

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

CABINET

16 FEBRUARY 2006

Reference from the Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on 10 January 2006 – Adult and Community Learning Scrutiny Review

1. The Sub-Committee received a report from the Director of Organisational Performance, which set out the progress made on the review, enabling the Sub-Committee to approve the review group's report.
2. Members thanked the co-optees and officers who had contributed to the review. They commented as follows:
 - that it was unfortunate that the fees for non-accredited Adult and Community Learning (ACL) provision would be increased;
 - that the re-branding of the ACL service was overdue and that the existing brand of REACH (Reaching Every Adult and Community in Harrow) did not clearly communicate the nature of their service;
 - that it was important to reach out and support learners with a disability and other 'hard to reach' groups;
 - that the issue of supporting learners with a disability ought to be raised by the Council's Chief Executive through the West London Alliance, which would enable solutions to be developed for the region;
3. An officer explained why the fees for ACL provision had to increase and why this would lead to a more equitable system and suggested that the report be referred to the Cabinet meeting as outlined in the officer report.

RESOLVED: that the report be referred to Cabinet meeting on 16 February 2006, in that the issues of fees can be considered in conjunction with the report on the revenue budget which would set out the proposed increase in fees and charges.

[REASON: to enable the issues of fees to be considered in unison with the report on the revenue budget which would set out the proposed increase in fees and charges.]

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee, 10 January 2006.

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