## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 1 APRIL 2008**

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## **ERRATUM**

It is recommended that the following be substituted for the last paragraph on page 15 and the first on page 16 (pages 117 and 118 of the agenda).

"Initially, courses were offered at the Beacon that failed to recruit. However, Harrow College subsequently carried out detailed needs analysis work, which identified some key perceived barriers. The timing of courses and language barriers both appeared to be key issues. Although it is unfortunate that these issues were not identified earlier, it is positive that steps were subsequently taken to improve the situation, which has resulted in a situation now where takeup of courses is significantly increased. However, we still consider that further communication and needs analysis work would be prudent. Provision of educational services in this way is still highly experimental and Harrow College has taken some significant risks in trying to provide courses that are appropriate to local people, which makes the importance of close working between it, Home and other partners particularly important. In particular, liaison with local people should, we feel, be further developed. For example, we received evidence at one evidence gathering meeting that there appeared to be no links at any level between Harrow College and RLETRA, which seems surprising considering that they are such key participants in the development of Rayners Lane.

"Further educational opportunities reflecting the needs of local people are now being put in place..."