

## Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Commission

**Date: 10 March 2015**

Wards: All

**Subject: Call in of Adult Education in Merton: evidence and options for achieving a value for money service**

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

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission 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: evidence and options for achieving a value for money service report, taken on 16 February 2015.

### **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 Commission 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 Commission 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: evidence and options for achieving a value for money service– Response document
- Appendix 3 - Cabinet Report, 16 February 2015
- Appendix 4 – Reference from Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel to Cabinet, 16 February 2015

**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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