

**KENT ASSOCIATION OF FE CORPORATIONS**  
**PROJECT OUTLINE**  
**QIA PEER REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Introduction:

This project is funded by the Quality Improvement Agency (QIA) to develop the principles and practice of peer review and development in support of government proposals for promoting self improvement and self regulation within the FE system.

QIA comment that peer review and development has both an assessment function, that includes benchmarking and the validation of self-assessment judgements, and an improvement function that includes joint action planning and support in the sharing and transfer of good practice. Both elements are necessary to meet the requirements of a self-regulating sector where providers are capable of working together to make rigorous judgements on quality and standards and to assume shared responsibilities for improvement.

KAFEC colleges are working as a group on this project to consider and develop procedures that will be used in the future for self regulation within the group.

The KAFEC Director of Operations will be acting as Project Manager for this project. The Project Steering Group comprises the Heads/Directors of Quality from each participating college.

Reviews:

Colleges will be paired to undertake a review and analysis of the SAR of their partner college. This will take the form of a questionnaire. A visit to the partner college will also take place.

The reviews of the initial project need to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008. KAFEC will therefore continue to develop the project further into the next academic year and will extend the review process by including examining a curriculum area or cross college theme.