

## PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION MEETING

30 NOVEMBER 2006

Councillors: \* Chris Mote

\* Denotes Member present

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL****PART II - MINUTES**8. **Declarations of Interest:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no interests were declared in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.

9. **Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2006 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

10. **Petitions:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no petitions were received under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4D of the Council's Constitution).

11. **Public Questions:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were put at the meeting under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4D of the Council's Constitution).

12. **Matters referred to the Executive Member (if any):**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no matters had been referred to the Executive Member for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 22 (Part 4F of the Council's Constitution).

13. **Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committees:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no reports had been received.

14. **Key Decision - Building Schools for the Future - One School Pathfinder:**

It was noted that the meeting had been convened at short notice for the reasons set out in the agenda.

The Leader considered the report of the Director of Strategic Services (People First), together with the report considered by a cross-party Member Panel on 27 November 2006, which related to Harrow's One-School Pathfinder project, and involved the taking of an urgent key decision.

The reports referred to the invitation from the Department of Education and Skills (DfES) to participate in the second phase of the Government's Building Schools for the Future One-School Pathfinder (OSP). An application and selection process had been undertaken to determine which of Harrow's schools should be selected for the Pathfinder project. It was noted that the Member Panel had unanimously recommended that Whitmore High School be selected for the Pathfinder project.

The Leader noted that there was a requirement from the DfES for a detailed proposal in relation to the school selected by Harrow to be submitted by 30 November 2006. The meeting was informed that, in accordance with paragraph 16 – Special Urgency - of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution, the agreement of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the taking of the decision could not be reasonably deferred until Cabinet on 14 December 2006 had been obtained. She had also agreed that the decision in relation to this matter was urgent and as a result would not be subject to the call-in procedure.

**RESOLVED:** That Whitmore High School be selected for Harrow's One-School Pathfinder project.

**Reason for Decision:** In order to advise the DfES of Harrow's selection of Whitmore High School for Harrow's One-School Pathfinder project, in accordance with their deadline of 30 November 2006.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 1.03 pm, closed at 1.05 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOTE