

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING  
FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2008**

Present: Councillor Lorna Reith (Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement)

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>There was no declaration of interest.</p>	
2.	<p><b>HARINGEY LAW CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FROM 2008-2010</b> (Report of the Director of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication – Agenda Item 3)</p> <p>The interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>It was noted that in March 2006 the Council's Community Voluntary Sector Team (CVST) had commissioned Michael Bell Associates (MBA) to undertake an independent review of the quality of the three advice services receiving Council funding. MBA had also assessed the effectiveness of their work and the value for money of the Council's investment over the last three years. On consideration of a report in June 2006, the Voluntary Sector Committee agreed to continue funding the three advice agencies from 2007 – 2010 but with respect to the Haringey Law Centre (which was one of the three advice services assessed) the approval was for an initial one year's funding with the condition that the second and third year funding be released once a further report was submitted detailing the progress of the Centre in meeting the MBA review recommendations.</p> <p>It was reported that since the appointment of an Interim Director in January 2007, the Haringey Law Centre had met its grant conditions and achieved all of the MBA review recommendations, although more work needed to be done on developing its Social Policy research work. The CVST would continue to work with the Law Centre to develop this area further. Accordingly, it was proposed that the further two year funding for the remaining period 2008-9 and 2009-10 now be released to the Haringey Law Centre as it had met the conditions attached to its original offer of grant aid. The grant aid funding was a contribution towards the provision of legal advice and representation for the Haringey community, particularly in such matters as immigration, welfare rights, housing and debt.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That approval be granted to the release of core continuation</p>	<p>ACE- PPP&amp;C</p>

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	funding of £115,600 per annum plus inflation for the two year period 2008-09 and 2009-2010 to the Haringey Law Centre to be made by way of quarterly instalments .	
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