

Report of Corporate Director for People

to

People Scrutiny Committee

on

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Outcome of Formal Consultation and recommendations for the future of Delaware House, Priory House and Priory Day Centre

THIS IS A PRE-CABINET SCRUTINY ITEM

Executive Councillor: Councillor Salter
Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

For the Committee to consider a draft report to Cabinet on the above subject by way of pre-Cabinet scrutiny.

2. Recommendations

The views of the Committee are sought on the draft report to Cabinet which is attached.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 19th March 2013 the Cabinet considered a report on the options for the future of Priory House, Delaware House and the Priory Day Centre, including the options review undertaken by the Task & Finish Panel.

The Cabinet's decision was as follows (minute 871 refers):

"That the findings of the Task & Finish Panel be accepted and that Officers be instructed to commence a formal consultation on all 4 options, with the preferred option being the planned closure of Priory House and future exploration of the opportunities to develop the Delaware House site to offer some dedicated facilities for Older People."

- 3.2 The Consultation stated on the 3rd June 2013 and closed on 1st September 2013.

- 3.3 On 17th September 2013, the Cabinet considered a resolution of Council from its meeting on 18th July 2013, about the consultation process and a report of the Corporate Director for People on the subject. The Cabinet noted that the consultation process was both proper and lawful. This Cabinet decision was called in to the People Scrutiny Committee on the 8th October where the matter was deferred until this meeting, so it could be considered in conjunction with the main report on the future of the 2 homes.
- 3.4 Attached is a draft report to Cabinet on the future of the 2 Homes and the Priory Care Centre, setting out all the material considerations. In particular the report explains the consultation process and summarises the responses which have been received, including reference to the petitions to be submitted to Council on 17th October 2013. Any debate on the petitions at this Council meeting can also inform the decision making process.
- 3.5 It is intended that the report will go to Cabinet on 5th November 2013. However the People Scrutiny Committee is being given the opportunity to consider the draft report in advance by way of pre-Cabinet scrutiny. The views of the Committee will be included or reflected in the final report to Cabinet.

4. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

Draft report to Cabinet on 5th November 2013