

**EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE SUB COMMITTEE
12 NOVEMBER 1997**

Present: Councillor Ward (Chairman), Councillors Barnard, Mrs Doyle,
Harrison, Mrs Hirst, Mrs Shillcock, Taylor and Wheaton

Also Present: Councillor Fawcett

Apologies: County Councillor M Tomkinson

9. **Minutes 22 September 1997**

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee held on 22 September 1997 were signed as a correct record.

10. **The Standards Fund**

The Sub Committee received a report from the Director of Education detailing arrangements for bidding for grants for under the Standards Fund 1998/99. The Director of Education tabled a paper setting out full details of the key bids for the Sub Committee's consideration. Most of the bids were at a grant rate of 50% and in accepting the funding, the Borough's share would be a budget commitment.

The Director also introduced Appendix 2 to the report (tabled at the meeting) setting out details of the Standards Fund bid for the National Grid for Learning. It was noted that this would be reported in detail to the Education Transition Committee on 11 December.

RESOLVED that the bids tabled at the meeting under the Standards Fund be approved.

11. **The National Literacy Strategy**

The Sub Committee received a report from the Director of Education explaining the National Literacy Strategy and the steps needed to implement it in the Borough. It was noted that the Council would be appointing a literacy consultant in 1998 and that under the initiative, all schools would be required to have a governor with special responsibility for literacy. The exercise would be a high-profile initiative carried out at a national level.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the proposed approach set out in the report to the implementation of the National Literacy Strategy and the LEA targets be endorsed; and
- (ii) the bid for an allocation from the Standards Fund for this project be approved.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and
concluded at 9.15pm

CHAIRMAN