

Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel 3rd February 2015

Agenda item: 5

Subject: Pre decision scrutiny: Adult Education in Merton – evidence and options for achieving a value for money service

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Reason for Urgency:

The Chair has approved the submission of the item as a matter of urgency in order that the Panel may give consideration to the item prior to Cabinet consideration on 16 February 2015.

Recommendations:

- A. That the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel undertake pre decision scrutiny of the evidence and options for achieving a value for money adult education service in Merton, ahead of consideration by Cabinet at their meeting to be held on 16th February 2015 (Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1 with supporting appendices).
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To provide the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel with an opportunity to undertake pre decision scrutiny of the attached report (and supporting appendices), which will be presented to Cabinet for consideration at their meeting on 16th February 2015, on the evidence and options for achieving a value for money adult education service in Merton.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 None for the purpose of this report

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 3.1 None for the purposes of this report.

4. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None for the purposes of this report.

5. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None for the purposes of this report.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None for the purposes of this report.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None for the purposes of this report.

8. RISK AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None for the purposes of this report.

9. APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THIS REPORT

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Report (16th February 2015) Adult Education in Merton – evidence and options for achieving a value for money service

Appendix A – Financial Analysis

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Appendix C – Easy read survey responses

Appendix D – Feedback from public meetings

Appendix E - Petitions received as part of Adult Education consultation

Appendix F – Additional Submissions

Appendix G – Feedback from staff consultation events

Appendix H – Equality Analysis