Cabinet



Date of meeting: 20 May 2024

Title of Report: Armada Way Independent Learning Review

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Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

For Cabinet to approve the Terms of Reference for the Armada Way Independent Learning Review (the ILR) in accordance with the Court Order dated 25 March 2024.

Recommendations and Reasons

Cabinet agrees:

- I. That the Terms of Reference included at Appendix I are approved to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Order of the High Court of 25 March 2024 (the Court Order) which states:
 - "The Terms of Reference for the review will be approved at a meeting of Cabinet scheduled for 20 May 2024".
- 2. That the Monitoring Officer proceeds with the commissioning of an Independent Chair and ILR members to conduct the ILR which will identify suitably independent candidates to fulfil the roles required to conduct the ILR.

This will ensure that the ILR is conducted by individuals who have the relevant expertise and are independent of Plymouth City Council and will ensure further compliance with the Court Order which states:

"The commissioning officer for the review will be the Defendant's Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, Liz Bryant".

Alternative options considered and rejected

Alternative options would include not undertaking the ILR however this would result in a breach of the Court Order. For that reason, this option is rejected.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Conducting the ILR supports the Council's mission to make Plymouth a fairer city and its beliefs in democracy, responsibility, fairness and co-operation. It will provide an opportunity for the Council to

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hear what others have to say and demonstrate an understanding of the impact of its decisions and actions

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The allocation of additional finances will be required along with staffing resources to support the conduct of the ILR.

Financial Risks

None as a direct result of this report other than the cost of the ILR itself which remains unknown at this time.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

It is not anticipated that the proposed action will cause any adverse environmental impacts.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

The ILR will need to be conducted in a way that ensures equality of opportunity for those wishing to make relevant submissions in accordance with the Terms of Reference at Appendix B.

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.								
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Α	Armada Way Learning Review Report									
В	Terms of Reference									

Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Liz Bryant (Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer)