

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date: 4 December 2014

Wards: All

Subject: Call in of Adult Education in Merton: Options Appraisal

Lead officer: Simon Williams, Director of Community and Housing

Lead member: Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Education

Contact officer: Gareth Young, Business Partner, Community and Housing

Recommendations:

- A. That the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel consider the information provided in response to the call-in request and decide whether to:
- refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration; or
 - Determine that the matter is contrary to the policy and/or budget framework and refer the matter to full Council; or
 - Decide not to refer the matter back to Cabinet, in which case the decision shall take effect immediately.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report provides a response to the points raised in the call-in request relating to Cabinet's decision regarding the Adult Education in Merton: Options Appraisal report, taken on 10 November 2014.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. The call in request and documents provided in response to this are appended to this report.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. The Council's constitution requires the Panel to select one of the options listed in recommendation A.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. None for the purposes of this covering report.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. None for the purposes of this covering report.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. None for the purposes of this covering report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The Council's constitution requires the Panel to select one of the options listed in recommendation A.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purposes of this covering report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purposes of this covering report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None for the purposes of this covering report.

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

- Appendix 1 – call-in request form
- Appendix 2 – Merton Council - Call-in: Adult Education in Merton: Options Appraisal – Response document
- Appendix 3 - Cabinet Report
- Appendix 4 - Economics of Merton Adult Education presentation
- Appendix 5 - Equalities Analysis

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. Various relevant e-mails (available from scrutiny team on request)