

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date: 1st November 2016

Wards: All

Subject: Commercial Services Task Group –Final Report and Recommendations

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Recommendations:

That Members comment on the final report and recommendations arising from the commercial services task group review .

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide the panel with the final report and recommendations on the work of the commercial services task group review.

2. DETAILS

2.1 At the meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 2nd September 2015, it was agreed to conduct a task group review of Commercial Services.

2.2 The following councillors were appointed to the task group: Cllr Russell Makin (Chair), Cllr John Sargeant , Cllr James Holmes and Cllr Najeeb Latif who resigned in April 2015.

2.3 The task group review is now complete and the panel will receive an overview of the work that has been undertaken

3. AIM OF REVIEW

3.1 The aim of the review was to explore the councils approach to commercialisation and consider opportunities within the Environment and Regeneration Department to increase income from services delivered.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 The Panel may choose to agree a different scope and terms of reference to those proposed in this scoping report.

5. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 6.1 Members are asked to give consideration to if, and how, they would like to engage witnesses in this review.

7. TIMETABLE

- 7.1 The timetable is determined by the task group in conjunction with the panel's agreement.

8. CO-OPTION

- 8.1 Members are asked to give consideration to co-opting representatives onto the Task Group for part, or the duration, of the review to assist the Task Group. In accordance with the Constitution any representative co-opted onto the Panel or Task Group will be a non-voting member of the Task Group and will be required to adhere to the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

9. PUBLICITY

- 9.1 Members can publicise the review to encourage and facilitate resident and partner engagement and to promote the outcomes of the review upon completion. The following mechanisms for promotion/publication may be utilised throughout the review: -

- Press release in local press;
- My Merton;
- Community Forums;
- Merton council website;
- Ward councillors;
- Posters/materials in libraries and Merton Link;
- Staff bulletin board and plasma screens in civic centre; and
- Residents' panel and Centre for Public Scrutiny (outcomes)

10. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are none specific to this report. Any financial, resource and property implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

11. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 None for the purposes of this report. Any legal and statutory implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

12. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 None specific to this report. Any human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

13. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 None specific to this report. Any crime and disorder implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

14 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 None for the purposes of this report. Any risk management and health and safety implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

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

- 15.1 The Commercial Services Task Group final report (Appendix 1)

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 None

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