

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:

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