of contract and will be open October 2010. This will accommodate the 500 Foundations degree students as well as provide the hub for Business Advantage, the College's one-stop-shop for business.</p> <p>The College and partners have received approval and a new 3 year contract from the Regional Development Agency to develop and deliver an Innovation and Knowledge Transfer service to local business. This will provide expert support for businesses seeking to improve business processes or develop new products or markets.</p> <p>Funding for the College from 1st April 2010 will primarily come via the local authority Torbay Council, when the Learning and Skills Council is closed. A new Skills Funding Agency will manage government funding for adults. Nationally, college funding for adults (>19) is being cut by 10-25% per college, which will impact on the range of courses offered to adults. A growth area is Apprenticeships for 16-18, subject to employer placements.</p> <p>The College is working with Dartmouth Community College (school for 11-18), who are applying for Academy status.</p>
SHSP Action Recommended	To note the report.