

EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE FORUM

22 SEPTEMBER 2005

Chair:	† Councillor Bill Stephenson	
Councillors:	* Mrs Bath * Miss Bednell * Gate	* Ismail * Janet Mote * Ray
Teachers' Constituency:	† Mr R Borman * Ms C Gembala * Ms J Lang	* Ms L Money * Ms L Snowdon
Governors' Constituency:	* Ms H Henshaw * Mrs C Millard	Mr N Rands Ms H Solanki
Elected Parent Governor Representatives:	* Mr H Epie	* Mr R Sutcliffe
Denominational Representatives:	Mrs J Rammelt	† Reverend P Reece
Arts Culture Harrow Representatives:	(none)	(none)

* Denotes Member present
Denote category of Reserve Member
† Denotes apologies received

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 1 - Education Consultative Forum's Terms of Reference**

The Forum considered its current Terms of Reference and made the following comments:

- The copy of the Terms of Reference circulated with the agenda had not included the amendment previously agreed by Cabinet, which allowed a non-Councillor to be appointed Vice Chair.
- The abbreviated version of the Forum's name should be changed to EdCF to avoid confusion with the Employees' Consultative Forum.
- The two elected parent governors should be listed separately from the Governor constituency of six members nominated by the Association of Harrow Governing Bodies.
- The wording of 'Functions and Objectives' item 1(i) contained a grammatical error.
- The view was expressed that the two members appointed by the Arts Culture Harrow had not attended many meetings of the Forum because the majority of issues discussed at the meetings were not relevant to the arts constituency. The Forum agreed that it was not practicable to continue to require two arts representatives in the membership, but felt that art and culture served an important function and should continue to be represented in the Council's committees.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND (to Cabinet)

That (1) the amendment, previously approved by Cabinet, which allowed non-Councillors to be appointed Vice Chair, be incorporated into the Terms of Reference;

(2) the abbreviated version of the Forum's name be changed to EdCF;

(3) the two elected parent governors listed under 'Composition of the Education Consultative Forum', item (c), become a separate item (d); consequently, item (d) be renumbered item (e);

(4) the "arts constituency of two members nominated by Arts Culture Harrow" (item e) be removed;

(5) the wording of 'Function and Objectives' item 1(i) be changed to "...between the Executive, **its** teaching employees....";

(5) Cabinet consider where art and culture representation might be more appropriately placed within the Council's meetings structure.

[REASON: To enable the Forum's Terms of Reference to be updated].