



To: Cabinet Member for Education

10 March 2015

Subject: Adult Education Service Fee Strategy – Academic Year 2015-16

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member of the outcome of the Education and Children's Service's Scrutiny Board meeting to consider the report on the Adult Education Service Fee Strategy – Academic Year 2015-16.

2 Recommendations

The Cabinet Member for Education is recommended to:

- i) Approve the fee strategy for the academic year 2015/16
- ii) Look at areas where the Adult Education Service can be better used for Council in-house training
- iii) Investigate further the drop in enrolments from 30% most deprived neighbourhoods in September 2014 and to identify action to address it.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 12 February 2015 the Education and Children's Service Scrutiny Board (2) considered the report on the Adult Education Service Fee Strategy – Academic Year 2015-16.
- 3.2 Members questioned officers particularly on whether the Council use Adult Education Service for their in-house training and whether there is flexibility in the service to be able to adapt to changes in demand for courses.
- 3.3 Members were concerned about the reduction in learners from the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods of the city following the introduction of fees for passport to leisure and learning users.
- 3.4 Members would be interested in a further report to come to the Board in November, specifically looking at enrolments in the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

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