

# LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Executive - 12 September 2005

## Report from the Director of Environment & Culture

For action

Wards affected:  
ALL

### Report Title: Adult Education 3 Year Development Plan

Forward Plan Ref: E&C-05/06-002

#### 1.0 Summary

1.1 This report summarises the 3 Year Development Plan required by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) as a basis for a three year funding agreement for the funding for Adult Education. The plan follows a national format and has to be approved by the local LSC by mid June to secure the three year funding, which includes some guaranteed growth. A series of meetings have been held with London West LSC to discuss early drafts and we have provisional approval for the final draft.

The 3 Year Development Plan now includes of both the Further Education element of funding and the Adult and Community Learning element of the funding. The plan describes further developments planned in both elements to ensure coherence.

The Plan will be reviewed each year in the light of the annual self-assessment, the outcomes of any external inspections and changes in local circumstances.

The Plan includes a headline improvement, targets for learner numbers, success rates and employer engagement. The LSC has set fixed targets minimum and expected levels of performance. Brent performs well above these levels and is confident of achievement if the funding is maintained at a realistic level.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 That the Authority approve the plan for submission to the LSC.  
(NB Plan has been sent to the LSC awaiting member approval.)

## **3.0 Detail**

3.1 Please see the attached Plan and appendices in Appendix 1 of this report.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The approved plan is a requirement of the funder. Approval by the Authority will ensure that there is continued funding of the Adult and Community Education Service in Brent. For the coming year the funding will total some £5.1 million.

## **5.0 Legal Implications**

5.1 No legal implications arise from the recommendations contained within this report. The proposals have taken into account the requirements of the Learning and Skills Council both in London West and nationally.

## **6.0 Diversity Implications**

6.1 The Equality and Diversity Impact Measures (EDMs) are an important element of this report. The participation against the borough profile is good. The service agrees to participate fully in the meeting of Brent Council's Equality and Diversity Impact Measures. The Service aims to maintain the participation against the borough profile by continuing to address the strategic objectives in line with the BACES Mission Statement.

## **7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)**

7.1 No staffing implications arise from the recommendations contained within this report.

## **Background Papers**

The Adult and Community Education 3 Year Development Plan is held by John Fitzpatrick, 020 8838 0808 at the BACES Headquarters located at the Stonebridge Centre.

## **Contact Officers**

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact John Fitzpatrick, Brent Adult and Community Education Service, 1 Morland Gardens, London NW10 8DY, tel. 0208 838 0808.

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