

Subject:	Building Schools for the Future One-School Pathfinder
Responsible Officer:	Geoff Wingrove Director of Strategic Services, People First
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Chris Mote, Leader of the Council
Key Decision:	Yes
Urgent:	Yes
Power to be exercised:	Urgent - Portfolio Holder Responsibilities (Allocation of Responsibilities) - Paragraph 3 of the Delegated Powers of Portfolio Holders Appendix to the Executive Procedure Rules - Part 4D of the Constitution.
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Report to Member Panel on 27 November 2006

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the reasons for urgent Leader of the Council decision prior to approval being sought at December Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Leader of the Council is requested to decide that Whitmore High School be selected for Harrow's One-School Pathfinder project.

REASON:

A representative cross-party Member Panel met on 27 November and unanimously recommended that Whitmore High School be selected for Harrow's One-School Pathfinder project.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

2.1 Background

Harrow has been invited to participate in the second phase of the Government's Building Schools for the Future One-School Pathfinder (OSP) scheme. An application and selection process has been undertaken in order to determine the school that will be selected for Harrow's OSP project.

2.2 Member Panel

A representative cross-party Member Panel was convened to recommend which school should be selected. Officers evaluated the two applications from high schools, and the report to the Member Panel is attached.

2.3 Recommendation

The Member Panel met on 27 November 2006 and unanimously recommended that Whitmore High School be selected for Harrow's One-School Pathfinder project.

2.4 Urgency for Portfolio Holder decision

There is a Department for Education and Skills (DfES) requirement for the detailed proposal about the school that is selected for Harrow's OSP project to be submitted by 30 November 2006. In order to meet this deadline, and to be eligible to receive the substantial capital funding, it is necessary for a school to be selected. December Cabinet will be requested to approve Harrow's OSP project, and DfES will be informed that Harrow's detailed proposal is subject to Cabinet approval.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signature.....	Date 29 November 2006
Name (print) Paula Foulds	
Monitoring Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signature.....	Date 29 November 2006
Name (print) Helen White	

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers:

Report to Member Panel dated 27 November 2006

Signature:

Position Director of Strategic Services, People First

Name Geoff Wingrove

Date: 29 November 2006

FOR PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEADER

* I do agree to the decision proposed

* I do not agree to the decision proposed

* Please delete as appropriate

Notification of personal interests (if any):

(Note: if you have a prejudicial interest you should not take this decision)

Additional comments made by and/or options considered by the Portfolio Holder

Signature:

Leader of the Council

Date: