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Subject: The Enfield Declaration on becoming a "Global Borough"	
Wards: All	
Cabinet Member consulted: Councillors Doug Taylor, Yasmin Brett and Ayfer Orhan	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a simple declaration of intent to work towards Enfield becoming a borough that understands how it needs to be outward looking if it wishes to enable its citizens to succeed and to feel empowered to make a contribution.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet agree to the Declaration.

3. BACKGROUND

Enfield Council has a long history of promoting collaboration and positive relationships locally, nationally and globally. This Declaration arises out of the many years of work, initially undertaken by those in the education sector, on developing understanding of the global dimension and in building international links. Sources of funding from such organisations as the European Union, British Council and Department for International Development have been successfully bid for to develop international projects, links and professional development opportunities. In January 2010 the DMT of the Education, Children's Services and Leisure Department (as it then was) adopted the document "Global Learning for All: A Global Learning Policy and Strategy for Education and Children's Services in Enfield". Following the work developed by schools and education institutions and links with other European countries a number of professionals across the Council came together to develop this statement so that all members of the Enfield community would be better placed to respond to Global Challenges. This proposed Declaration has

developed from involving a variety of people across the Council. The Declaration has been presented and discussed at the Town Twinning and Tourism Working Party.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative options have been considered as this statement has been widely consulted upon across Council teams and services.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To agree the statement of intent and the process for signing the document. This document will stand as a framework so that all teams and services will be able to examine their service plans, objectives and priorities against the criteria outlined below in the statement.

The Enfield Declaration on becoming a Global Borough

We declare that we are committed to working to make Enfield a borough where all those who live, work or study here have the knowledge, skills and understanding of the concepts necessary to become informed, active and responsible citizens who can think globally and act locally.

Signed:

Leader of the Council

Chief Executive

We believe that this statement is underpinned by our vision as expressed in “Enfield Together”:

“ To build a borough which all people can identify with, feel proud of and where everyone is valued, built upon positive relationships within local communities, which create a sense of belonging”

(Enfield’s Community Cohesion Strategy 2010 – 2014)

We consider that a global borough has the following characteristics:

It is committed to:

- educating all the young people in the borough to become global citizens who think globally and act locally with the knowledge to make informed decisions
- partnership working and understands its interconnectivity with others
- supporting Fair Trade
- providing information and training for staff on global issues

It is a borough which:

- welcomes and celebrates cultural diversity
- ensures that the interests and opinions of those who live, work or study here are understood and responded to

- is outward-looking and ready to engage with the wider world, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- understands the ethical and economic benefits and challenges of globalisation
- ensures that policies and strategies reflect this commitment, where appropriate

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6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

Although there is no specific budget provision for this work, the concept of Global Learning is closely linked to the Council Strategy 'A Fairer Future for All' and the Enfield Strategic Partnership Community Cohesion Strategy 'Enfield Together' As such many much of the work is already in place and is being resourced from within existing budgets, for example within schools.

In the current financial climate, any future projects i.e. a programme to raise awareness of Global Learning would need to be met within existing budgets and staff resources.

6.2 Legal Implications

The Council has a power under s 2 Local Government Act 2000' to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being if it's area .In using this power to agree and promote the Declaration the Council are obliged to have regard to its Sustainable Community Strategy'

6.3 Property Implications

There are no property implications associated with the Statement

7. KEY RISKS

There are no significant key risks associated with the Statement

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

8.1 Fairness for All

This Declaration will enhance the work on this priority in that it recognises the contribution of all Enfield residents and workers in all their diversity ensures that their interests and opinions are understood and responded to and enables the Council to draw on residents' links

and family ties to enrich everyone. It also supports the aim to ensure that all young people achieve to the best of their potential, helping them to realise that their actions can change things.

8.2 Growth and Sustainability

At a time when there are so many challenges facing our community in terms of financial resources and the need to build economic stability this. Already many schools have benefited from incoming investment when they receive external funding for projects. Other options are being investigated, for example with the Shunde link in China which will become increasingly important for the regeneration agenda in Enfield.

8.3 Strong Communities

Welcoming and celebrating the cultural diversity of Enfield will give a voice to all communities to participate fully and to feel pride in their Council.

9. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no performance management implications associated with this statement.

10. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Health and Safety implications associated with the Statement.

Background Papers

Statement “The Enfield Declaration on becoming a Global Borough”
“Global Learning for All: A Global Learning Policy and Strategy for Education and Children’s Services in Enfield (January 2010)