

REVIEW INTO THE ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE - SECOND WITNESS SESSION

Committee name	Residents, Education and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee
Officer reporting	Neil Fraser, Chief Executive's Office
Papers with report	Appendix A – further supporting information
Ward	All

HEADLINES

The Committee is conducting an in-depth review into Hillingdon's Adult and Community Learning Service. As part of the review, a number of witness sessions and other activities will be undertaken to gather relevant information and evidence for Members.

This second witness session is themed around the planned service offer in 2021-22 including the available funding and how it is used in comparison with other West London providers

Witnesses attending will include:

- a. Cristi Gonzalez - Ealing Adult Learning Manager
- b. Eamon Scanlon - Head of Adult Learning and Skills Service, LB Hammersmith and Fulham (attendance TBC)

Debbie Scarborough – Service Manager, Adult and Community Learning, will also be attending to aid the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Committee considers the evidence provided by the witnesses in attendance and asks further exploratory questions to aid their review.**
- 2. That the Committee suggest further topics and/or attendees for forthcoming witness sessions.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Further information to aid the Committee is included as Appendix A to this report.

Potential lines of Questioning:

The Committee may wish to consider the following lines of enquiry, along with any other questions Members may have for witnesses during the meeting:

- What challenges have the other authorities faced during the Covid-19 pandemic, and how did they overcome them?

- What feedback on other difficulties experienced, or forecasted, can the officers share?
- How do other local authorities manage and source funding?
- How do other authorities select courses?
- How do other authorities support the mental health of their learners?

Implications on related Council policies

The role of the Policy Overview Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet, who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

Policy Overview Committees directly engage residents in shaping policy and recommendations to the decision-making Cabinet that seek to improve the way the Council provides local services.

Financial Implications

None at this stage.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.