

Council: Tuesday 7 April 2009

Administration Policy Item: Councillor Fiona Bulmer

The Government is due to transfer provision for 16-19 year olds from the Learning and Skills Council to the London Borough of Barnet. The provisions for this are contained in the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill currently passing through Parliament.

Given that powers and responsibilities are set to be passed to Borough level, it is necessary that such a shift is adequately funded and that Local Authorities are empowered to develop their own policies tailored to the needs of the population in their areas.

Accordingly, Council recommends that:

- 1) The Chief Executive is requested to write to the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, calling for the transfer of responsibilities to be properly funded, and requesting that Councils be permitted to develop their own policies.
- 2) Requests Cabinet compile a blueprint for the provision of 16-19 year olds education in the Borough in anticipation of the transfer of responsibilities.