

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

<b>Meeting:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2003
<b>Subject:</b>	Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2004-06
<b>Key decision:</b>	Yes
<b>Responsible Chief Officer:</b>	Executive Director (People First)
<b>Relevant Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr Bill Stephenson Portfolio Holder - Education & Lifelong Learning
<b>Status:</b>	Public
<b>Ward:</b>	All
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Appendix 1- Hillview and Gange Nursery Centre Development Plans Appendix 2 – Memorandum of Understanding Appendix 3 – SEN Action Plan (NOTE: The appendices are enclosed in the Supporting Documents Pack)

### 1. **Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)**

1.1 This report sets out the Early Years and Childcare Strategy for 2004-06.

### 2. **Recommendations** (for decision by Council)

#### 2.1 **That the strategy be approved**

**REASON:** To comply with Harrow's statutory duty in accordance with Part V section 118-123 of the School Standard and Framework Act 1998 as amended by the Part 9 section 149-150 of the Education Act 2002

### 3. **Consultation with Ward Councillors**

3.1 Not applicable

### 4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

4.1 All authorities are required to have a 2004-06 Early Years and Childcare Strategy which builds on the 2001-04 Strategy approved by Members in January 2001 and all

subsequent Implementation Plans approved by Members in January 2002 and January 2003.

## 5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

- 5.1 This report addresses the Council's stated priority to promote Harrow as a centre of lifelong learning, by offering the highest quality education services, by raising aspirations and outcomes of achievement and by providing activities for cultural, artistic and leisure pursuits which reflect the profile and the interests of all local communities.

## 6. **Background Information and options considered**

- 6.1 The Harrow Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2004-06 is attached

## 7. **Consultation**

- 7.1 Extensive consultation has taken place with all members of the early Years and Childcare Partnership through the work of the Partnership's Project groups and in full meetings of the Partnership.
- 7.2 Providers, parents, carers and other interested parties have been consulted through the release of draft copies of the document.

## 8. **Finance Observations**

- 8.1 The 2004-06 Strategy is affordable from direct grants and revenue funding. Growth has been included within the Council's medium term revenue budget strategy to deliver funded part time education places to 3 and 4 year olds over the next three years.

## 9. **Legal Observations**

- 9.1 The preparation and approval of the Plan complies with Harrow's statutory duty in accordance with Part V section 118-123 of the School Standard and Framework Act 1998 as amended by the Part 9 section 149-150 of the Education Act 2002.

## 10. **Conclusion**

- 10.1 The strategy sets out the objectives for Early Years and Childcare over the next two years. Endorsement of the Plan by the Council is required

## 11. **Background Papers**

- 11.1 SureStart Planning Guidance 2004-06  
Harrow Early Years and Childcare Strategy and Implementation Plans approved by Council 2001, 2002 and 2003

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