

## **Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-Coordinating Committee**

### **Community Centre Review**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

#### **Background**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Cabinet considered reports highlighting the need to undertake a strategic review of community centre provision made by the Council.

Cabinet subsequently requested that Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee establish a Task and Finish Group to shadow the work of the Officers Working Group undertaking the review.

Over the last 12 months, Members of the Task and Finish Group, Chaired by Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Shenton have worked closely with and assisted Officers in undertaking the review.

During the review, numerous opportunities have been provided to community centre management committees to engage with and contribute to the process. The review has now been concluded and a draft Cabinet report has been prepared and agreed by the Task and Finish Group. A copy of that report, which identifies a range of issues identified during the review, and makes a series of recommendations, will be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

#### **Scrutiny Process**

The purpose of this report is to give the Members of this committee the opportunity to scrutinise the process, review the draft report, and make recommendations to the Cabinet on its suitability to meet the needs of the Council and its communities as a way forward.

Members are asked to consider whether the process followed was appropriate and suitable in order to ensure that all the relevant issues have been explored and that the proposals that are made adequately address those issues.

#### **Recommendations:**

- a) That the Committee considers the process undertaken during the review, the issues identified and the proposed set of actions set out in the draft Cabinet report.
- b) That the Committee make recommendations to the Cabinet in respect of the appropriateness of these aspects in ensuring that the aims of

the review have been achieved and the suitability of the proposed set of actions.

- c) That the Committee consider making recommendations to Cabinet in respect of ongoing Member involvement in the implementation of the proposed set of actions in conjunction with Officers.

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