

## **Annexe A – Update**

### **Background**

1. Harrow partners plan to establish a borough-wide Harrow Sixth Form Collegiate involving all Harrow's high schools and colleges in collaborative arrangements to make a comprehensive post-16 curriculum offer to all Harrow's learners. A key aim of the borough-wide collegiate is to achieve 100% of 16-18 year olds participating in education and training by 2010.
2. With all party agreement, a bid was submitted to the London West Learning and Skills Council (LWLSC) on 31 January 2006 for capital funding to enable post-16 capital development on high school sites. Following feedback from LWLSC, the bid was revised and on 24 April 2006 the LWLSC Council agreed to support the educational case for the London Borough of Harrow Collegiate and recommended the proposal to the National Capital Committee for capital funding approval to a maximum sum of £17.1 million.
3. In May 2006 both the National Capital Committee and the London Regional Board of the LSC raised serious concerns about the proposal, including the potential to create ten new sixth forms, and the impact of the smaller size on curriculum offer and quality, the ability to meet the needs of the Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) group, the relative priority of Harrow in the wider London context and the strength of the governance arrangements. In order to address these concerns, the LSC funded an independent consultancy to: review the proposal; assess the strengths of the proposal against other delivery options; recommend the best model for the delivery of a 14-19 curriculum offer in Harrow.
4. The LSC consultants reported in January 2007 and were very positive in their support for the Collegiate model. They considered Harrow's 14-19 Collegiate model to be at the forefront of national developments and to have the potential to be exemplary as it addresses many aspects of the Government's 14-19 implementation plan. They made recommendations to address the LSC concerns, and recommended that the requested capital programme be funded as a matter of urgency.
5. Decision by the LSC National Capital Committee was deferred from 27 February 2007 to allow time for Harrow's bid to be revised to accommodate additional specialisms at Canons and Hatch End schools which have been recognised by the Government as high performing specialist schools and awarded vocational specialisms. On 29 March 2007, the LSC National Capital Committee agreed Harrow's bid and allocated £24.8million for the capital build on high school sites.

### **Collegiate provision**

6. While Harrow's bid was being prepared and awaiting decision, initiatives have proceeded through consortia to develop opportunities for post-16 studies to Harrow's learners.
7. Central Consortium, involving six community high schools working in collaboration with Harrow College, enrolled some 440 students for AS level studies in September 2006. A further intake of students is planned for September 2007, for AS and A2 studies. Chandos Consortium, involving two community high schools working in collaboration with Stanmore College, plans to enrol students for AS level studies in September 2007. The Roman Catholic high schools and the special high schools are developing collaborative arrangements with colleges and plan to establish additional faith-based vocational provision.
8. Many of the collaborative arrangements developed locally are likely to continue within the borough-wide collegiate after it is established in September 2008.