

## **Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**Date: 17 September 2013**

Wards: All Wards

**Subject: Scrutiny Review of the provision of secondary school places – Draft Final Report**

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. That the Children and Young People O&S Panel considers and endorses the report arising from the scrutiny review of the provision of secondary school places, attached at Appendix 1.
  - B. That the Panel agrees to forward the review report to Cabinet for approval at their October 2013 meeting.
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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To present the draft Final Report and emerging recommendations resulting from the Task Group review of the provision of secondary school places to the Children and Young People O&S Panel for endorsement and to seek agreement to forward the report to Cabinet for consideration.

### **2. DETAILS**

- 2.1 At the first meeting of the 2012/13 Municipal Year, the Children and Young People O&S Panel agreed to undertake a scrutiny review of the provision of secondary school places, with a view to making recommendations that would support the council to meet the projected demand for secondary school places in Merton.

### **3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

- 3.1 In carrying out its review, the task group engaged a range of stakeholders, council officers and Cabinet Members to ensure evidence based recommendations could be made that would support achievement of the overarching objective of this review: *to support the council to meet future demand for secondary school places in Merton.*

### **4. TIMETABLE**

- 4.1 The Panel receives the draft Final Report and recommendations at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
- 4.2 The Panel endorse and send the report to Cabinet for consideration at their October 2013 meeting.

4.3 The Panel receives an Executive Response and Action Plan from Cabinet further to consideration of the Final Report and recommendations at their meeting in January 2014.

**5. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None for the purposes of this covering report.

**6. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None for the purposes of this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**7. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed as part of the review process and is available within the draft Final Report (Appendix 1 of this report).

**8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 None for the purposes of this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**9. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None for the purposes of this covering report.

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

10.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Final Report – Provision of secondary school places Task Group.

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 None for this report.