

The Committee were informed that a report setting out the staffing implications of the current review, together with enrolment figures for courses would be presented at the next meeting.

The Committee were informed that there were major concerns regarding the future provision of free courses for English language as a second language (ESOL), as the Government had moved forward and had reached the opinion that a number of people making use of the free courses were in a position to pay for these.

The Committee expressed serious concerns at the possible ending of free English language (ESOL) courses in Leicester as it was felt that it was essential for all sectors of the community to be able to speak a reasonable level of English and that the ability to learn English should therefore remain a high priority.

The Committee had no further comments to make.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted and that the comments expressed regarding the future of free ESOL courses be fed back to Cabinet.

59. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

