

ADULT SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Adult Services on:-

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2010

following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Sherrington	Executive Member for Adult Services
Councillor Greenhalgh	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor R. Ronson	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Ms. S. Crossley	Assistant Director, Culture and Community Services
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

14. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Member.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

15. ADULT LEARNING STRATEGY 2010 – 2013 AND FINAL INSPECTION REPORT – ADULT EDUCATION MAY 2010

A report of the Director of Adult and Community Services was submitted which :

- (a) put forward the Adult Learning Strategy 2010/13 for consideration and approval; and
- (b) outlined the findings of the Ofsted inspection into the Council's Adult Safeguarding Learning provision which had taken place in May, 2010, together with details of the

Inspector's recommendations.

With regard to (a) above, the report informed the Executive Member that the Adult Learning Strategy had been prepared following an extensive consultation exercise with a variety of interested parties and aimed to ensure that coherent, inclusive and high quality learning was available for all adults in Bolton. The Strategy would assist in improving functional skills such as basic literacy, language and numeracy skills and ensure all adults established a basic platform for employment.

A full copy of the Strategy was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

With regard to the Ofsted Inspection Report, the report informed the Executive Member that the Council's Adult Safeguarded Learning Provision was inspected by a team of HMI Ofsted Inspectors between 10th and 14th May, 2010 at Bolton Community College, the sole provider for the Council's Skills Funding Agency ASL Contract. The report described the findings and comments as very positive. The Adult Learning was rated as good and was awarded a Grade 2 with capacity to improve to outstanding provision. The weaknesses lay with the sub contracted provider processes and were being addressed under the development of the Quality Improvement Plan.

A full copy of the findings was attached to the report at Appendix 2.

The Quality Improvement Plan was attached to the report at Appendix 3.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

**(i) The Adult Learning Strategy, as now submitted;
NOTED –**

**(ii) The Ofsted Final Inspection Report and its
positive assessment; and APPROVED –**

(iii) The implementation of the Inspection recommendations, as outlined in the report now submitted.