

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 16th February 2015

Wards: All

Subject: **Reference from Sustainable Communities
Scrutiny Panel – Adult Education in Merton:
evidence and options for achieving a value for
money service**

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Overview & Scrutiny Panel

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Recommendations:

That the Cabinet consider the following recommendations made by the Sustainable Communities O&S Panel further to undertaking pre decision scrutiny of Adult Education in Merton: evidence and options for achieving a value for money service:

- a) That the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel support the recommendation that a commissioning model be adopted for the delivery of an adult education service in Merton; and
 - b) That Cabinet communicate their commitment to the commissioning principles outlined within the report at paragraph 3.14, in particular, the retention of staff, where possible, and the development of a nurturing environment for learners.
 - c) That Cabinet consult the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel at key stages of the implementation of the commissioning model to enable the Panel to undertake pre decision scrutiny.
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To present to Cabinet the recommendations of the Sustainable Communities O&S Panel further to undertaking pre decision scrutiny of Adult Education in Merton: evidence and options for achieving a value for money service.

2. DETAILS

- 2.1 At its meeting on 3rd February 2015, the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel undertook pre decision scrutiny of Adult Education in Merton: evidence and options for achieving a value for money service and considered officer's advice and recommendations.

- 3. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**
- 3.1 The Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel received a report detailing officer's recommendations on Adult Education in Merton: evidence and options for achieving a value for money service, as well as hearing representations from the Cabinet Member for Education.
- 3.2 Members wished to make the following recommendations for Cabinet consideration:
- a) The Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel supports the recommendation that a commissioning model be adopted for the delivery of an adult education service in Merton;
 - b) That Cabinet communicate their commitment to the commissioning principles outlined within the report at paragraph 3.14, in particular, the retention of staff, where possible, and the development of a nurturing environment for learners.
 - c) That Cabinet consult the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel at key stages of the implementation of the commissioning model to enable the Panel to undertake pre decision scrutiny.
- 4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**
- 4.1 Cabinet is required under the terms of the Constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny.
- 5. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**
- 5.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 6. TIMETABLE**
- 6.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 7. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**
- 7.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 8. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**
- 8.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**
- 9.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 10. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**
- 10.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 11. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**
- 11.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 12. APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**
- None for the purposes of this report.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 None for the purposes of this report.

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