

Item 3e Partner Updates

Organisation	South Devon College
Date	14 December 2009
Summary of Progress	<p>Building work on the new “university centre”, which will also accommodate Business Advantage, the College’s one-stop-shop for business, is progressing well. It will be open for students in November 2010 (current plan). Higher Education recruitment is buoyant.</p> <p>The apprenticeship programme continues to grow with new areas including Warehouse and Distribution and Customer Service. There are still insufficient employers to offer places to every young person who wants to be an apprentice. Progress with the public sector is slow.</p> <p>The South Devon Employment and Skills Board has been set up and a private sector chair appointed.</p> <p>The college will launch its new technology transfer/innovation service at an employer dinner on 13 January.</p>
Current / Shared Issues	The LSC ends on 31 March 2010 with the College’s 16-18 funding flowing via Torbay Council and other funding agencies thereafter. Combined with a general election, the College sector is anticipating a turbulent period.
SHSP Action Recommended	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to promote the apprenticeship programme. 2. Signal desire to attend innovation launch via innovation@southdevon.ac.uk.