

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	16 February 2006
Subject:	DfES White Paper- Higher Standards, Better Schools For All
Responsible Officer:	Javed Khan Director of Learning & Community Development
Contact Officer:	Heather Clements Group Manager- Achievement & Inclusion
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Bill Stephenson Education & Lifelong Learning
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public 1

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

1. To note the views of the Education Consultative Forum on the Education White Paper;
2. that Cabinet be requested to endorse the views set out in the summary of the Education White Paper attached at Appendix 1 and to forward them to the Secretary of State for Education and Harrow's MPs

Reason for report

This report will form the basis of the Council's formal response to the published DfES White Paper

Benefits

Central government will receive a formal response from the London Borough Harrow.

Cost of Proposals

NA

Risks

Failure to respond to proposals could result in adverse changes to the education system in Harrow

Implications if recommendations rejected

Harrow would not have provided a response to the Government on an important educational issue and that the government assumes that the Council agrees to the proposals in the white paper.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

A report on the DfES white Paper was presented at the Council's Education Consultative Forum (EdCF), giving members an opportunity to discuss its contents and formulate Harrow's response to it. The proposed response draws on views shared at the EdCF meeting and a pan-London response from the Association of London Chief Education Officers (ALCEO), put into a Harrow context.

2.2 Options considered

Whether to submit a response to the consultation.

2.3 Consultation

Education Consultative Forum

2.4 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report

2.5 Legal Implications

None in that this report seeks approval to a consultation response.

2.6 Equalities Impact

N/A

2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

N/ A

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Appendix 1 - Summary of the key issues in the White Paper

Appendix 2 – Recommendation from the Education Consultative Forum
(circulated separately)

DfES White Paper- Higher Standards, Better Schools For All (November 2005)

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper should telephone Heather Clements.