

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING
TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2008**

Present: Councillor Santry (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)
Sharon Shoemith (Director of the Children and Young People's Service)

1. POST COMPULSORY DISCRETIONARY AWARDS (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service – Agenda Item 2)

It was noted that the Executive at their meeting on 20 February 2007 had delegated authority to agree the Council's Post Compulsory Discretionary Awards Statement in future years to the Director of the Children and Young People's Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

It was also noted that since 1999 it had been the Council's general policy not to offer any new discretionary awards in respect of both the cost of fees and maintenance grants although potential students were eligible to apply if there were exceptional circumstances. The policy followed the Mandatory Award Regulations for ordinary residence in the UK and the grant and fee rates. No new Post Compulsory Discretionary Awards had been offered since the 1998/99 financial year.

It was reported that the Council was required to publish their decision about whether to exercise their powers to make Post Compulsory Discretionary Awards as widely as possible and that Appendix 1 to the interleaved report set out the proposed statement to be used for this purpose. It was also reported that this statement would be published on the Council's WEB site and information sent to local colleges, Haringey Adult Learning Service and Sixth Form Centres.

Concern having been expressed about the entry in the Council's Forward Plan in respect of this item, officers were asked to make certain that in the future steps were taken to ensure that all necessary information in relation to the decision on whether or not to take up the power to grant Post Compulsory Discretionary Awards including details of consultation and reporting arrangements were included in the relevant Forward Plan entry.

RESOLVED:

1. That it be determined that the Council's powers to grant Post Compulsory Discretionary Awards in the 2008/09 financial year be not taken up.
2. That approval be granted to the Council's Post Compulsory Discretionary Awards Statement for the 2008/09 financial year as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report and to its publication on the Council's WEB site and to its communication through the College of North East London, the Haringey Adult Learning Service and the Sixth Form Centre.

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