

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

### **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

**14 SEPTEMBER 2005**

#### **Member Training: Reference from Cabinet Meeting held on 23 June 2005**

The Director of Financial and Business Strategy introduced the report attached at Appendix 1 and also referred to the reference from the Audit Committee (Appendix 2 refers).

Members were in agreement that whilst training should be available to all Members of the Council, it need not be mandatory except in respect of the quasi-judicial bodies such as the Development Control Committee and the Licensing Panel. A Member pointed out that it was also essential for officers to present reports in lay person language and that this would become even more challenging following the May 2006 local elections which might bring in new Councillors.

The Portfolio Holder for Communications, Partnership and Human Resources, in her capacity as a Member of the Member Development Panel, explained why it would be difficult to make training compulsory. She informed Members that the Member Development Panel would be preparing a full programme of training for Members.

**RESOLVED:** (1) To note the reference from the Audit Committee;

(2) that the reference be submitted to the Member Development Panel for consideration.

**Reason for Decision:** To improve governance arrangements.

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **Background Papers**

1. Minutes of Cabinet meeting held on 23 June 2005

2. Report of the Director of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy considered by Cabinet on 23 June 2005. Reference from the Audit Committee considered by Cabinet on 23 June 2005.

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