

## London Borough of Bromley

### PART 1 - PUBLIC

## Education Budget Sub Committee Briefing

### NURSERY PROVISION WITHIN ADULT EDUCATION

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#### 1. SUMMARY

This briefing provides additional information on the nursery provision within the Adult Education Service. The information was requested by Members at the Education Budget Sub Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013.

#### 2. THE BRIEFING

##### 2.1 Background

2.2 BAEC operates three Ofsted registered day nurseries at the Widmore, Kentwood and Poverest Centres. They operate term time only.

2.3 The nurseries were set up, with support from the Skills Funding Agency (then known as the Learning and Skills Council), to provide childcare for learners attending classes and staff at BAEC. When it became clear that there was insufficient demand from learners alone to maintain the nurseries operating at a level that would generate sufficient income, the nurseries were opened to local residents as well as students and staff.

2.4 In June 2012 the College acquired the use of the former Family and Children's Centre, which was built on the front side of the Widmore site. Following the closure of the Family and Children's Centre it was agreed that an appropriate use of this unit would be to allow the adult education service to add the facility to that of its existing nursery space, which is adjoining the unit.

##### 2.5 Current usage for 2013/14 academic year (current as of 07/10/2013)

**Table 1**

Centre	Kentwood	Poverest	Widmore
Users			
Children of students	15	4	18
Children of staff	0	0	8
Non staff/students	12	23	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>46</b>

2.6 **Fees** are payable termly in advance, charges as follows:

**Table 2**

	Hourly rates	Per session (3.5hrs)	Per day
0-2 years	£7.06	£24.72	£53.00
2 years and over	£6.00	£21.00	£45.00

**2.7 Income and expenditure**

Table 3 below shows the income and expenditure for the previous academic year (2012/13).

2.8 As can be seen from the table, the nurseries generated a small operating surplus of £11,482.78 overall. However, the expenditure only shows direct costs, so the nurseries generate insufficient income to make a proportional contribution to the running of the three sites in which they are located.

2.9 The majority of staff working in the nurseries are employed on sessional contracts. This allows the College to adjust the number of nursery workers present during each session to meet the needs of the number of bookings in place.

2.10 Although all three nurseries accept children from outside the College community, the market to which they appeal is restricted as they operate term time only and during the operating time of the adult education service they were set up to serve. To open the sites outside of these hours and to allow increased opening hours for the childcare is not financially viable for the adult education service, particularly at the Poverest and Kentwood sites.

2.11 Recent discussions with the Early Years Team have indicated that converting the facilities at the Kentwood and Widmore sites into pre-schools or crèche settings may improve the financial viability of the early years offer at the College whilst retaining the flexibility needed to provide childcare for students on arrange of courses and modes of study.

2.12 At this stage, no decision has been made regarding the inclusion of the nurseries as part of the market testing process for the adult education service.

**Table 3**

		<b>117407 - Ad Educ - Widmore Nursery</b>	<b>117429 - Ad Educ - Kentwood Nursery</b>	<b>117453 - Ad Educ - Poverest Nursery</b>
<b>Employees</b>				
	0180 - Officers' Pay - Grant Funded	65,263.43	45,637.37	44,734.62
	0206 - FRS17 Adjustments	4,064.00	2,709.00	2,474.00
	0241 - Training Expenses	80		133.34
	0263 - Cycle 2 Work		-599.97	
		<b>69,407.43</b>	<b>47,746.40</b>	<b>47,341.96</b>

<b>Premises</b>				
	1271 - Cleaning Materials	396.29	240.12	247.04
		<b>396.29</b>	<b>240.12</b>	<b>247.04</b>
<b>Transport</b>				
	1321 - Staff Travelling Expenses	10.6		
		<b>10.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Supplies and Services</b>				
	1506 - Materials			14.21
	1507 - Educational Equipment	1,887.29	457.66	1,352.30
		<b>1,887.29</b>	<b>457.66</b>	<b>1,352.30</b>
<b>Income</b>				
	Learner Support Funds	-16,258.00	-26793	-870.00
	8204 - Meals & Refreshments	155	84.72	
	8354 - Nursery Fees	-88,151.93	-11,763.01	-36,973.65
		<b>-104,254.93</b>	<b>-38,471.29</b>	<b>-37,843.65</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>-32,553.32</b>	<b>9,972.89</b>	<b>11,097.65</b>

### 3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 3.1 Education Portfolio Budget Monitoring Report 2013/14 - Education Budget Sub Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013.