OUTLINE PROGRAMME Effective Meetings and Minute Taking

1 What is a Meeting?

- a. The cycle of a meeting
- b. The participants
 - i Chairperson
 - ii Minute taker
 - iii Attendees

2 Arranging a Meeting

- a. Who attends
- b. Administration
- c. Use of IT applications (e.g. Outlook, Lotus Notes, GroupWise)
- 3 Sections of a Meeting
- 4 Agenda
 - a. Agenda styles
 - b. Distributing the agenda
- 5 Preparation
- 6 Creating the Environment
- 7 Attending the Meeting
- 8 Taking Notes
 - a. Shorthand?
 - b. Longhand?
 - c. Formal minutes
 - d. Notes of a meeting
- 9 Structuring Notes

10 Writing up the Minutes

- a. What should be included
- b. Style of minutes
- 11 Recording Decisions and Actions
- 12 Layout and Numbering
- 13 Business English for Minutes
 - a. Words and phrases
 - b. Sentences and paragraphs
 - c. Punctuation
 - d. Useful words
- 14 Building Confidence



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