

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

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Agenda Item No.

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**DIVERSITY PATHFINDER STRATEGY**

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**1. Purpose of report**

To ask the Cabinet to approve the Diversity Pathfinder Strategy

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 Following discussions with the Department of Education and Skills (DfES), agreement has been received to support the Authority in delivering a Diversity Pathfinder Strategy over the period 2001-2004. Funding of £0.5m over the three years has been provided by the DfES to deliver the Strategy.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Strategy is to improve school performance and raise standards of achievement for all children. The Strategy does this by aligning a range of school improvement initiatives including beacon schools, training schools, advanced skills teachers and specialist schools
- 2.3 The Strategy (to follow) has been developed in connection with the Pathfinder Steering Group and the Department for Education and Skills

**3. Conclusion**

The Strategy provides an opportunity to deal with the issues that will come with the expansion of the specialist schools programme, and to support those schools that wish to make successful bids for specialist school status

The Cabinet are asked to consider approving the Diversity Strategy.